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IMPERIAL TROOPS WILL LEAVE IN MAY

Col. English, R. E., Receives Orders to Prepare to Vacate Fortress--About Fifty of Regulars Will Join Canadian Garrison.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Some days ago a brief dispatch was published in these columns announcing the determination of the Canadian militia department to assume direct control of the Work Point station about the 1st of May. This information is fully borne out by recent developments. Lieut.-Col. English, commanding the Imperial forces now forming the garrison here, received an official communication on Saturday night requesting him to be prepared to leave his present quarters with all troops in his charge by the time mentioned. Besides this Colonel Holmes, district officer commanding, has been instructed to call for tents and supplies for the Canadian corps after it becomes established at Work Point. These facts demonstrate clearly and beyond a doubt that the Federal and Imperial authorities have definitely agreed on a date upon which the fortress shall change hands, and are working together in order that the transfer may be made without interfering, to a great extent with the routine of the garrison.

The orders received by Lieut.-Col. English were terse and to the point, but give very little insight into the intentions of either government with respect to the details of the pending change. From what can be gathered from the cablegram read: "Hold yourself in readiness to depart early in May. Send in complete lists of those at station forthwith." The latter has already been attended to, and, as such instances have been reported for some time past, there remains but little to be done before the corps is ready to leave for the Old Country.

It is estimated that there are no less than four hundred and twenty-five people directly concerned in the order to leave Work Point. The officers and men on active duty at the station number about three hundred and fifty divided about evenly between the Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers. Of course there are quite a few attached to the Canadian, pay, hospital and other departments. The difference between the actual strength of the force and the total first mentioned is accounted for the women and children. Many of the non-commissioned officers are married, and their families are up quite a settlement as may be seen by anyone caring to visit the barracks. Their quarters, provided by the government, conform to the general arrangements being made by the British and comfortable. Needless to say they will leave with the troops vacating houses which, doubtless, will be found useful for the accommodation of the Canadian non-commissioned officers who may happen to belong to the ranks of the benedict.

There has been some question as to the policy of the Federal authorities regarding the number of troops to be stationed at the local fortress. The report has been very assiduously circulated that the strength would be decreased. Yesterday a Times representative asked the opinion of Lieut.-Col. English on the matter. Very naturally he refused to commit himself, but inquiry from other sources elicited the gratifying information that such a step was not contemplated. It is stated positively, on the contrary, that there will be no reduction and that should there be any alteration, it will be in the other direction. In other words there is a strong possibility that the Canadian establishment will reach higher figures than that which has been maintained by the Imperial government for the past several years.

According to the D. O. C. the posters calling for tenders for supplies for the new garrison will be issued some time today. In conversation with the former a reporter suggested that it might be possible to arrive at an approximate conclusion as to strength of the new corps by the specifications supplied for the benefit of those wishing to make an attempt to secure the contract. But Col. English stated, in reply

FATAL EXPLOSION.

Girl Killed by Blowing Out of Front of Kitchen Stove.

Nelson, March 12.—A tragic accident occurred at the home of Frederick Stephenson here yesterday morning when his eldest daughter, Marie, was killed by an explosion in the kitchen range.

The cold snap had frozen the water pipes in connection with the range, and shortly after the fire was started in the morning, steam was generated and finding no outlet caused an explosion blowing out the front of the stove. The child who was standing near the stove was hurled across the room and two iron fragments hit her over the heart and abdomen. She remained unconscious for some three hours and then came to, and after speaking a few words to her mother instantly expired. The kitchen was wrecked by the explosion and flooded by the escaping water.

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

Amateur Players Meet in Chicago—Gardner Defeats Wright.

Chicago, March 12.—The annual tournament class "A" National Association of Amateur Billiard players, opened last night in the gymnasium of the Chicago Athletic Association with a game between Edward W. Gardner, of Pasac, N. J., and H. A. Wright, of San Francisco. Gardner won the game by a score of 300 to 200. The style of play in the tournament is 14-inch ball, line, two shots in. It took 45 minutes for Gardner to run out the 300 points, making his average 6.2-3, while his opponent had an average of only 4.15-22.

COAL OPERATORS MAKE STATEMENT

REGARDING THEIR PROPOSAL TO MINERS

Take Long Chances in Offering to Extend Award of Commission For Three Years.

New York, March 13.—The following statement on behalf of the anthracite operators' committee of seven is published to-day:

"Mr. Baer received yesterday Mr. Mitchell's acknowledgment to the answer by the operators' committee to the propositions made by the committee of the anthracite workers with the advice that the same would be submitted to the miners' committee as soon as possible. The operators think that they are taking long chances in that offering to continue the present conditions for three years longer. The offer was based on the possibility that the business property which characterized the last three years will continue. There is no certainty of this, as any time within the next three years a depression in business may take place which may lessen the demand for coke and in carrying out this contract the operators may be placed at a serious disadvantage."

The presidents of the anthracite coal carrying companies will meet this afternoon. Mr. Baer will preside.

Coal dealers who were seen yesterday said that there was uncertainty in their minds as to whether there will be an anthracite strike. A hard coal strike looked more likely than it did a week ago. The probable withdrawing of the customary reduction in the prices of domestic anthracite during the summer will mean a price, it was said, an increase in the price.

SEVERE BLIZZARD.

Thermometer Below Zero in Butte and Montana—Street Car Service Demoralized.

Butte, Mont., March 13.—Butte and Montana generally were in the throes last night of one of the worst blizzards of the winter. In this case the thermometer ranged from 12 to 20 degrees below zero. On the mountain sides it was still colder. Street car service was demoralized and the wire service was crippled south and west.

In Grip of Storm.

Salt Lake City, Utah, March 13.—From midnight on Sunday night till to-day Salt Lake was in the grip of the worst storm in years. Beginning with a drizzling rain, a wind which attained at one time a velocity of 60 miles an hour soon followed. Signs were wrenched from their fastenings, chimneys were in many places shattered, electric wires broken and in some instances roofs carried away, new buildings throughout the city were rendered wrecks, and the loss to uncompleted structures will be heavy. The warm aprons bath house, just northwest of the city was damaged to the extent of thousands of dollars. The telegraph wires were paralyzed, but one out of Salt Lake being workable. The wind was followed by one of the fiercest blizzards ever seen here, street car traffic is delayed and street travel this morning is almost impossible.

FIGHT WITH BAND OF INDIAN OUTLAWS

POSSE AMBUSHED AND ONE MAN WAS KILLED

Deputies Took Refuge in Ravine and Indians Were Compelled to Withdraw.

Vinita, I. T., March 13.—One hundred armed men have gone into the Cherokee country in pursuit of the Wickliffe band of Indian outlaws who, on Sunday afternoon, 31 miles southeast of Vinita, ambushed a United States marshal's posse of six men, killing Deputy Marshal I. L. Gilstrap and wounding Dick Terry, a posseman.

Reports of the fight which took place in the settlement of the Nighthawk band of Cherokee Indians, full bloods, who refuse land allotments, are conflicting. The first report, brought in by a surviving posseman, was that three of his comrades were killed and that only three Wickliffe brothers were engaged on the other side. A later report is that 11 Indians resisted the posse.

R. Thompson arrived last night at the scene of the fight at Sahn creek with the body of Deputy Gilstrap. Thompson says that the posse, after trailing Wickliffe all day with bloodhounds, came upon them in the afternoon. The Indians, 11 in number, took refuge in the ravine and opened fire. The deputies threw themselves upon the ground and a hot fight began, which lasted an hour and a half. The posse was shot through the head at the first exchange of shots. The deputies were driven gradually back to the side of a ravine. Terry had been wounded and became separated from the rest. Finally the deputies formed a breast work and the Indians, despairing of reaching them withdrew.

USED CHILDREN AND WOMEN AS SHIELDS

MANY KILLED IN FIGHT IN PHILIPPINES

Commander of the United States Troops However Denies There Was Any Wanton Destruction.

Manila, March 13.—Major-General Wood, who has arrived, announces that he assumes full responsibility for the fight against the Moros at Dajo hill, near Jolo. He said that there was no wanton destruction of women and children in the fight, though many of them were killed by force of necessity because the Moros used them as shields in the hand-to-hand fighting.

Major-General Wood declared that many of the women were in male attire, and their sex could not be distinguished. Another confusing cause was the desperation with which the women fought, the priests having worked all of the Moros into a religious frenzy. Many of the Moros feigned death and butchered the American hospital men who were relieving the wounded.

General Woods says: "Neither in this nor any other fight has an American soldier killed a woman or child except in a close action, when it was impossible to distinguish sex."

Secretary of War Taft cabled for a full explanation of the death of the women and children, and General Wood has sent a lengthy reply, of which the foregoing is the substance.

RETURN TO WORK.

Victory Over Labor Unions—Chicago Employers Score "Open Shop."

Chicago, March 13.—Employers scored the first "open shop" victory of the year against a labor union yesterday where 150 strikers returned to work for the Chicago Edison Company. The men, who were employed on outside line work, walked out early in December, when the company refused to agree to employ only union electricians. The Edison Company for years has employed union and non-union men indiscriminately. The union in an attempt to force "closed shops" conditions in all departments of the big concern called strikes in all buildings where non-union men were working, interfering seriously with the completion of large building contracts in the downtown district.

VICTIMS OF CHINESE.

Remains of Priests Killed in Recent Massacre Will Be Interred at Barcelona.

Manila, March 13.—Two Catholic clergymen have arrived from China with parts of the bodies of the priests who were murdered in the recent massacres there. They are en route to Barcelona, where the remains will be buried. They small sealed caskets contain portions of the bodies and ashes. One containing trinkets of the dead priests is addressed to the Pope.

PRISONER'S CONFESSION.

Says Anarchists Have Planned to Kill King of Italy When He Visits Milan.

New York, March 14.—A cable dispatch to the Herald from Rome says: "The Gazette del Tribunale says that a prisoner, who is ill in the infirmary of a prison, has confessed that he was present at a meeting of anarchists in which a plot was concocted to kill the King of Italy on the occasion of the inauguration of the Milan exhibition on April 18th. A searching investigation of his story has been ordered."

THE ESTIMATES.

Presented to the Dominion House on Monday—Some British Columbia Items.

Ottawa, March 12.—The estimates for the coming fiscal year nine months to March 31st next were presented late to-night.

The following are the chief British Columbia items:

Cumberland public building, \$2,000. Dominion buildings, renewals, improvements, repairs, etc., \$3,000. Fernie public building, \$10,000. Ladysmith public building, \$2,000. Westminster public building—enlargement for accommodation of Indian branch, \$16,000. Osoyoos public building, \$2,000. Vancouver public building, \$10,000. Anderson and Kennedy lakes, clearing outlets, \$1,500. Campbell river wharf, \$3,000. Columbia river improvements, \$30,000. Courtney river improvements, \$3,000. Coquitlam river removal of obstructions, \$1,000. Duncan river improvements, \$1,000. Fraser river improvements of ship channel, protection works, etc., \$20,000. General repairs and improvements, \$2,250. Nanaimo harbor, improvements of north channel, etc., \$2,500. North Thompson river improvements, \$1,000. Skeena river improvements, \$5,000. Victoria harbor dredging and removal of rocks, etc., \$20,000. William's Head quarantine station improvements, \$7,500. Supplementary estimates for the current year amounting to \$161,000 also were brought down. Twenty thousand is for insurance commission, fifteen for the expense of Prince Arthur's forthcoming visit, eight thousand for Prefontaine's funeral.

YORK COUNTY LOAN AFFAIRS.

STATEMENT BY MEMBER OF MONTREAL COMMITTEE

C. P. R. May Extend Crow's Nest Pass Line—Man Killed While Throwing Dynamite.

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Three Fires.

Montreal, March 12.—Three fires today did damage, aggregating \$70,000. The most serious gutted the premises of the Canadian Jewelry Importing Company and B. O. Boland, wholesale liquor dealer, Notre Dame street, doing \$300,000 damage. The two upper stories of the factory of the Typewriter Company on St. Antoine street were damaged to the extent of \$20,000, as also to a half dozen firms housed in a building on St. Paul street. In all cases the loss is covered by insurance.

Crow's Nest Line.

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close some of my pile which please use for mamma's benefit. But think it would be better to tell her nothing about it. In fact, you had better not let on you heard from me at all, and for God's sake don't let there be any nonsense about tainted money or such rot. You need the money so may as well take it but go canny about using it." Other correspondence showed that the girl knew of the theft before leaving Toronto.

Post Office Burned.

Alexandria, Ont., March 12.—The new post office, only completed by the Dominion government last fall at a cost of \$20,000, was burned to the ground to-day.

DAMAGE BY STORM.

Buildings and Wharves at Port Angeles in Danger—Steamer's Rough Trip.

Port Townsend, March 12.—A severe storm has raged along the straits since Saturday. Considerable damage has been done at Port Angeles. The steam freighter Transport is ashore at the head of the bay and is reported as breaking up. The sea is running high. Buildings and wharves are in danger. Peter Chamber's livery barn went down during the night with five horses. Guttenberg's hardware store is about to go. Business men have all moved out of waterfront buildings. Sam Johnson's livery barn is tottering. The city pile driver went ashore and broke up. In the northeast gales continue the damage will be heavy. The storm is confined to the straits. The weather is calm here.

The passenger steamer Bellingham arrived this morning with foretopmast gone, lost in a gale on Saturday off Gettysburg. The vessel was unable to land at Crescent and Gettysburg, and anchored in Clallam Bay and twice went adrift.

JAPS DIE FROM LACK OF FOOD

OFFICIAL TELLS OF FAMINE IN JAPAN

Says the Conditions are Being Relieved as Relief Arrives From Other Nations.

Chicago, March 13.—N. Sato, first secretary of the Japanese Legation at St. Petersburg, stopped at Chicago yesterday on his way to Russia, where he will assume his official duties. Mr. Sato said that the famine conditions in Japan are being rapidly relieved with the help received from other nations.

"The cause of the famine," said Mr. Sato, "was the enormous quantity of rain which fell last season in the islands of Japan. The resulting floods ruined the rice crop, and the people in many parts of the empire have died in large numbers from lack of food.

"An unusual snowfall has been recorded this winter, and we expect a good crop of rice next year, for the water will be stored in the mountains to be ultimately used for the irrigation of the rice fields. We are hopeful that the great snowfall will be followed by a dry season."

HUDSON RIVER TUNNELS.

Company Will Be Formed to Build Subways, Terminals and Electric Road.

New York, March 13.—The Herald to-day says: "Wall street learned yesterday that the bankers financing the two Hudson river tunnels, commonly known as the Macado tunnels, have crystallized their plans into a scheme calling for the issue of \$50,000,000 of securities. There is to be formed the Hudson & Manhattan Railway Company, with an authorized bond issue of \$100,000,000 and a stock issue of \$50,000,000 to provide funds for the completion of these plans."

INTERNATIONAL FENCING.

New York, March 13.—The Times says an international fencing match between the best swordsmen in England and United States will be held this year, probably about the middle of June in London. The contest will be the first of its kind, but through the offer of a \$500 silver cup by J. Sanford Salts, of this city, to the Fencers Club of New York conditions have been drawn up and agreed to by the Amateur Fencing Association, of London, thereby insuring an annual international contest, provided of course that a challenge is sent to the country holding the trophy.

Y TAFT.

Supreme Court Agency Occurs.

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DRAW.

Fought Twenty Angeles.

In the fight of Chicago, and of Boston, last night, Kelly was put Sullivan eight and again near ending the count-out. Kelly's early part of the running from his to the twelfth south round Sullivan, outfighting to hold on in the thirteenth. Sullivan the last five of taking the Chicago box when it appeared won.

CHINESE ENVOYS.

Prince Tsai and Members of Party Sail From New York For Europe.

New York, March 14.—Prince Tsai Tse, high commissioner Shang Hi Beng and Li Cheng To, envoys of the Emperor of China, their secretaries and attaches, sailed for Europe to-day on the White Star liner Italic to continue their investigations in England, France and Belgium.

BY-ELECTION.

London, March 13.—The by-election at Basingstoke yesterday, occasioned by the death of Mr. Jeffreys (Conservative) has resulted in the election of a Unionist, Arthur Clavel Slater, by a plurality of 260. An independent Liberal polled 467 votes.

WILL BE GUESTS OF KING.

Mr. and Mrs. Longworth Will Be Entertained at Buckingham Palace.

London, March 14.—The Chronicle says that Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, when they visit London in June, will make a stay at Buckingham Palace as the guests of King Edward.

They will also visit the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, the Duke and Duchess of Roxburghe, and Ambassador and Mrs. Reid. They have accepted an invitation from the society of American women in London to a luncheon.

GASOLINE GOES UP.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 14.—The Standard Oil Co. to-day advanced the price of gasoline, half a cent per gallon.