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FIFTY-THIRD YEAR.

STIRRING PLEA FOR NAVY BASE

That Nelson's Spirit Still Lives, Evincing by Premier's Speech at Trafalgar Day Commemoration Last Night.

WANTS WHITE MEN IN INDUSTRIES

They Could Act as Naval Recruits—Striking Addresses and Ringing Songs Move Large Crowd.

Premier McBride made a stirring speech at the Victoria theatre last evening in the course of which he appealed for an efficient fighting unit to form a part of the imperial navy under the flag of Canada on the Pacific; the rehabilitation of Esquimaux as a strong naval base with proper facilities and a shipbuilding and ship repairing plant, and advocated the readjustment of labor conditions by employers in the industries of this province so that white men could take the places of Asiatics in the fisheries, sawmills, etc., of British Columbia from whom recruits could be drawn to man the naval vessels. His address was a feature of a great patriotic meeting in commemoration of Trafalgar Day, held under the auspices of the Victoria branch of the Navy League. Striking addresses were given also by Very Rev. Dean Doull, Mr. A. E. Oliver and Capt. Clive Phillips-Wolley. Patriotic songs and appropriate general numbers further marked a most inspiring programme.

The theatre was well decorated, signal flags strung from side to side, portraying Admiral Lord Nelson's famous signal which flew from his ship Victory on the memorable day of the Iberian coast on October 21st, 1805. "England expects that every man shall do his duty," while hanging from an upper gallery was the red and white flag, which is the navy's signal: "Close action." Draped from the boxes and sides of the stage were big ensigns and Jacks. Capt. Clive Phillips-Wolley occupied the chair, and with him on the platform were Hon. Richard McBride, premier; Mr. G. H. Barnard, M.P. for Victoria; Commander G. W. Vivian of H.M.S. Shearwater; Commander Walter Rose of H.M.C.S. Rainbow; Very Rev. Dean Doull, W. E. Oliver, Col. E. Prior, Senator W. Macdonald, Hon. C. E. Pooley, Aid. W. H. Langley, Major Wilson, president of the British Campaigners, a veteran of the Crimea and Mutiny campaigns; J. H. McGregor, Capt. de Salls, H. L. Salmon, secretary of the Navy League; Mr. E. G. Kay, secretary of the Vancouver branch and many others. The auditorium was crowded, and in the specially reserved boxes were ladies of the Alexandra club and sister societies, a number of nurses and others.

The following resolution was unanimously passed by the meeting, being proposed by the chairman and seconded by Mr. W. E. Oliver:

Whereas, the Canadian nation has declared emphatically for closer union with the Mother Country;

And whereas, the Mother Country and Empire are agreed that it is right and reasonable that all the partners in the Empire should contribute towards the naval defence of that Empire;

And whereas, it is notorious that the most valuable assistance which the dominions could give to the Empire would be the creation of fleet units to control and protect the Pacific;

And whereas, the speedy completion of a naval base and shipbuilding yards at Esquimaux with such promptitude as to make this coast ready for the revolution in sea trade likely to be effected by the completion of the Panama Canal;

And it is further resolved that this resolution be submitted forthwith to the Premier of Canada.

The Premier's speech, the premier, said he had attended many celebrations of Trafalgar Day and noticed that with every successive year the audiences were larger, and there was added interest in naval matters. If there was any section of British Columbia, he said, where matters pertaining to naval affairs should be considered, it was in Victoria. He referred to the work done by Capt. Wolley for the Navy League, a matter which in his opinion was apt to be overlooked

SHARP SKIRMISH NEAR TRIPOLI

Italian Force Is Surprised by Turks and Suffers Severely—Fifteen Soldiers Found Dead in Trenches.

REPORTED FIGHT WITH BULGARIANS

Great Fire in Constantinople Added to Turkey's Calamities—Several Hundred Houses Are Burned.

BERLIN, Oct. 21.—A special despatch from Tripoli reports a sanguinary fight on Thursday night near the town. The Turks surprised the Italians, who were caught between two fires. The warships were unable to give assistance. Fifteen Italian soldiers were found dead in the trenches. Many dead and wounded were transported to the warships. The authorities, however, assert that only one man is missing.

Another despatch says the Turkish garrison is offering vigorous resistance to the Italian troops and is being aided by Senussi tribesmen.

LACKING ONLY IN CONFIDENCE

Mr. James J. Hill Says There Is Plenty of Money in Country—Approves Reserve Association Plan.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 21.—J. J. Hill appeared unexpectedly before the monetary commission today to give his opinion on a financial plan for the country. Mr. Hill discussed the entire financial situation. He suggested that for the purpose of borrowing money first class bonds and industrial securities should be recognized as proper security for loans by banks.

Members of the commission suggested that good notes as now legalized should be included in the plan. Mr. Hill cited an instance during a recent stringency when he had wanted to borrow money. When the banks were refusing loans on notes which would at other times be considered first class security, he went to New York with a lot of railroad bonds and borrowed what money he wanted.

"We have money enough in the country now," he said, "what we want is more confidence. When the people have confidence the business of the country goes ahead."

Mr. Hill advocated a modification in the plan for the organization of the central reserve association, which is now under consideration, with an authorized capital increase from \$300,000,000 to \$400,000,000. Each bank holding stock in the organization should have only one vote, and no vote for stock ownership; that there should be no government directors on the national board; that the national reserve association should be permitted to make loans to member banks on security consisting of first class bonds of railroads and first class industrial corporation bonds.

He also advocated that the reserve association should pay the government interest on government deposits, and that notes of the association should not be taxed except after they had been in circulation for 60 or 90 days.

Congressman Bonnyne asked Mr. Hill: "With such modifications and changes in the plan that the committee has under consideration, do you have suggested, would you then favor the organization of a central reserve association?"

"Unqualifiedly," Mr. Hill replied. "It is a necessity and the country cannot postpone it safely for any length of time."

Playing With Dynamite Caps

SMITH'S FALLS, Ont., Oct. 21.—Some children playing in the home of Milton Hay, of Halifax, procured a box of dynamite caps, and not knowing what they were gave them to the baby to amuse himself with. He let the dangerous toys fall to the floor, and immediately there was a terrific explosion. The room was badly torn up and the two little girls in the room were seriously burned.

Defect in Education

MONTREAL, Oct. 21.—"It is regrettable that Canadian children should be unable to speak English, a condition which leads many employers to prefer English boys to Canadian boys in their offices. This might largely be overcome if Canadians acquired a softer and more musical intonation in their vowels," declared Bishop Farrington in the course of his address of welcome to the Protestant teachers at their convention today.

NO DISENGAGED TRAMPS

Expert Chosen as Chairman of National Transcontinental Commission Through Desire to Perform Public Service.

IS INTERESTED IN COBALT MINES

Becomes Chairman of National Transcontinental Commission Through Desire to Perform Public Service.

OTTAWA, Oct. 21.—The Borden government has made a beginning with its large list of appointments. Today the premier announced that it had been decided to replace Mr. S. N. Parent as chairman of the National Transcontinental railway commission with Mr. R. E. Leonard, of St. Catharines.

Mr. Parent was a lawyer, politician out of a job. Under him the estimates of the line have been enormously exceeded, and there has been a serious over-classification scandal. Mr. R. E. Leonard is an engineer, a practical railroad man and a wealthy man who takes the post from a desire to render public service. He is a graduate of the Royal Military College, and for some years was in railway construction work, being employed on the C. P. R. and the New York Central. He has a high reputation among engineers. Of late years he has made exceedingly successful investments in the mining districts of New Ontario, among other things being the principal owner of the Coniags mine. He also has smelting interests at Thorold, Ont.

MIND IS BLANK FOR 14 YEARS

Strange Case of S. Chandler Rogers, Whose Memory Was Restored by an Operation on His Skull.

SEATTLE, Oct. 21.—S. Chandler Rogers, who was attacked by three ruffians at the corner of Eighth avenue and Sixteenth street, New York city, on the night of May 1, 1897, and thrown into the Hudson river, waded his skull had been fractured, and was restored to himself in this city yesterday as the result of a surgical operation that removed pressure upon his skull.

EXPLOSION KILLS SIX WORKMEN

Dynamite Left in Railway Cutting Near Bellingham Set Off by Carelessness of One Victim.

BLOW FROM PICK CAUSES DISASTER

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Oct. 21.—One man was blown into fragments, five others were instantly killed and horribly mutilated and three others were seriously injured as the result of an accidental explosion of dynamite in the Bellingham and Skeist interurban railway grade about seven miles south of Bellingham this afternoon.

The injured were: Earl Cleveger, freeman, leg and eye injured; John Olson, pit man, leg crushed; Louis Hugg, steam shovel worker, leg crushed.

The men were working in a small cut, and the accident is said to have been due to their own carelessness. The steam shovel was just about to begin work in the cut when it was discovered that two cases, or 200 pounds, of dynamite, placed there a month before and supposed to have been exploded, were still intact. The men were set to work to pick it out to make way for the steam shovel.

A moment before the explosion they had been warned against striking too hard or too near the rock in which the dynamite was imbedded. Popovich, an Austrian, is alleged to have been the man who did not heed the warning and who struck the blow that caused the explosion. Two of the men killed, Lockwood and McGillan, were old employees of the Stone and Webster company, who are building the road, and were known as cautious workmen, experienced in the handling of explosives.

ARE AWAITING REBEL ATTACK

Chinese Imperial Troops Expecting Engagement With Revolutionists Near Hankow—Skirmishing Yesterday.

MANY GUNS MOUNTED AMONG THE HILLS

Brigade Stamped by Fire From Rebel Field Guns—Reports of Further Gains by Revolutionists.

HANKOW, Oct. 21.—The situation here at present is quiet. The imperialists are awaiting an engagement with the revolutionists, which is expected on Monday. There has been some skirmishing today. The revolutionists are active. Innumerable guns have been mounted and the surrounding hills are strongly entrenched. There is a report that General Yin Tehang, in command of the government troops, has arrived at his headquarters.

LARGE RAILWAY PROJECT IN VIEW

Mr. J. D. McArthur and Associates Said to Have Secured Charter—Strange Route Is Mentioned.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 21.—The announcement that J. D. McArthur, a wealthy railroad contractor of Winnipeg, and several associates had acquired a charter for a railway extending from Edmonton to Fort George and south to St. Paul, was made today by J. L. Cole, a member of the Alberta legislature, who is surveying party is now going over the route.

YUKON ELECTION FOR COMMONS

Contest Between Dr. Thompson, Conservative Candidate, and Mr. F. T. Congdon, Liberal, to Be Decided.

SUICIDE MYSTERY

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