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RECEPTION TO GENERAL KUROKI

WELCOME BY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

Interesting Ceremonies Marked the Arrival of Distinguished Japanese Officer.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The iron grey, bronzed, military hero, dressed in khaki uniform, with the glittering star of the order of Pawlonia pinned to his breast, who stepped on to the outer wharf yesterday afternoon from the gang plank of the Japanese liner Aki Maru, possessed a striking enough personality to associate with the conqueror of Kuropatkin. General Baron Kuroki looked every inch a soldier.

War seems to stamp its heroes with a personality which no other experience can lend. The genius of battles is often patent to the eye; the genius of literature and art must be singled out by the mind. That the general was a man of action could be seen at a glance. The stern, indomitable look, the inflexible glint in the eye, the knowledge from the annals of the Russo-Japanese war that he had the eye to see and the soul to do and dare, all lent themselves to the belief that in yesterday's visitor, Victoria was entering a maker of history.

The first welcome to these shores was accorded to the general by his countrymen. Japanese Consul Morikawa, accompanied by K. Ishi and representatives from the Japanese colony in this city proceeded on the Lieut.-Governor's steam yacht Thistle to meet the Aki Maru as she lay at William Head quarantine station.

Before the Thistle reached the liner the latter commenced to pull into the outer wharf. She was followed by the steam yacht and signals passing between the two vessels resulted in the liner laying to some hundred yards out from the dock. A gasoline launch then put off from the Thistle with Consul Morikawa on board and reaching the liner, the consul had a short interview with the general. This interview combined with the presence of the troops on up on the wharf were the first indications to the distinguished visitor that a military reception was awaiting him on shore.

Meanwhile the liner lay to, some hundred yards off the wharf, while the general and his staff donned their unassuming khaki uniforms in order to appropriately meet the Lieut.-Governor and the troops drawn up on the outer wharf. When they appeared on deck in military attire the liner proceeded to the wharf.

On the outer edge of the dock groups of Japanese had gathered and as the liner came within hailing distance these started their welcome in a prolonged banzai. The guard of honor drawn up in line at the point where the vessel would moor. As her bow came abreast of the dock the dull booming sound of an 18 pounder saluting from the Work Point battery was heard. At intervals the booming continued until seventeen guns had been fired, the salute, which is accorded to only eminently distinguished personages outside the pale of royalty.

As the vessel ranged up alongside the crowded wharf the military group could be descried leaning on the rail of the upper passenger deck. General Kuroki, was recognized at once and many hats were raised in honor of his presence. The vessel was moored with great promptitude and after being passed by Dr. Milne, Lieut.-Governor Dunsmuir and his party, Colonel Holmes, D. O. C., and the staff of the garrison, Colonel Hall, and the staff of the Fifth Regiment; Hon. R. G. Tatlow, acting prime minister, and H. E. Young representing the provincial government, and Consul Hisamidzu, who represents the Japanese government in Seattle and others stepped on board the liner and ascended to the deck where the reception was held in the smoking room, when several addresses were presented to the general from the Japanese colonies in the surrounding cities. Invitations from New York, Chicago, and St. Louis were also presented by the Japanese consul from Seattle, asking the general to visit those cities.

During these proceedings, General Kuroki seemed nervous. He gave the impression that he was too unassuming for details of this description. At times he would turn round to the table which he was leaning against and, taking up a box of cigars or cigarettes, would half offer it to some of those present in the room. He said little, the introductions being made through the medium of an interpreter.

Some ten minutes elapsed while the reception was in progress and then the party proceeded ashore. As the general and his staff proceeded down the gang plank the band of the Fifth Regiment on shore struck up the Kimi Ga Yowa, the Japanese National Anthem. The strain was an inspiriting one and the words which are brief and significant run as follows: "May the reign of the Majesty be thousand and eight thousand years, until the pebbles grow to be great rocks, and mosses be grown upon them."

Landing from the steamer in company with the Lieut.-Governor and party, General Kuroki was made the recipient of two beautiful bouquets of roses, one of red and the other of cream colored flowers. The presentations were made by two little Japanese maids, one a resident of Vancouver, Miss Kayamira, daughter of a merchant of that city, and the other of this city. In the latter case the little donor of the bouquet was a native of the same province, Satsuma, which General Kuroki claims as his birth place. The little girl is a daughter of a merchant in Seattle, who in order to give her educational advantages has placed her under the charge of Miss Sherlock, of the Rescue Home. She is Miss Togo, a name peculiar to the district of Satsuma, which produced the great admiral of that name.

As the band of the Fifth Regiment played the Japanese National Anthem, General Kuroki, in company with the party, inspected the guard of honor drawn from the Fifth Regiment. Passing along the lines nothing escaped his vigilant eye, and he seemed to study every militia man from the ground up.

As he approached the carriage of His Honor to drive from the wharf, a loud cheer went up from the crowd in honor of one who, while he had earned for himself the distinction of being one of the foremost soldiers of the age, was also the representative of a nation which had become an important ally of the British Empire.

Subsequent to the inspection of the troops General Kuroki and his staff, the Lieutenant-Governor and the others engaged in the reception, entered carriages that were in waiting at the outer wharf and drove to the parliament buildings. In the leading carriage was the general, accompanied by his aide-de-camp, Capt. Tanaka, and Lieutenant-Governor Dunsmuir and his aide-de-camp.

At the top of the steps leading to the government buildings was Mayor Morley, surrounded by many well known citizens who formed the civic reception committee. On the arrival of the general the Mayor in a few well-chosen words welcomed him to the city of Victoria on behalf of the citizens. Mayor Morley then proposed that the visitors should be shown over the building, and accompanied by the committee they passed through the different rooms, spending some time in the museum looking over the collections there. The general and his staff expressed themselves as highly pleased with all they saw.

A large crowd of sightseers had assembled outside the building, and both on the entrance and departure of the eminent visitors inspiring cheers were raised. On leaving the party again entered carriages and drove through the principal streets of the city.

Proceeding then to Government House, on the invitation of His Honor, the entire party joined in partaking of refreshments together. Before leaving Government House to return to the steamer the general's A. D. C., speaking for him and the rest of the party, expressed to Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir and all others who had taken part in the reception thanks for the treatment accorded them upon landing here. He said this had not been expected. They had in fact anticipated being only a few hours in Victoria, and had not expected to be given a reception like this. He said that on behalf of Gen. Kuroki he thanked them most sincerely for the treatment which had been given them.

The Japanese party were then driven back to the steamer, where General Kuroki and his staff remained all night.

During the evening many of the Japanese residents of the city and visitors from Seattle and Vancouver visited the general and the staff and conversed with them until late in the evening.

Gen. Kuroki and staff, on the first visit which any of them have ever made to Victoria, expressed the greatest admiration for the city, its climate and its natural beauties. They were highly delighted with the reception accorded them in this outpost of the British dominions, which was made all the more enjoyable by the fact that it was entirely unexpected, and the first intimation of it was conveyed to them only a few minutes before the steamer docked at the outer wharf.

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—Photo by Trio.

THE VISIT OF GENERAL KUROKI TO VICTORIA.

The Baron reviewing the guard of honor—Governor Dunsmuir on his left. The disparity in the size of the distinguished officer and of Governor Dunsmuir, who is of medium height, will be noticed.

SOCIALISTS AND UNIONISTS.

Resolution of Sympathy for Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone.

New York, May 1.—With the "Marseillaise" as their marching hymn, more than six thousand Socialists and labor unionists paraded through the Bronx, East New York and sections of Brooklyn to show their sympathy for Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, the labor leaders under indictment charged with the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg, of Idaho. Every man wore a picture button of the accused men, and several large banners picturing them as martyrs in a righteous cause were also displayed. Red flags and American flags were equally in evidence. During the parade and the meeting in Congress hall which followed it, there were no disorders. This meeting adopted resolutions of sympathy for Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone. One of the speakers criticized President Roosevelt's allusion to them in the Harriman letter.

DISPUTE OVER PRICES.

Toronto, May 2.—Some parts of the city went short of milk to-day owing to a dispute between farmers and retailers over prices. The farmers want $1.30 for an eight-gallon

LEMIEUX'S WORK APPRECIATED

THANKED BY POSTAGE REFORM COMMITTEE

The Proposed Fast Atlantic Steamer Service---More Immigrants For Canada.

London, May 2.—The Colonial Postage Reform Committee has passed a vote of thanks to Hon. R. Lemieux for his co-operation in securing a reduction in the postage rates.

Before Committee.

The scheme for a fast Atlantic steamship service by way of Blacksod Bay is now before the select committee of the House of Commons.

More Emigrants.

Six hundred emigrants left Euston station to-day on their way to Canada.

Missionary Work.

The Colonial Continental Church Society has obtained $9,600 for missionary work. Three thousand dollars have been promised from Canada.

DELAYS IMPROVEMENTS.

Various Causes Conspire to Prevent the Operation of Creosoting Plant.

The work of street improvement is being held up indefinitely pending the settling of matters with reference to the creosoting plant. The officials are busily engaged in a discussion of this. Mayor Morley, the city engineer and Ald. Henderson were closeted together this morning presumably discussing the matter. It is not known exactly where the holdup has occurred. But the desire to secure a cheap and efficient plant has something to do with it. The engineer and Ald. Henderson, it is understood, will make another trip to Seattle to secure a concrete mixing machine. For want of this, work has been progressing more slowly on the streets than would otherwise have been the case. It was hoped that it would have been secured before this. But various things conspired to throw the purchasing of it into the future. Now the aldermen are casting about for some way out of their difficulty, and while this is being done the street improvement is being held up.

NOT TO ABANDON PRINCE RUPERT

G. T. P. SECRETARY MAKES STATEMENT

Rumored Change of Western Terminal to North Vancouver Only Newspaper Talk.

Montreal, May 2.—Secretary Phillips, of the Grand Trunk Pacific, declared last night that it was nothing but newspaper talk that the Grand Trunk Pacific would abandon Prince Rupert for North Vancouver as the western terminal.

"It looks as if Vancouver were getting anxious over its own position," said Mr. Phillips, who asked in reply if it was reasonable to suppose that the Grand Trunk Pacific would abandon a point it had done so much already to improve. "It is ridiculous," said Mr. Phillips.

THE ATLANTIC MAIL SERVICE

EFFORTS TO BE MADE TO REDUCE TIME

Seven Men Injured By Explosion of Dynamite Cartridges in a Lumber Shanty.

Ottawa, May 2.—The Sydney route is to be tested for mails as long as the steamers take the southern instead of the northern passage, which will not be until about the end of July. The first boat from Montreal to receive the mail in Cabot straits on the way out will be the Virginian. The first boat from the other side to take the mails to Sydney will be the Victorian, leaving on May 10th. An effort will be made to make quicker time between Montreal and Liverpool for the mails than by New York. Sir T. Shaughnessy and A. A. Allen were here Tuesday talking the matter over.

Injured by Explosion.

Quebec, May 2.—The news of a terrible explosion in a lumber shanty in the upper part of Montmagny has reached here. Dynamite cartridges were being dried on a stove in the shanty, in which there were seven men, when one of them unthinkingly set a pot on the stove with a sudden jar. Immediately there was a terrific explosion which knocked down the seven men, all of whom were badly mutilated, and five were so horribly mangled that they are in a critical condition. The name of the five unfortunate men are: Emile Robin, Art Robin, Cleophae Colin, G. Morin and Simeon Picard. Emile Robin was most terribly injured, both of his forearms having to be amputated.

Miller Killed.

Hamilton, Ont., May 2.—The lifeless body of Robert Grassie, a Mount Albion miller, was found in the stream beneath his mill yesterday. It is supposed that while making repairs to the machinery he was struck on the head and was instantly killed or stunned and knocked into the water.

Railway Trainmen.

Winnipeg, May 2.—The bi-ennial meeting of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen will be held in Atlanta, Ga., in a few days. The western Canada representative is J. C. Ward, of this city, a well-known C. P. R. main line conductor. Mr. Ward attended the Buffalo convention two years ago, and was instrumental in having a grand lodge representative from Canada appointed, James Murdock, of Toronto, being the fourth vice grand master of the brotherhood. Among the important matters coming up will be the proposed increase in insurance rates, the selection of a regular convention city, and a change from two to four years in the regular meeting time.

Accused of Shop-Lifting.

Toronto, May 2.—Mrs. Jennie Johnson, wife of a Toronto mining man, and Miss Olive Bodman, resident of a fashionable boarding house in Sherbourne street, were committed for trial by the magistrate to-day. They were caught shop-lifting in Eaton's and claimed they were doing it on a wager. Too many things were found in their possession to make that yarn wash. Bail was accepted for their appearance in two weeks.

Sent to Morden.

Snowflake, Man., May 2.—Constables McFarlane and Handford escorted S. John Taylor to Morden yesterday, where he was committed for thirty days pending an official investigation into his sanity. Taylor is a burly Englishman, 280 pounds, and has spent the past 15 years in Canada, the last four in Manitoba. During the winter months he has exhibited strange freaks. His chief hallucination is that he is Christ so it was thought best to remove him, but he showed an amount of cunning that required strategy on the part of the officers to overcome and land him on board the train.

Fractured His Skull.

Port Arthur, Ont., May 2.—Frank Weeks, a painter, fell from a ladder on South Cumberland street and sustained a fracture of the skull.

Dredging Operations.

Prince Albert, Sask., May 2.—Hon. Charles Ramsay and Dr. Rougsedge, president and managing director of the International Gold Dredging Co., have arrived in the city ready to resume operations at the dredge. The success of the dredge in taking gold and platinum from the bed of the Saskatchewan last year has determined the directorate to largely increase their operations, and considerable additional plant has been purchased. Refining processes will also be carried further on the spot than previously and a good-sized laboratory is being built. The plant most urgently needed was shipped to the city by express and a shipment of eighteen thousand pounds arrived this week.

New Masonic Temple.

Regina, Sask., May 2.—With full Masonic honors and ceremonies, the corner stone of the new Masonic temple, now in course of erection, was laid yesterday. A large number of the leading members of the grand lodge of Saskatchewan were present from all parts of the province, over one hundred and fifty Masons taking part in the proceedings. The actual ceremony of laying the corner stone was performed by Grand Master H. P. Campkin. The new building, which is to cost between $40,000 and $50,000, is being erected on Eleventh Avenue in the business section of the city, and will be one of the most notable structures included in this year's building programme.

RESIGNED POSITION.

Hon. Mr. Templeman No Longer an Official of Cobalt Mining Company.

At a recent Ottawa meeting of members of the Airgold Cobalt Company, which own a mine in the Cobalt district near the Nova Scotia [illegible] president, Hon. William Templeman, Minister of Inland Revenue, tendered his resignation as president and also director.

Mr. Templeman's reason for resigning, as stated by him at the meeting, was that being a minister of the crown, and responsible for the administration of the geological survey and mines branch, he was averse to having his name and official position used in connection with any mining venture, no matter how good it might be.

Although equally responsible financially with the other members of the syndicate that purchased the Airgold, he deemed it better not to be concerned in any way in the active business management. He still retains his interest and says he will not sell before the stock goes to par. It is now quoted at 30 cents.

Senator J. H. Ross was appointed to fill the vacancy as director and Senator L. Melvin Jones, of Toronto, that of president. Mr. Askwith, M. E., a son of Ald. Askwith of Vancouver, is now at Cobalt, superintending the development work and seeing machinery is installed as rapidly as possible.

The population of Hungary is 19,250,000, and of the whole of Austria and Hungary 47,000,000.

FATAL MAY DAY RIOTS IN POLAND

NUMBER OF MEN KILLED AND WOUNDED

Sanguinary Conflicts in Streets of Lodz---All Buisness Suspended at Warsaw.

Lodz, Russian Poland, May 1.—Sanguinary fights in the streets here marked the May Day cessation of work in the factories, stores and newspaper offices. The Nationalists, who opposed the strike, and the Socialists, who declared it, were in conflict throughout the forenoon. Several men were killed or wounded, and many arrests were made. The street cars were kept running, under escort of armed soldiers.

In Warsaw.

Warsaw, Russian Poland, May 1.—The general strike ordered for May Day here resulted in practically a complete tie-up of business and traffic. No meat or bread were available. No street cars or cabs appeared on the streets, no papers were printed, and the stores were closed. Warsaw to-day is practically a military camp. The strong patrols of cavalry and infantry in the streets during the trouble were able to keep the crowd which attempted to congregate, and prevent any disturbances.

The Day In France.

Paris, May 1.—During a demonstration near the Labor Exchange a detachment of cavalry with drawn sabers charged the crowd and a score of armed men were knocked down and trampled on. About one thousand arrests were made during the day.

During the afternoon a man who was visiting the Place de la Republique on top of an omnibus, fired five shots from a revolver at a squadron of cuirassiers, wounding two of the cavalrymen. The man, who was subsequently identified as a Hebrew named Jacobs Law, of Falta, province of Podolia, Russia, was dragged from the top of the omnibus by the police, and narrowly escaped lynching at the hands of the crowds around the vehicle.

Dock Laborers Idle.

Bordeaux, May 1.—About 4,000 dock laborers here struck work to-day.

Favor General Strike.

Brest, France, May 1.—Seven May Day meetings of workmen here to-day declared in favor of a general strike.

Demand Higher Wages.

New York, May 1.—May Day found the workingmen in comparatively few of the trades in this city ready to assert any demands for increased wages, and in consequence strikes were few. The chief interest centred in the possibility of a strike to-day of the first, second and third officers of the coastwise steamers, who have made demands for $100 a month for first officers, for second officers $80 a month, and $60 for third. They are now receiving an average of $20 per month less than that amount.

Up to this morning seven of the 17 lines of steamers having their terminus here had accepted the new schedule and their steamers were unaffected. Luther B. Dow, general manager of the American Association of Masters, Mates and Pilots, who represented the officers, held several conferences with representatives of the companies last night, in an effort to secure the advances demanded, but was unsuccessful in the case of ten of the lines. Realizing that the threatened strike would seriously hamper coastwise trade the department of commerce and labor at Washington sent two of its representatives to this city to try to avert the strike.

The lines on which the officers are on strike are the Clyde, Mallory, Ward, Ald Dominion, Savannah, New York and Porto Rico, Red D., Metropolitan, Maine and Windsor lines. Agreements have been reached with the Panama, Bull, Luchenbach, Brunswick and Merchants and Miners lines.

NELSON'S NEW CHURCH.

Methodists Raise Over Six Thousand Dollars in One Week.

An unusual and exceedingly interesting feature of last Sunday evening's service at the Methodist church, Nelson, was the announcement made by the pastor, Rev. R. Newton Powell, that as a result of one week's canvass, the sum of $6,060 had been raised for the building of a new Methodist church in that city. This is certainly a most remarkable achievement, and is greatly to the credit both of the city of Nelson and of the members of the Methodist church, says the Nelson News. After the announcement, the congregation rose and sang very heartily "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." While the final decision in the matter must be made by the board of trustees, the success of the canvas makes it practically certain that the new church building will be immediately undertaken, and vigorously pushed to completion.

—Photo by Jones, Government St.

THE VISIT OF GENERAL KUROKI TO VICTORIA.

The Formal Welcome on the Steps of the Parliament Buildings.