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FIFTY-THIRD YEAR.

## FIRE DAMAGES CARLTON HOTEL

### American Actor Burned When Part of Big London Hostelery Was Destroyed Yesterday Morning

MANY OF GUESTS  
NARROWLY ESCAPE

### Flames Confined to One End and to Upper Floors of Building—Victim Trapped in Bathroom

LONDON, Aug. 9.—Fire destroyed a portion of the Carlton hotel tonight and resulted in the death of one person. After the flames had been quenched, a charred body was found on the top floor. It was identified as that of Jameson Lee Finney, an American actor.

The Carlton is one of London's most fashionable resorts, and many Americans were among its guests. Practically all had narrow escapes.

The fire burned for two and a half hours but was confined mainly to that end of the hotel adjoining His Majesty's theatre, and the fifth and sixth floors, which were gutted. Part of the roof also was destroyed. The managers say the hotel, which was well drenched, is not badly damaged, and will resume business immediately. The blaze started in an elevator shaft, from the fusing of an electric wire.

The alarm was sounded at 7 o'clock, while most of the guests were dressing for dinner. They poured out into the streets, leaving all their baggage. Men in their nightgowns, with four coats on them, and women half dressed, their hair hanging down their backs, fled from the building.

Firemen arrived quickly and rescued a number of servants who had retreated to rooms from upper windows. They also carried out two invalid guests.

The general alarm sent out said: "The Carlton Hotel is well alight, and lives are supposed to be in danger."

This brought to the scene all fire companies within a radius of three miles.

The upper floor, where most of the damage was done, was given over to servants' quarters. Comparatively few of the guests lost their baggage. The salvage corps removed trunks and bags and piled them in the streets.

Thousands of persons crowded the motor cars filled the adjoining streets and watched the fire. The Haymarket theatre, across the street from the hotel, was compelled to cancel its performance on account of the fire.

His Majesty's theatre was closed.

Many Americans who had been staying at the Carlton sailed home on the Olympic today, but incoming steamers had brought new guests.

None of the hotel staff is missing.

Mr. Finney's body was found in the bathroom adjoining his room on the fifth floor of the annex. The charred features were unrecognizable.

Apparently he had gone into the bathroom to bathe, before dressing. Two women were given dresses to put on and he asphyxiated. The body was removed to the morgue late tonight.

This death was the only one resulting from the fire.

John Greenway, of Bisbee, Arizona, took two women and a boy down a fire escape, while R. W. Daniels, of Philadelphia slid down a rope to the street from the third floor with an English friend who was visiting him.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—Jameson Lee Finney appeared in many of the recent successful plays on the metropolitan stage and in cities throughout the country. He was born 47 years ago in St. Louis and made his first stage appearance in Syracuse, N. Y., in 1881.

He appeared for a time in various parts with the Booth-Barrett company. In 1904 he joined the Empire Stock company and appeared in conspicuous parts for four years. In 1901, he toured with Daniel Frohman's company, and for the next two years appeared steadily in New York theatres.

One of his best remembered recent characterizations was that of a reporter in "The Stolen Story." His character depictions received much favorable comment, and the "News-paper Man" was one of his most successful specialties.

## RAILWAYS AND FOREST FIRES

### Provincial Government Frames Regulations to Safeguard B. C. Timber—Govern Both Construction and Operation

In connection with the energetic and systematic campaign against the devastating forest fires which this season has been organized and carried forward with so much success under the direction of the Provincial Minister of Lands, Hon. W. R. Ross, considerable attention has been directed to the principal origin causes. The policy of the forest protection and conservation department aims primarily at the prevention of fires rather than their suppression. The carelessness of campers, hunters, prospectors, and others in dropping cigar or cigarette ends or still burning matches and most particularly in neglect of sufficient precautions in the smoldering extinction of camp fires, together with parallel lack of care in land clearing and in logging operations, already have been fully dealt with, and with advantage in stimulating public recognition of these sources of danger and the diminution of the number and seriousness of forest fires.

There remains, however, one common cause of fires in the bush which each year's statistics show to be responsible for quite as much timber loss as any of the others tabulated, viz., the railways, either in construction or in operation. As to the latter, it cannot be too plainly or too emphatically pointed out for the public's information that jurisdiction over practically all existent operating roads in British Columbia rests not with the Provincial authority but with the Dominion Government, through the Railway Commission. Only a very few of the established roads—the Shuswap and Okanagan and the Victoria and Sidney are pertinent examples—are under exclusively provincial jurisdiction, together with the Canadian Northern Pacific, the first important land transport enterprise to be carried forward exclusively under provincial control, and with respect to these the Government at Victoria is losing no time in framing such regulations as will reduce as nearly as possible to the minimum the danger to standing timber through communicated fires.

Formulative Measures.

The formulation of these rules and regulations is one of the first official acts of the public in the British Columbia public of the first Minister of Railways, Hon. Thomas Taylor, by whom they were presented to the Executive at the first Cabinet meeting after the Premier's return home, obtaining Executive approval and that of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, pursuant to section 3 of the British Columbia Railway Act of the current year. The adoption, promulgation and promised strict enforcement of these regulations, regarded as super-draconic by the companies, is in itself positive that in its fixed determination to prevent in as far as possible the recurrence and

## ASTORIA CENTENNIAL

### Celebration of Anniversary of Founding of City by John Jacob Astor Opens Today

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 9.—The opening of the centennial celebration of the founding of Astoria in 1811 by John Jacob Astor expedition will occur here tomorrow and in recognition of the historical importance of the event, prominent men from all parts of the Pacific coast, several governors and persons of national note, will be in attendance and "take part in an elaborate programme.

President Taft will, from the White House in Washington, participate in the opening ceremony by pressing an electric button which will explode a huge bomb, the official act of the centennial. Representing the president, John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American Union, will deliver an address.

The centennial ceremonies will commence at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon with a large military parade, which will traverse the main streets of the city. The opening of the centennial will be participated in both by the president and Governor West, of this state.

Formal exercises at the stadium will bring the day's programme to a close. A program of night events, which will be of a historical nature, a great extent, being of a historical nature.

Count Togo at Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 8.—Baltimore and Philadelphia vied with each other in giving Admiral Count Togo an enthusiastic welcome today. After five hours of public receptions, tours through steel works and foundries, a cruise of Chesapeake Bay, and an automobile trip through the city of Baltimore, the Japanese naval commander arrived in the city on a private car at 6 o'clock tonight. The admiral and his suite in two automobiles were escorted to their hotel by a squad of mounted policemen, passing a large "Welcome, Togo" sign on the way.

Tonight Admiral Togo rested, his programme calling for an evening's respite for the first time in several days. Tomorrow he will see some of Philadelphia's industries, visiting the shipyard and plants along the river front. He also will inspect the navy yard.

## AMENDMENTS FOR TREATIES

### Conventions Providing for Arbitration Not Likely to Pass Through U. S. Senate Without Change

OBJECTION MADE  
TO COMMISSION

### Provision Relating to Dependents of Great Britain is Also Obnoxious to Some of Senators

WASHINGTON, August 9.—Friends of the British and French arbitration treaties in the Senate have reached the conclusion that it will be necessary to amend the conventions in order to get favorable action upon them. This conclusion is the result of decisions by the Senate committee on foreign relations.

After two prolonged sittings the committee adjourned late today to meet again on Saturday.

Both meetings were devoted to the consideration of the documents on their merits, the first in company with Secretary Knox, and the second by the members alone. No effort was made to have the treaties reported, and it became extremely doubtful to some of the friends of the administration whether such effort would be wise at present.

## ENDS HIS LIFE

### Edward Owen Murphy of Vancouver Commits Suicide Because of Business Worries

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 9.—Edward Owen Murphy, a shipbuilder who came to Vancouver last December, shot himself this evening shortly before seven o'clock in a broker's office on Georgia street.

The deceased, who was 45 years of age, was a native of Liverpool, England and committed the act while depressed and worried with business affairs. His physician had strongly advised a sea voyage, and he was ready to go, but at the last moment decided to remain in Vancouver.

He was married, and Mrs. Murphy is at present in the city.

## BATTLE ROYAL IS EXPECTED

### Mr. Bourassa and Hon. R. Lemieux to Meet on Platform at St. Hyacinthe on Sunday

OPPOSITION FOR  
HON. F. OLIVER

### Candidates Named in Several Districts—Winnipeg Liberals Choose Mr. Ashdown—Brockville Nominations

MONTREAL, Aug. 9.—It was definitely announced today that Mr. Borden will open his campaign in the province of Quebec at a meeting which will be held in Montreal on Tuesday, August 9th. The place of the meeting will be fixed in the course of the next few days. Other speakers will be C. J. Doherty and H. B. Ames.

Hon. Mr. Lemieux announced today that he will certainly be present to speak at a meeting in favor of the candidature of Mr. Beaugrand at St. Hyacinthe on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Bourassa states that with the assurance of Mr. Lemieux's presence he will gladly accept the invitation that he has received to take part in the meeting. Thousands of people of all shades of political color are going to St. Hyacinthe on Sunday next in expectation of witnessing a battle royal of the campaign.

## KIDNAPPED BY BROTHER

### Theory Now Held by Chicago Police in Regard to Missing Mazono Boy

CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—Inspector Revere, who has been conducting the search for six year old August Mazono, believed to have been kidnapped, today granted Philip Mazono, the child's 20 year old brother, twenty-four hours in which to produce the missing boy on pain of being locked up as the kidnapper.

The police believe now that the kidnapping of little Angelo was the result of a family disagreement, and that the elder brother knows who has the boy and where he is hidden.

Philip is said to have been the only one who knew of his father's savings of a little over one thousand dollars. He had been employed for a number of years in a printing establishment, and his father allowed him only one dollar a week of his salary, the result of which has been continued quarrelling. This and the changed attitude of Mr. and Mrs. Mazono toward the police resulted in the boy being cross-examined today.

The mother of the missing child, who until today has done what she could to help the police investigation, today locked the door upon the detectives and refused to permit them to enter her house.

## BRITISH STRIKE IS EXTENDING

### Dock Workers Tie Up Traffic and Have Many Collisions With Police—Hard to Preserve Order

RAILWAYS ALSO  
ARE BLOCKADED

### New Order from Labor Leader Calls Out 100,000 Men—Bread and Meat Likely to be Scarce

LONDON, Aug. 9.—The board of trade and other conferences up to a late hour tonight had failed to arrange terms with the striking dock workers, and the trouble is likely to extend tomorrow. In the Thames 150 vessels are tied up, and every market is disorganized.

The police, mounted and on foot, are being employed in large numbers, but have much difficulty in keeping order. They made many charges with clubs tonight on disorderly gatherings. There were rumors tonight that the railway trainmen and the country tramway men would join the strike tomorrow. Home Secretary Churchill says he will take no further action on the strike beyond authorizing the police to preserve order.

## LIKE RING BATTLE

### Los Angeles Grand Jury's Criticism of Warfare Waged by Newspaper Publishers

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 9.—The newspaper controversy which has been waged bitterly here for the past month, brought forth from the grand jury today a criticism in which the warring morning journals are advised to stop a course which makes Los Angeles appear as "the referee of a continuous ring battle."

The strictures are made in the course of a report to the superior court against Edward W. Earl, publisher of the Tribune and the Express, of any culpability in reference to the allegations made by other paper publishers that he sought to influence the grand jury in the fixing of telephone rates.

The investigation of the telephone rate matter followed the indictment of Mr. Earl on the charge of having published the contents of an aerogram that passed between the editor and the manager of an opposition paper.

## BISHOP PERRIN'S NEW DIOCESE

### Leader of Anglican Church in Province is Appointed to Newly Created Episcopate at Willeluden

Universal regrets will be mingled with personal congratulations to the reverend and popular Bishop of Columbia at the news that the King has been graciously pleased to create the Right Reverend Wilfrid Perrin, D.D., D.C.L., the first Bishop of Willeluden, England. That the news has been an open secret since Bishop Perrin's return from the Motherland, may lessen the interest in the official announcement of his appointment, but it cannot lessen the general sense of loss, of personal as well as communal loss, to the people of the province, occasioned by the resignation and impending departure of one of the most forceful personalities as well as of the actual and titular leader of the Anglican Church in British Columbia.

The appointment of Bishop Perrin to the newly created Suffragan Episcopate of London may be taken as one of a compliment to the activities and virility of the church in British Columbia and a glowing tribute to the work and worth of the man who for 18 years has been an unfailing source of inspiration and strength to the religious life of this great province. As Bishop of Willeluden, Dr. Perrin will be called upon to direct and administer a see of such magnitude and complexity as might well appal a man of less vigor and resources.

The Willeluden diocese will comprise practically the whole of the north of London, and is to include the important rural deaneries of Hamperstead, Hornsey and St. Pancras—as well as that of Willeluden. This means that Bishop Perrin will administer a diocese which has a population of over 850,000 souls, a very large proportion of whom belongs to the industrial classes of the "capital of the world." Willeluden itself is the home of nearly a quarter of a million artisans, who will be quick to appreciate the presence of so dominating and picturesque a personality as that possessed by the first Bishop of the new diocese. The bishopric will be the richest, the aristocratic municipality of Hamperstead, one of the most beautiful residential districts in the whole of London.

Bishop Perrin is at present unable to say whether his home will be situated in Hamperstead or Willeluden, but as he is one of those men who is master of his environment rather than one who is selected by it, the location of his residence will not be a matter of great interest until his countless friends in the province wish to exchange news and views with one whose interest in British Columbia will be as inalienable as will be the memory of the man and his work.

## TRIAL OF STRENGTH

### View Taken by Railroad Officials of Threat to Strike Made by Shopmen in West

CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—Railroad officials today declared that the strike which is threatening western railroads is being planned as a demonstration of strength by the railroad department of the American Federation of Labor. The railroad department of the American Federation of Labor was organized four years ago. It is said to have a membership of nearly 700,000, comprising the shopmen and telegraphers of eighteen railroads.

The action of the Harriman lines in refusing a wage increase, it is said, will be followed by the heads of other railroads. The informal conferences between western railroad officials on the subject of the strike are being continued.

## TIE-UP AT LIVERPOOL

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 9.—The railroad strike here has assumed alarming proportions. Not only are freight trains tied up, but the passenger service is threatened. The dockers refuse to handle goods from the railways, and hundreds of tons of fish, fruit and other perishable freight are becoming damaged. Official quotations of foodstuffs were practically suspended on the produce exchange today.

## CROP CONDITION IS UNFAVORABLE

### Report of U. S. Department of Agriculture Shows Great Damage Done by July Heat and Drought

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—A tremendous decline in the condition of the crops generally throughout the country, and traceable to drought and intense heat, occurred during last month, as indicated by official figures and estimates made today in the monthly crop report of the department of agriculture.

The report today is the worst, as to general crop conditions, that the department has issued for any single month since 1901. The areas most seriously affected extends from New York and Pennsylvania westward to the Rocky Mountains, embracing all the great corn, wheat and hay producing states in the country.

Conditions in the Pacific Northwest are regarded as excellent, although during July that territory suffered from a brief but exceedingly hot period.

While the crops in many instances probably will be short in the yield per acre, yet in total production they will not be small, as shown by the following estimates of the yields of standard crops:

Corn, 2,620,221,000 bushels; winter wheat, 465,149,000 bushels; spring wheat, 205,845,000 bushels; oats, 817,700,000 bushels; potatoes, 249,883,000 bushels; tobacco, 690,588,000 pounds, and hay, 490,129,000 tons.

## SEA TRAGEDY IS REPORTED

### Captain of Tug Bermuda Tells of Seeing Man Thrown from Tramp Steamer Near Active Pass

HAS NOTIFIED  
THE AUTHORITIES

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 9.—Captain E. McClun of the British tug Bermuda, which arrived here today from Texada Island, B.C., reported that at 6 o'clock on Tuesday evening, in the vicinity of Active Pass, he saw a man thrown overboard from a tramp steamer flying a foreign flag, which was passing out to sea from Victoria or Vancouver.

"I was looking at the vessel through the binoculars," said Captain McClun, "when I observed a commotion on the forward deck, and from the struggling mass of sailors a man was seen hoisted over the bulwarks with a rope around his neck. He was lowered to within a few feet of the water, and then the rope broke, or was cut."

The Canadian authorities have been notified of the circumstances.

## DEATH OF MR. DUKE

### General Manager of B. C. Permanent Passes Away Suddenly After Operation

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 9.—Mr. R. H. Duke, general manager of the B. C. Permanent Loan Company, died here today suddenly, following an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Duke was well known in financial circles.

### Warm in Kansas.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 9.—Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma sizzled today in a heat wave which began yesterday. In Kansas City the mercury reached 102 at 4:00 p. m. with high humidity. B. A. Barrett, 63 years old, of Phillipsburg, Kans., jumped from a window of a hospital after being overcome by the heat. He died from his injuries. The temperatures recorded yesterday: Joplin, Mo., 98; Wichita, Kans., 85; Oklahoma City, Okla., 102; Topeka, Salina, Atchison and Emporia, Kans., 104; Manhattan, Kans., 105.

## GREAT NORTHERN AT VANCOUVER

### Statement Made that Mr. Hill's Company Will Undertake Large Works Before Canal Opening

NEW HEADQUARTERS  
FOR STEAMER TRAFFIC

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 9.—The construction of three docks, one to be the largest on the Pacific coast, and the change of the steamer Minnesota's headquarters from Seattle to Vancouver before the opening of the Panama canal is announced here by Mr. W. J. Costello, traffic manager for the Great Northern Railway company. The estimated expenditure is approximately \$10,000,000.

Statesman in Shirt-Sleeves.

LONDON, Aug. 9.—"Shirt-sleeved" statesmen appeared for the first time in the House of Commons today. The heat was intense, 85 degrees Fahrenheit being recorded in the shade and 131 in the sun. In the law courts wigs and gowns were generally discarded.

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### Death of Jack Quann.

VANCOUVER, B. C., August 9.—Jack Quann, known throughout British Columbia as one of the greatest lace-makers ever produced, died at Seattle tonight. He played for Vancouver in the '90's, and was considered the best goalkeeper that the Terminal City ever had. He was extremely wealthy at one time, but having too many iron in the fire he was met by a tide of adversity which he could not offset. Deceased was 34 years of age. He leaves a widow and one child.

### Seattle News.

SEATTLE, Aug. 9.—The steamerhip Humboldt, which arrived from Skagway yesterday, brought \$150,000 worth of gold bullion from interior Alaska ports. The Humboldt also brought 11,000 cases of canned salmon from southern Alaska canneries.