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## INAUGURATES CONVENTION ON THE FALL FAIR HEARS ALL CROOKS

Provincial Exhibition Opened Today By Premier McBride Under Most Favorable Circumstances

FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON BIG SCALE

Buildings Contain Admirable Showing of Exhibits—Stock Show—Grounds in Good Shape

British Labor Leader is Cheered at Opening Session of the 25th Annual of Trades and Labor Congress

DOESN'T RELY ON PATERNAL GOVERNMENT

Speaks on Dignity of the Workingman—Fight for Presidency Looked For—Important Programme

That the present exhibition outclasses all former attempts; that the exhibits of fruit, farm produce and live stock would stand beside any displayed at any Canadian fair; that the fair is a true reflection of Vancouver Island's resources, agriculturally, and that Vancouver Island possessed the most fertile soil, acre for acre, in the Dominion, were some of the points touched on by Premier McBride this afternoon in the address with which he opened the Provincial exhibition.

Premier McBride, who acted in the unavoidable absence of Lieutenant-Governor Dunsmuir, was introduced by Mayor Hall, and was enthusiastically greeted in the party with him and the mayor were Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Hall, Miss Margaret Evans, Speaker D. M. Eberts, and H. D. and Mrs. Helmcken.

All Victoria roads lead to the exhibition today. The big entrance gates were thrown open at 9 o'clock this morning, disclosing a scene of such varied activity and such evident enthusiasm on the part of those engaged that, should the weather man prove benevolent, the success of the annual show, which continues until Saturday night, would appear to be a foregone conclusion.

The trek towards the grounds continued all day. Herds of purebred stock, droves of sheep and swine, cartloads of agricultural produce of exceptional quality, trucks loaded with machinery, all were going fairward. A trip to the grounds discovered a group of fine bungalow-style buildings taxed to their utmost in the accommodation of interesting exhibits with everything in such admirable shape that it only remained for Premier McBride to deliver the necessary brief formal address and to set the wheels of one of the best shows British Columbia has ever seen in motion.

Formal Opening By Premier. The premier performed the ceremony this afternoon, so that at the time the Evening Post goes to press the exhibition is no longer an event to be referred to in the future tense. It is an actual fact, something that is underway, and moreover, something that gives promise of proving a credit to Victoria and to all the districts of Southern Vancouver Island.

The main building, set in the centre of the spacious tent-dotted area, first commands attention. And it is deserving of it. To give a detailed description of the various exhibits would be impracticable at this juncture. Suffice it to say that the interior is tastefully adorned with flags, prominent among which are the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes, and bunting of red, white and blue. It would be unfair to pass by the display for which the firm of David Spencer & Sons is responsible without reference. It is charming, comprising in itself the furnishing of a small house from the kitchen to the drawing-room. Then (Continued on Page 2.)

THE NEWS OF TODAY

Lost Waratah thought to have been burned with fearful fatality.

Victoria's fall exhibition opens.

Governor Johnson continues to improve.

All officers exonerated in connection with Ontario disaster.

Bishop Seth Ward dies at Tokyo.

Lampson street school matter finally disposed of.

Lord Northcliffe's splendid offer to the Press of Canada.

QUEBEC, Sept. 20.—The twenty-fifth annual convention of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress opened here this morning. One hundred and fifty delegates from all parts of Canada were in attendance. The delegates were welcomed on behalf of the local bodies by Mr. J. Desrosiers, president of the Quebec and Levis Federated Trades and Labor Council; Sir Lomer Gouin, premier of the province; and Sir George Garneau, mayor of Quebec, also welcomed the delegates on behalf of the city.

The Hon. Mackenzie King, minister of labor, addressing the delegates, remarked upon the amazing progress made by the Trades and Labor Congress since its origin in Canada. With regard to Asiatic immigration, he assured the delegates that the Dominion Government had received no request to have the Grand Trunk Pacific constructed by Asiatic labor and that should such request be received they would be ample time given for all representations to be made.

Crooks is Cheered. Will Crooks, labor member of the British House of Commons for Woolwich, was greeted with loud cheers when he arrived at the convention. He had not yet reached that stage in England where a premier and a mayor would come to welcome the delegates to conventions. He warned the congress not to rely too much on the labor departments of governments, saying that he did not believe in placing too much confidence in paternal governments.

He reminded him of a story, he said, of a little boy who was asked which he liked better, his Aunt Mary or his Aunt Jane. "I like them both," the lad replied; "Aunt Mary gives me some jam, but Aunt Jane leaves it where I can get it myself."

Touching on the dignity of the workingman, Mr. Crooks said that a workman sometimes was heard to say, "I am only a poor workman."

"For God's sake," said the labor leader, "don't apologize for that. Let the fellow who doesn't work do that."

The twenty delegates from Toronto have a number of important subjects to bring before the congress. They have been instructed to reply to the charges made against the international trades unions by the Canadian federation of trades unions. Vice-President James Simpson will also have something to say regarding the treatment of the United Mine Workers by members of the Dominion Government. Mr. Simpson does not hesitate to say that the Dominion Government, in his opinion, is behind the manufacturers who are fighting the United Mine Workers in Glace Bay.

There will be a contest for the presidency. The present occupant of the chair, James Ferrie, M.P., it is understood will retire this term. Mr. Simpson, who has been vice-president for some years, will fight all comers for the position.

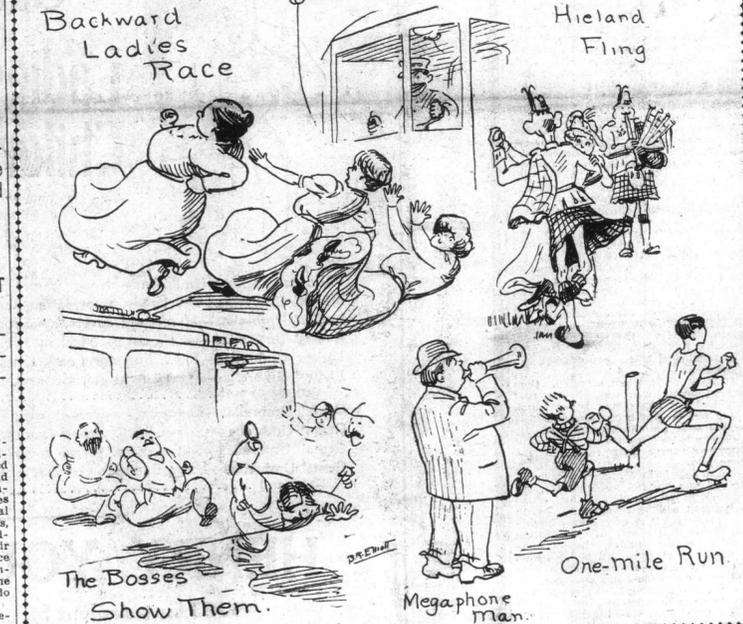
AIR NAVIGATION ON BUSINESS LINES

BERLIN, Sept. 20.—If present expectations are fulfilled, Germany will have dirigible balloons and aeroplanes carrying passengers between Berlin and the principal cities of the empire by May, 1910.

HOLMES CHARGED WITH CARLSEN MURDER

Special to The Evening Post. NANAIMO, Sept. 20.—The young man Holmes, who has been detained by the police in connection with the Carlsen murder case, was today formally charged on a warrant with the murder of Carlsen. Mrs. Carlsen will be detained as an important witness in the case. The preliminary trial will be held probably tomorrow or tonight if arrangements can be made with Magistrate Yarwood, who is at Vancouver, but is expected home by this afternoon's boat. This is the information given out by the police this afternoon, and indicates that they have collected all the evidence they deem necessary to fasten the crime on Holmes. Holmes is the man who formerly boarded with the Carlsons and who was ordered out of the house by the murdered man.

## Motormen and Conductors Frolic At the Annual Carmen's Picnic



## PREPARATIONS ARE READY FOR COOK

North Pole Claimant Due in New York This Evening Where Big Demonstration Has Been Arranged For Him

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—The first of the two claimants of premier North Pole honors will be at the gateway of his home port this evening. The Scandinavian-American steamer Oscar II, with Dr. Frederick A. Cook aboard is now approaching New York at half speed, and the friends of the Brooklyn explorer are putting the finishing touches to the big demonstration with which they intend to show tomorrow their faith in his assertion that he was the first man at the "top of the earth."

There was a flurry among the members of the Arctic club and Bushwick of Brooklyn this morning when word came that the Oscar II was only five miles east of Fire Island. This position would enable her to reach her dock here without difficulty late this afternoon. Although the section committees had received assurances that the steamer would be delayed so as not to interfere with their plans, telephones and wireless apparatus were at once put in operation to make certain that there might be no change in the original arrangements. The local officers of the Scandinavian-American linenottified the captain of the Oscar II, that he should not attempt to dock today and he replied by wireless that he would anchor off Sandy Hook and spend the night there, starting up the harbor at daylight.

Great Reception Planned. On account of the large number of persons who will participate in the first greeting to Dr. Cook on this side of the Atlantic it would have been impossible to carry out the original program had he landed today. Nearly two thousand tickets have been sold for the steamer Grand Republic, on which the committee from the Arctic club will go down the bay tomorrow, slightly in advance of the steamer which will go a tug bearing Mrs. Cook and her children and the explorer's two brothers, with two or three members of the committee. The plan is to take the tug thus enabling him to spend the first few minutes following his arrival in quarantine with his family. Then he will go along side the Grand Republic and the explorer will be taken on board for the last stage of the trip. No public events have been planned for the interval between the first welcome and the dinner to occur at the Waldorf Astoria Thursday night. Mrs. Cook and her children have taken rooms at that hotel, so the explorer can be in close touch with those who are anxious to see him regarding the scientific and business features of his trip North. Official arrangements for Dr. Cook's home-coming have not yet gone beyond this banquet.

Peary to Arrive. SYDNEY, N. S., Sept. 20.—The Arctic steamer Roosevelt with Commander Robert E. Peary and the members of his party on board, passed St. Paul's Island, sixty-five miles north of here at 9 o'clock this morning. The Roosevelt (Continued on Page 2.)

## FOR LIBELLING THE "MASTER MONSTER"

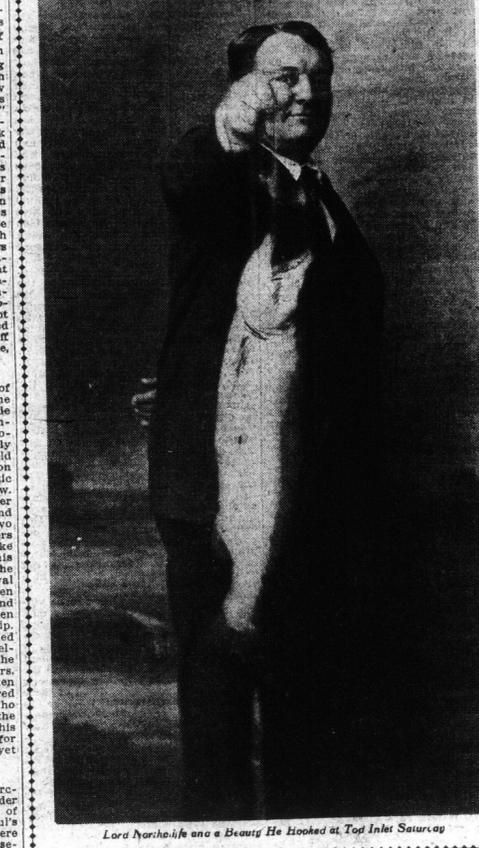
American Missionaries Charged by Congo with "Calumnious Denunciations."

LEOPOLDVILLE, Belgian Congo, Sept. 20.—After several postponements, the trial of the American missionaries, the Rev. Wm. Morrison and the Rev. W. H. Ray, on charges of libel began here today. This suit against the missionaries mentioned in the above despatch (Continued on Page 2.)

is brought by one of the Congo concession companies which has a monopoly of rubber gathering in the Kasai region. It claims \$20,000 damages from each of the men for "calumnious denunciations." The allegations are such that the suit is considered practically as brought by the Belgian Government against the missionaries. Messrs. Morrison and Sheppard arrived at Leopoldville on August 5 with witnesses who will testify in their behalf.

OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 20.—At President Taft's request attempt will be made to run street cars in Omaha during his visit here.

## Better Than Publishing!!



Lord Northcliffe and a Beau He Looked at, Tod Inhi Saurcup

## NORTHCLIFFE DESTRUCTION READY TO HELP OF VESSEL SEEN

Both He and Moberley Bell, of London Times, Would Assist in Forming Canadian News Service

WOULD MEAN MUCH TO CANADA

Matter Awaits Only Action of Canadian Papers—Northcliffe Was Here For Information About the Country

British Steamer Harlow Reported at Manila Having Seen Steamer Burn and Sink on July 27

BELIEVED WAS STEAMER WARATAH

Harlow Saw Big Vessel Explode and Go Down—Waratah Missing Since July 24 With 300 Souls

Awaiting only the harmonious action of the Canadian newspapers themselves, Canada is on the eve of possessing an empire and world press news service that will eclipse anything ever dreamed of. This announcement was made by Mr. Charles E. Laurin, editor of the Colonist, by Mr. Moberley Bell, editor of the London Times, on Saturday, and was almost immediately seconded by Lord Northcliffe, both of whom expressed their willingness to give access to all available proofs of their newspapers, and the London Daily Mail, to any Canadian press representative selected for the post by the newspapers of the Dominion.

The importance of this will appeal at once to the initiated. It means that with proper and discreet handling by the Canadian papers select, all the endless chain of newspapers maintained at an enormous cost by the great English dailies will be at the service of the Canadian dailies and that the results will be published at the same time as they are published in London. Advance proofs of news are printed by all newspapers prior to the time of going to press, and that they may be revised if necessary.

Money Could Not Buy permission to obtain copies of such proofs from the Times or Mail before the edition of the press. Yet this is what Mr. Bell and Lord Northcliffe offer free and without price to the Canadian press. The representative of the Canadian press would be furnished with proofs in time to select such material as they desired for publication by their staff of assistants and the cable news to Canada in time for redistribution and publication in the Canadian papers.

The difference in time between Greenwhich and Ottawa would materially assist such a service by clipping off many hours. The Canadian papers might band together and make special cable arrangements, and this would be a comparatively infinitesimal cost. Canada would have one of the very greatest and perhaps the farthest reaching news services the Western world has ever known.

The matter now rests with the Canadian newspapers. It will be necessary to select a man capable of handling the London end of the service. Such a man would need to be acquainted with the Empire and more especially in its relation to the Dominion. He would have to be

A Thoroughly Trained Man, and one upon whose discretion, ability and energy the papers of the Dominion could place reliance. Whether selection could best be made from among the ranks of the British journalists with Canadian experience, or Canadian journalists with British experience, will be for the Fourth Estate of Canada to decide.

The impression obtained in Victoria during Lord Northcliffe's visit that no small part of his object in coming here was to inspect the possibilities of the pulp wood areas of the Canadian West coast with an eye to a large investment to safeguard the supply for his extensive publishing business. Yet His Lordship said nothing during his entire stay that could be taken as a foundation for such a conclusion. His desire was he said, to obtain a general superficial knowledge of Canada.

He Asked Questions of All with whom he came into contact. He said little and thought much. When he referred to the timber areas at all he said that his understanding was that if a man invested in timber here he must cut it all within a period of 21 years. This did not appeal to him. When it was explained to His Lordship that the tenure might be made permanent, he expressed surprise, remained silently thoughtful for several moments and then dismissed the subject with the remark:

"That makes a big difference." Lord Northcliffe was anxious for information about Queen Charlotte's Island and such information was supplied by competent informants. He referred later to the opportunities for general investment offering in Canada and declared that he was noting them carefully. Afterwards the force of this was emphasized when he said, just before he departed from Victoria, that upon his return to London he would

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MANILA, Sept. 20.—That the British steamer Waratah, with 300 souls on board, caught fire and blew up at sea 160 miles from Durban on July 27, having not a vestige to explain her doom, is believed to be the solution of the mysterious disappearance of the big Blue Anchor liner and her passengers and crew. The report which affords the foundation for this accredited belief reached here today within speaking distance, however, the burning craft was thrown into the air in fragments by a terrific explosion. She sank immediately and not a vestige that would fix her identity was picked up.

The Waratah sailed from Durban July 24 for London with 300 passengers and a full crew. Heavy weather and head winds prevailed off the South African coast after she departed and the craft reported nasty seas. The Waratah was never heard of again until the Harlow came in today.

Shipping men here have small doubt that the burning vessel sighted by the Harlow was the unfortunate Waratah. The hour and the location agree with this, and it is taken here as only too probable that the Blue Anchor liner perished as the Harlow describes.

The Waratah had among her passengers many prominent people bound for Cape Town and London. Not a few of these were army officers going home on furlough. The vessel also had a small but valuable cargo.

Election Suit Dismissed. MONTREAL, Sept. 20.—The Rouville election suit has been dismissed.

THE REMNANT COUNTER

An afternoon contemporary has a Greased Wire despatch from San Bernardino stating that two boys, aged respectively 10 and 11, shot and killed a girl 11 years ago. One at least should be able to establish an alibi.

Because a Provincial Land Surveyor at Quatsino employed a Chinese camp cook is the latest reason cited by a local contemporary for advising the Home Government to smite the McBride Government.

A Toronto man named Stead had a narrow escape from conviction for bigamy because he married a woman who subsequently proved to have been already supplied with all the husband a stingy law allows. Another case of didn't know it was loaded.

Still another stamper is reported from Nome. Probably a new example of more cold than gold.

A post mortem on a Toronto man believed to have been electrocuted proved that he had choked to death on his false teeth. So the jury with the wisdom of juries found that the poor man died by falling out of an airship.

A convention of dentists at Chicago has decided that bridge-work is the safer dentistry. "As it is frequently a danger to have one's teeth on a plate." They're perfectly safe, however, in a glass of water.

That Pembroke, Ont. merchant who remitted \$2,000 to the Government with the explanation that he thought he had cleared the customs out of that much may wake up some morning to find his halo sprouting nicely.

Judging by Monterey reports the best weapons wherewith to oppose Mexican revolutionists are brass bands and fire-crackers.

None but the brave deserve the Fair.

A vote of thanks is due the gentle rain from heaven for laying the dust ferret later to the opportunities for general investment offering in Canada and declared that he was noting them carefully. Afterwards the force of this was emphasized when he said, just before he departed from Victoria, that upon his return to London he would

## USES



## Used at Specials

filled comforters 66x72, and dark colors. Special. \$1.25  
66x72, covered with art special, each \$1.50  
66x72, silkline cover \$2.00  
66x72, silkline cover \$2.50  
RS, extra size, 80x90, each \$3.50  
66x72, very light and airy, each \$4.50  
very fine quality, silkline \$5.75  
very fine quality silkline \$6.75

## Fall Out?

If so it needs attention. Attention put on the market, showing have been tried and most popular lines at low

- gate's Quinol Tonic. 60¢
- peppers Hair Dyes. \$1.20
- Alutia Hair Stain. 60¢
- billaris. 75¢
- aud's Brilliantine. 35¢
- gate's Brilliantine. 35¢
- dame Merrill's Dandruff. 85¢
- ecian Shampoo. 25¢
- ndoline. 25¢
- y Rum. 25¢
- snell's Famera Foam. 75¢
- ooling, cleansing, invigorating. 75¢
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for our stores, manufactured fit and workmanship is perfect. High bust, well lined and good quality jean, four hose \$1.00. Average figure. Medium and back, double supported steel, made from best quality supporters attached, made in 30. \$1.50. Average stout figure, made arm, medium low bust, long heavy supporters \$2.00.

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