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THE OLYMPIC GAMES.

The greatest athletic meet in the history of the world commences to-day in London. Representatives from all the nations of Europe, North America and Australia will take part. Our American friends say they are confident of capturing first honors in a majority of the events. We hope they may succeed, provided Great Britain and Greater Britain cannot beat them. In the meantime it is noteworthy that they are the only competitors who have protested the standing of any of the athletes. They object to the appearance within the lists of Thomas Longboat, the crack Canadian long distance runner. Yet it is quite certain that Longboat is just as pure an amateur as a considerable number of the men who will represent the United States in the Stadium. Our neighbors are especially strong as sprinters, jumpers and weight throwers. If they fall in these special features of the contests, they are likely to be overcome. The Canadians have some good entries for the short distances, and they may upset the calculations of their American neighbors. One of these, Kerr of Hamilton, Ont., has already won the championship of England in the short distances. The chances, therefore, are that Canada will gain some honors at the great Olympic meet. England has already won the championship at tennis. America taking first honors in rifle shooting, the latter victory due, it is said, principally to the superiority of the United States service rifle. Still, there is no question that Americans are the best marksmen in the world with either rifle or shotgun, and there is no disposition to cavil at the honors they have won.

TROUBLES OF STATESMEN.

The times are temporarily out of joint for Chancellors of Exchequers, Secretaries of Treasuries, Finance Ministers and others who direct the financial affairs of nations. Russia is trying to borrow hundreds of millions of dollars in order to meet discrepancies between revenues and expenditures. She needs the money to build a navy and to carry on great works of internal improvement. His Majesty of Germany aims at having the greatest navy in the world, but his financial advisers cannot see with precision where the money is going to come from. Mr. Lloyd George, although constitutionally enthusiastic and optimistic, is troubled in mind respecting the programme of a progressive government. Great Britain is committed to an old age pension scheme which will involve the nation from present indications, very deeply. There is no prospect of retrenchment in any direction to meet this new and somewhat unexpected call upon Mr. George's special department. If it were proposed to cut down the charges upon the navy, the right arm of the nation, there would be a popular uprising which would bode ill for the government. Ominous tidings from India necessitate the army being kept up to the standard, if not augmented in strength. To add to the difficulties which surround the Chancellor, the advanced wing of his party insists that the old age pension scheme does not go far enough. It claims many who are rightfully entitled to pensions will be excluded under the narrow programme of the administration. Hence an urgent appeal has been issued to pass the bill and trust that the financial circumstances of the country will permit of an extension of its provisions in the future. But, whatever be the fate of the pensioning of the aged, Liberal and Conservative is committed to it. The hope is cherished that as a consequence of its enactment charges which have hitherto fallen upon local bodies will become lighter—that the ultimate effect will merely be a change in the "incidence of taxation" and that a way will be found of meeting the situation without piling impossible burdens upon the general taxpayer.

In the United States lately treasury deficits have been steadily increasing. As a consequence of trade depression the people have been buying less from abroad, and the customs receipts, from which the revenue is principally drawn, have undergone such a marked decline that in one week the nation went into debt to the tune of over five million dollars. The deficit at the end of the next financial year will prove enormous. And yet if Congress had followed the advice of President Roosevelt in regard to the increase of the many and other extensive schemes the condition of the treasury would have been worse many times over than it is to-day. Nor is money flowing in as freely as has been the case during the past few years into the strong box of Canada, which is in charge of Mr. Fielding. But in our case the decline was anticipated

and provided for. The Canadian Finance Minister is a man of wide perception. He knew that in consequence of the pending depression there must be a temporary decline in the revenue. The prospect of the greatest harvest in the history of the country has had the effect of maintaining confidence, however, and there is a cheering prospect that before the end of the year the tide of trade and commerce will be running stronger than ever.

A REFORM DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN

There is a quiet but deep feeling throughout the country that law reform is necessary, but it is a reform which will be slow in coming, for reasons that are easily comprehended. The Toronto Star says: The editor of the Canadian Magazine takes the pessimistic view that there can be no real law reform because the spirit or genius of law will always remain. Now this would seem to us to be the very reason why law reform ought to be easy. What we need is to release the spirit of the law from its present encumbrances which create the maze in which lawyers delight to lose their clients—and to charge a ransom to guide them out again. Law is a good, a necessary thing. But there is every reason why the law should be written in the language of the people. Yet our laws might as well, in many cases, be written in Latin, as be written in the involved manner now obtaining, and be further confused by the necessity of interpretation in accordance with previous judicial decisions. "What the law needs chiefly is simplification. Procedure is in need of the same process of pruning. There ought to be a place where two people, who disagree as the meaning of a contract or a bargain or any other document, could go quietly by themselves, and get it interpreted without either of them having to go to the trouble or expense of engaging a lawyer; and the custom of thus appearing for one's self should be so common that it would excite no remark. The laws which affect us in the ordinary walks of life ought to be easily got at and understood by the average citizen without the intervention of an expert. Nor should it be possible for a wealthy corporation to practically lift justice out of the reach of the poor sutor by a succession of appeals. "A commission of traders, workmen, farmers and every-day litigants would make the best law reformers."

DEFERRED ELECTIONS.

Our morning contemporary wants to know what Conservative newspaper admitted that Duncan Ross, M. P. for Yale-Cariboo, would have the prestige of a Liberal victory to aid him in his contest against Mr. Burrill. They all admitted it by conceding that a deferred election would be in favor of Mr. Ross. It is apparent that if a constituency would be influenced in its course by the success of either party, the candidate of the successful party would have the better chance in such a constituency. Does the Colonist seriously contend that if there were not a deep conviction in the mind of a Conservative newspaper such as the Vancouver Province that the Liberal Party will be victorious at the next general election it would vehemently protest against the day of polling in Yale-Cariboo being set for a date later than polling day in the country at large? And, a part of this custom of having elections in constituencies remote, sparsely settled, of great area, with infrequent means of communication, and therefore with settled portions which cannot be reached for days, has it not prevailed from the day of the foundation of our political system? Is it not the custom yet in some portions of Canada outside of British Columbia? Is it not prevalent in provinces which are governed by Conservative administrations? In some cases in order to give those entitled to vote an opportunity to intelligently consider the situation and to cast their ballots? One thing is certain, the present government of the Dominion desires nothing more than that the electorate of every constituency shall have a fair and full opportunity to express its political opinions through the ballot box. If the fact can be established that, considering the convenience and having regard to the rights of the electors of Yale-Cariboo, the elections in that widely-scattered constituency can be held upon the same day as the elections in other constituencies, the elections will be so held. If the various polling divisions cannot be reached by returning officers in time to comply with the usual formalities, the elections will be deferred. The rights of citizens of the country entitled to the franchise should be the first consideration of any government.

The Ottawa Free Press says Conservatives who have been anticipating substantial defections from the Liberal ranks in Quebec at the next federal elections will not gain much comfort from the editorial opinion of La Patrie, which says: "We are convinced that Sir Wilfrid Laurier can wait the verdict with confidence." La Patrie was counted upon to oppose the government in the coming campaign. It was the property of the Hon. J. Israel Tarte, and is now conducted by his sons, who are supposed to sympathize with Mr. Bourassa.

HENRIETTE ON REEF YESTERDAY

FIFTY HORSES WERE FORCED OVERBOARD

Freighter Grounded Near Nanaimo, but Floated Practically Undamaged.

(From Monday's Daily.) Bound from Vancouver to Prince Rupert with a cargo of freight for the G. T. P. contractors, the McKenzie steamship Henriette, Capt. Butler, went ashore on a mud bank off Protection Island, in the vicinity of Nanaimo, half an hour after midnight on Sunday morning. In backing off the mud the stern of the freighter swung round and grounded on a submerged reef, where the Henriette lay until high tide last night, when, after some of her cargo had been jettisoned, she floated practically undamaged. The Henriette coaled at Ladysmith and proceeded on Saturday night. She had loaded a fair cargo of supplies for the G. T. P. contractors, Foley, Welch and Stewart, and, in addition to railroad materials, had about 50 horses aboard for the same firm. The night was clear and bright, which leaves the cause of the mishap entirely to speculation at the present time. Twenty-five minutes before the Henriette struck her bows into a bank of mud off Protection Island. Her engines were immediately reversed, and she slowly freed herself from the obstruction only to run stern first on a reef which held her firmly. It was within an hour of high water when the steamship struck, and as all efforts to release her during the night proved useless, it was decided to jettison some of her cargo yesterday. The horses were first to go overboard. Near the stern of the vessel on the starboard side was an uncovered reef which would serve as temporary refuge for the poor animals, and so they were hurried overboard in the hope that most, if not all, would reach it. In spite of the care that was taken several of the horses, a special dispatch to the Times places the number at 20, were killed and the horses were badly cut by barnacles and one of them was shot, having broken a foreleg in getting clear of the steamship. Launches and small craft from Nanaimo and Newcastle put the horses overboard and drove off the reef and towed, urged or floated by various ways and means to the latter town. In view of the calmness of the weather and the coming of an exceptional high tide last night it was not thought necessary to employ the services of the local salvage company. The Henriette has continued on her voyage.

LAST WEEK IN MINES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Ore Shipments and Smelter Receipts Maintain Good Average.

Nelson July 11.—The following were the ore shipments from the mines and the receipts at the smelters of the districts of southeastern British Columbia for the past week and year to date:

Table with columns: Mine, Week, Year. Rows include St. Eugene, Grand Forks, Boundary Falls, North Star, Le Roi No. 2, Other mines, Total, Roseland, East of Columbia River, Smelter Receipts, Smelter, Week, Year.

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BLACK WATCH The Name of Black Watch On a Tag on a Plug of Black Chewing Tobacco Stands for Quality.

FORTY DAYS IN ICE OFF NOME

STEAMSHIP OHIO IS AT LAST IN PORT

Longest Imprisonment in Fleet Yet Recorded—Passengers Eat Freight.

(From Monday's Daily.) Ending over one month's stay among the icebergs off the Bering sea, during which time her passengers chafed under their enforced delay and vented their feelings in upbraiding Capt. Conrad, the steamship Ohio, of the White Star Company, safely reached Nome, at 3:20 a. m. on Saturday. Owing to the telegraph wires from Nome being in a defective condition news of the vessel's arrival was not received here until Saturday night. The passengers on the Ohio are all well and the steamship is only slightly damaged. Most of the ship's stores were exhausted during the last few days and several shipments of meat, fruit and general provisions were served out to the 550 hungry passengers aboard. Capt. Conrad has received the appellation "Nash of the Ark," which, whether deserved or not, will cause his steamship's long incarceration in the ice, the longest on record, to live in marine history from Alaska to San Diego. The report that the Ohio was safe at Dutch harbor, received some time ago and published in this paper, is confirmed by the news that the Ohio ran short of coal and put into the Ounak Alaska port, 880 miles from Nome, for fuel. The Ohio got within thirty-five miles of Nome but Capt. Conrad, evidently anxious to obey orders, would not take any coal and drifted southward while smaller and trawler vessels bucked their way through the ice to port. The Ohio came to port conveyed by United States revenue cutters Theriot and McCullough, the commanders of which received orders to pick her up and pilot her to Nome. As far as can be learned no public explanations of the Ohio's delay, which has caused the several concerns interested and most of the passengers delayed a loss of many thousands of dollars, has been given.

TERRIFIC HAILSTORM.

Considerable Property is Destroyed in Arizona Town. Phoenix, Ariz., July 12.—A terrific wind, rain, and hailstorm last night swept the town of Tempe, eight miles from here. No loss of life is reported, but considerable destruction of property resulted. Large hailstones covered the ground while the thermometer registered 100 degrees.

IMMEDIATE START ON WORK AT YMIR

New Finds at Mine Lead to Large Sum Being Appropriated. Nelson, July 11.—It was good news to the mining men of Nelson when it was heard that good strikes of ore had been made earlier this spring upon that well known property, the Ymir mine. It is better news that the manager has received instructions from London to go ahead with a scheme of development which will cost when completed, that is to say at the beginning of the year to come, some \$30,000.

The manager of the mine in reporting the new finds to his company and the development that had been made since early last month declared that in his opinion the time had arrived, so good was the showing, although the broken area had not as yet been cleared. When a proper system of development would be advantageous and profitable. This system of development and improvement he presented in great detail but it may be summarized thus: On development of the property, \$18,500; on repairs and general repairs, \$300; on repairs to the mill and water power, \$6,000, leaving \$2,500 for contingents. Soon after the plan has been fairly started the manager expects that he will be able to start milling and thus begin the sale of the ore. The Ymir mine is the sale of ore across in development work. At the end of that period, set by himself at six months, he is confident that the mine will, in all probability, be in a position to yield regular profits. Crushing at first will only be undertaken with about 20 stamps. This stage should be reached within the next two months. By the end of the year the mine should be milling at the capacity of 40 stamps falling daily. When it is remembered that the Ymir mine, not so very long ago, was employing close on 300 men at the mine and mill combined the importance of the work already accomplished and the importance of that now undertaken will be fully appreciated. The Ymir mine has a large body of ore which faulted and operations for the time being came to an end. It is understood that now the lead has been completely recovered. All that remains to be done is to put in the necessary development so that the recovered vein may be worked on a sufficiently large scale to produce profits. The starting into new life of this property will give a new impetus to the mining industry in the districts south of the city and will of course greatly benefit Nelson, which is the centre of distribution and as the point where much of the supplies and machinery wanted can be obtained.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniels and son, of this city, returned from the West Coast by the steamer Teas to-day. Mr. Daniels left Vancouver on his trip to break the news of the death of his son, who was drowned at North Bend a week ago. Mrs. Daniels is now being making a summer stay at Sydney Inlet.

Big Sale of Women's Silk Suits and Coats

A CLEARANCE OF ALL SILK GARMENTS AT GREAT REDUCTIONS. Busy days again this week in the Women's Wearing Apparel Section. We are clearing out our stock of Pongee and Black Silk Coats and all Silk Shirt Waists Suits. This should be interesting news as we are reducing the prices on garments that can be worn and will be needed for the next three months.

Pongee and Black Silk Coats \$35.00 TO \$45.00 SILK COATS FOR \$18.75. Women's Silk Shirt Waist Suits \$18.50 AND \$20.00 FOR \$11.75. \$23.50 AND \$25.00 FOR \$14.50. \$32.50 AND \$35.00 FOR \$18.75. \$18.50 AND \$20 SILK SUITS FOR \$11.75. WOMEN'S SILK SUITS, shirt-waist styles, in all colors in plain, also some fancy styles. These garments are made of good quality silk and prettily trimmed and finished. Regular prices \$18.50 and \$20.00, for \$11.75. \$23.50 AND \$25.00 SUITS, FOR \$14.50. SILK SHIRT-WAIST SUITS, in blue, brown, champagne and black, also fancy checks and plain shades in natural color Pongee. Blouses are neatly made and trimmed with tucks and insertion, the skirts are the new circular cuts and are finished with wide bias fold. Some beautiful garments in this lot. Regular prices \$23.50 and \$25.00, for \$14.50. \$32.50 TO \$35 SILK SUITS FOR \$18.75. The very best lines we carry are in this lot, made of the very best silks, in plain and fancy, all shades, and trimmed and finished in the best possible manner. Some of the suits are the shirt-waist style, while others are made up in the popular jumper effects, a choice selection. \$18.75. Reg. \$32.50 to \$35, for \$18.75.

July Sale Prices in the Hardware Section

Table with columns: Item, Price. Rows include HARD WOOD STEP LADDERS, GALVANIZED ATTACHMENTS, CLOTHES BRUSHES, ROLLING PINS, BUTTER SPADES, SLEEVE BOARDS, POTATO MASHERS, WOOD SALT BOXES, WOOD BREAD TRAYS, PONY WASH BOARDS, WOOD BREAD TRAYS, WOOD GLASS-LINED BUTTER DISHES.

DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

GOLD DISCOVERY AT CHILLIWACK RIVER. Big Rush Commences Up Baker Trail—Seattle Man Made Strike. CALL AT OUR WAREHOUSE 510 JOHNSON STREET. AND WE SHALL BE PLEASED TO SHOW OUR STOCK OF MACHINERY, IMPLEMENTS, BUGGIES, WAGONS, ETC. B. C. HARDWARE CO., LTD. Store Phone 82. Warehouse Phone 1611. COR. YATES AND BROAD STS. 510 JOHNSON ST.

Chilliwack, July 11.—What appears like the beginning of the second Klondike rush commenced on Saturday last and has continued steadily. The report of a rich gold find up about the head waters of the Chilliwack river and Skagit Creek has set men tumbling over themselves to be the first upon the ground and get the richest claims staked out for themselves. The beginning of the rush commenced last week by a few stray prospectors wandering up the Baker Trail. This excited no curiosity, but when parties of fourteen and seven and six, armed to the teeth and supplied with full mining and camp equipment, began pushing through without offering any explanation, curiosity ran high and it leaked out that a find of gold had been made and they were after their share of it. The same old story of a lost creek of rich placer being discovered has been revived. This time the discovery was made by a Seattle man, who returned with \$12,000 of panned gold and confided in a friend of the location, who in turn confided in his friend, and so on until professional men and laborers alike are stricken with the fever and the rush began from Seattle. It has been known for years that rich placer fields were up in that country, the old timers having evidence of it from the samples brought out from time to time. An old Siwash or half-breed Indian died with the secret of the location, and it was left for the Seattle man to find. The country hitherto had been considered almost inaccessible, and the story if it being ground sacred to the natives who shoot down on the spot anyone found trespassing upon their rights, has kept the most venturesome away from exploring the mountain fastness. Since the find the fever has been getting into the veins of the Chilliwack boys, Harry Mercer and Frank Haley striking the train the other morning on the hike for the new fields. This rush, if it continues, means much to the city, as all the traffic back and forth will have to be made this way, the way in from the American side being out of the question on account of the high altitude of the mountains. SOMENOS WEDDING. Mr. Jerrold de Launey Laurence and Miss Mae Springett are Married. Duncan, July 11.—One of the fashionable weddings of the season was that which took place at the Anglican church, Somenos, at high noon on Wednesday last, when Mae, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Springett, of Somenos, was united in the bonds of holy matrimony to Mr. Jerrold de Launey Laurence by the Rev. J. A. Leakey. Miss Springett entered the church which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion, on the arm of her father, who gave the bride away. The bride looked extremely sweet in a lovely gown of white organdie and insertion, with orange blossoms, and carried in her hand a beautiful shower bouquet as did also the bridesmaids, the three sisters of the bride, who were attired in extremely dainty dresses of blue mousseline. Mr. Biscoe, of Comox, supported the groom. After the ceremony at the church a large number of invited guests assembled at the residence of the bride's parents, Somenos lake, where the wedding breakfast was served, the usual fountains disposed of, and congratulations offered and received. The bride was the recipient of numerous and costly wedding presents, which betokened the popularity of the young couple amongst a large circle of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Laurence left on the evening train on their honeymoon which will be of several months duration, and will be spent in California and Honolulu, after which they will take up their residence in the Comox district. VANCOUVER BUILDING. Vancouver, July 11.—Building operations in the city continue to show the advances characteristic of Vancouver's growing period. Last week the total of building permits issued reached a total of nearly \$100,000, the exact sum falling only \$400 short of this amount. Chief among these was one issued to the Vancouver Construction Company for a concrete block on Westminster avenue to cost \$25,000 and one for a brick veneer building on Seymour street to cost \$16,000. Store and residential buildings complete the list. LADYSMITH CONSERVATIVES. Ladysmith, July 11.—Frank Shephard, of Nanaimo, was nominated at the Conservative convention at Ladysmith to-day to contest the federal constituency of Nanaimo against Ralph Smith, Liberal, and J. H. Hawthornthwaite, Socialist, at the next Dominion election.

Fine Food. It's preserving place orders at price. RED CURRIES, AP. The cheaper fruits, v. \$1.50 a. Cor. Yates and

OPENING OF OLYMPIC IMPOSING CER AT LON King and Queen suits in Running ming h London, July 13.— London awoke this as though the Eng was so kind to the in the year was 2,000 athletes asse Olympic games ho could be. The past tied weather, whic to the visitors who get in the best for sical exertions to next two weeks, y morning by a down threatened to spo the Stadium at "S temporary shelters, h erected to minimize storm, and the in Olympic games was ing to the program Shortly after 3 p. commenced to fill up including the Crow Crown Princess of children; the Crow Princess of Greece Duchess of Cornwall and Duchess of Argy Soon afterward the Guards played the announcing the ar ward, Queen Alex Victoria, with the been driven in stat Palace. As the Kin box a bugler gave leading from the e ments flew open marched out, head of their respective

With g pan, drafts op burns up big draft opened. The incoming energy of this ascends up the gas escapes in an automatic up the chimney. No nee All nicely s quickly and coming upst quires no w sold him f. London, Toront