

FIRST SOD FOR EXPOSITION

INAUGURATION OF WORK AT SEATTLE

Celebrated the Occasion-- Thousands Were Present at the Ceremony.

June 1.—Amid the blare of brass and the cheer of many thousands of spectators, the laying of the first sod of the great Alaskan Exposition of 1909, was today by its president, John Hillberg.

The ceremony was observed as a general one in Seattle. For the ceremony of visitors had come to the city from all parts of the state. Mr. Barrett, appointed by President Hillberg as his personal representative on the occasion, was the principal speaker.

Mr. Barrett, who is well known as president of the Inland Bureau of American Real Estate, in an especially impressive address, spoke for the entire city and his remarks were listened to by the vast crowd on the beach and the schooner.

The formal exercises on the beach were followed by a splendid parade through the main parade city. Mr. Barrett is to be seen from the Exposition and will be seen extensively during his stay in Seattle.

ADMITTED SUICIDE LATE LAST NIGHT

Miss Hatfield Shot Herself Her Sister's Home on King's Road.

From Saturday's Daily. Miss Adeline Hatfield, lived with her sister, Mrs. Davis, at 29 King's road, late last night.

It is supposed to have been due to a fit of melancholia. Miss Hatfield was admitted to the hospital, where she had a nervous attack.

The report of a revolver Mrs. Davis, who was living with her sister, Mrs. Davis, at 29 King's road, late last night.

MAY PAY THIS OVER MILLION CITY A VISIT FOR DEVELOPMENT

PRINCE FUSHIMI IS LIKELY TO BE HERE EXTENSIVE PLANS FOR CROW'S NEST MINES

Endeavor Being Made to Arrange His Itinerary so as to Include Victoria.

There is a likelihood that Prince Fushimi may pay a visit to Victoria and be entertained by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor at dinner on the evening of the 20th of June. Definite arrangements have not been made yet.

His Imperial Highness, General Prince Fushimi, will, according to the present arrangements, reach Vancouver early on the morning of June 20th. He was to proceed direct from there to Seattle, but it has been decided to include the visit to Victoria.



PRINCE FUSHIMI OF JAPAN. His Imperial Highness in centre with Baron Komura on extreme right of group.

hours on the 20th, and have the prince come to Victoria by the steamer Princess Victoria, and then proceed to Seattle that night to take the steamer Minnesota from that port the following day.

Nothing definite will be known concerning these alterations in the plans for a little time yet, but there is ground for believing that Victoria will be honored by a visit from His Imperial Highness at Quebec on June 7th, when a guard of honor will be supplied.

The military programme for the reception of His Imperial Highness, Gen. Prince Fushimi, has been issued. The prince will arrive at Quebec on June 8th, Montreal on June 9th, and another when he departs on the 10th. Ottawa will furnish a guard of honor when the prince arrives on the 15th, and when he departs on the 15th and Vancouver on the 15th and 20th, the days of his arrival and departure.

It is stated that it is the wish of both the Imperial and the Canadian governments that on the occasion of his visit all ceremonial observances are to be of a simple character.

TO DISMANTLE VLADIVOSTOK. Paris, May 31.—The Petit Parisien's St. Petersburg correspondent telegraphs that the Russian government has decided to dismantle the Vladivostok fortress.

CONDITIONS IN ATLIN. Mining Man From North Remarks Upon Victoria's Advancement.

Arthur Dick, a miner and prospector from Atlin, is staying at the Dominion hotel. Mr. Dick came down from Skagway on the Princess May to Vancouver on his last trip and is spending a few days in Victoria looking up old acquaintances before leaving for his home in Kootenay. It is his first visit to Victoria in eight years and he says that the appearance of the city has been greatly changed since his last sojourn here.

Mr. Dick, in company with some other prospectors, came out of Atlin over the ice to Skagway, leaving on the 17th inst. He states that the journey in dog sleighs was a particularly trying one and the ice was breaking up very fast.

STRIKE OF FRENCH SEAMEN SPREADS

TRANSPORTS MAY BE PRESSED INTO SERVICE

Torpedo Boat Destroyers Have Steam Up in Order to Carry Mails.

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PROGRAMME FOR RACING MEET

THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOW COMPLETED

Driving Track in First-class Condition and Many Fast Horses Are Training.

The driving track at the exhibition grounds is now practically completed and there remains only a few finishing touches to make it second to none on the Pacific coast.

There are at the present time over thirty animals stabled at the grounds, and the number is increasing.

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