

Field Exercises By Land Forces

Annual Mobilization Manoeuvres By Regulars and the Militia.

Were Educational to Visitors in Regard to Topography of the Country.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Annual mobilization manoeuvres of the military forces stationed at Vancouver and Victoria—both regulars and militia—took place yesterday with every success achieved in what was aimed at.

Col. Grant very kindly accorded a Col. representative an interview yesterday afternoon on the conclusion of the evolutions; and he made it clear that the chief importance of the mobilization consisted in making the visiting companies familiar with the topography of the country surrounding Esquimalt and Victoria.

Between 700 and 800 men participated in the exercises—the Sixth Regiment, Duke of Connaught Rangers of Vancouver, under command of Major Boulton; Fifth Regiment, Victoria, under Col. Hall; Royal Engineers, under Lieut. G. E. Elliott; and the Royal Artillery, under Capt. McBurney.

On Sunday evening the Vancouver contingent arrived by train from Nanaimo, and encamped at Langford Plains, preparatory to the evolutions of yesterday morning. Road Hill was manned by the regular forces, and the former were to assist the latter in repelling an imaginary attack on the part of the Royal Engineers. Col. Grant explains that he had hopes that he would have been able to arrange for the navy to participate in the exercises, but failing to do so, he had to content himself in arranging a much simpler programme.

Various scouting parties had been thrown out to detect the approach of the invaders—made up of a force of 50 men—Capt. Hart McEarg, of the D. C. O. R., with a small force being stationed at the head of the head road, joining a reserve at that point in command of Lieut. Col. Grant. The latter, with a small contingent, held the Metochosin road, Goldstream road and the railway were held by a detachment under Lieut. Dunn. Col. Grant and staff directed operations from a point in the vicinity of the Colwood hotel.

The attacking forces split up into various detachments and approached Road Hill from different directions, the defenders reporting to headquarters as soon as the former were discovered, and receiving orders to adjust their positions as the constantly changing conditions eventuated as the manoeuvres proceeded.

At 2:30 p.m. the affair was concluded—much valuable information having been gained by the officers in respect to the various points in case of an actual required the defence of Road Hill against an invading foe.

Deadlock Over Market Building

City Council Divided Respecting Lease to Victoria Terminal Company.

Judges Award For Carnegie Building Adopted and Work to be Hurdled.

(From Thursday's Daily.) A large number of important matters were considered by the City Council at its regular weekly meeting last evening, there being a full board present, and the session being continued to a late hour.

An invitation from the Vancouver City Council to attend the Dominion Day celebration was accepted by the Mayor, voting against the lease, and five aldermen approving of the grantings of the lease.

The city solicitor was instructed to take the city barrister's written opinion in relation to the questions at issue between the city and the Victoria Terminal Railway, which was then taken up, it being as follows:

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The Mysterious Thibet Visited

A Russian Subject Spends a Year in Country Studying Life of the People.

Will Publish a Book Revealing Secrets of Monasteries and Temple of Buddha.

St. Petersburg, June 22.—In view of the recent unsuccessful attempt of Sven Hedin and Co. to penetrate into the heart of Thibet, interest in which has been added by the recent departure from New York of Oscar Reischauer, an American, on the same mission, it has just become known that a Russian subject, G. Zoubkov, has recently resided quietly at Lhasa and visited the sacred monasteries of that mysterious country.

The frontiers of Thibet, which were closed to European travelers after the late invasion of Russia, have now been expelled from Lhasa in 1894, have not been hermetically sealed against a certain number of Russian subjects, namely the Buddhist priests of the Baikal region. The tourists are a talented and experienced party, headed by Al. Zoubkov's observations as would be the case were he a European. His stay lasted over a year.

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GARDEN FETE AT METCHOSIN

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SUICIDED AT THE YREKA MINE

Martin Griffiths Well Known Coast Prospector, Takes His Life With a Rifle.

News was brought by the steamer Danube, which arrived on Sunday, of a suicide at the Yreka mine, on Quatsino Sound. Passengers who came on board from Coal Harbor to Hardy Bay, and connected with the Coast steamer at Hardy Bay, brought news that Martin Griffiths, a well known prospector, who has been in the Yreka mine for some time, had taken his own life.

Griffiths is said to have borrowed a rifle from Robert Connors, a miner employed at the Yreka mine, whom he told that he was going shooting. It is customary for prospectors and others staying at the camp to go at times up the mountain sides of Constock mountain, which the well known West Coast mine is located, on shooting expeditions, and Connors thought nothing of the request.

He loaned the rifle to Griffiths, who walked from the bunkhouse, a hundred yards away, after receiving the rifle, to the store of the Yreka Mining Company, on the waterfront of Quatsino Sound, and deliberately shot himself.

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