

MANAIMO HONORS

MR. RALPH SMITH

BANQUET TENDERED TO THE LATE MEMBER

Upon Eve of Departure for Vancouver Where He Will Reside

Citizens of all political creeds gathered in the dining parlors of the Nanaimo hotel last night to do honor to Mr. Ralph Smith, late member for Nanaimo district in the House of Commons, who together with Mrs. Smith is leaving that city in a few days to take up his residence in Vancouver.

That all present forgot their political differences in doing honor to the guest of the evening was quite evident, each speaker paying a tribute to the honesty of purpose and worthiness of his remarks who at the close of his remarks was greeted with tumultuous applause. It was a representative gathering of Nanaimo's citizens that sat around the festive board. Men in every department of the city's business affairs and walk in life expressed regret at Mr. Smith's departure from Nanaimo and the sentiment was oft expressed "that what was Nanaimo's loss was Vancouver's gain."

The toast to Mr. Smith was proposed by Mayor Planta who paid a high tribute to the late member and Mrs. Smith whose absence will create a gap in Nanaimo that will be difficult to fill. In the course of his reply Mr. Smith said: "My friend Dr. Reynolds and I have been in reply to the toast 'The Dominion of Canada' because of the greatness of that subject, and my friend Mr. Stockett had hesitancy in attempting to describe the greatness of the country and to say I would rather choose either of those subjects than hold the position I am placed in to-night. I would rather have made a political speech. I always had like a man to speak against you and have expressed here to-night the composition of this audience means much to myself and wife."

Party politics is an important thing in the interests of a citizen and of the country are a greater thing, and the honor of having the good will of a community greater than having the loyal attachment of any political party. However often you departed from my opinions (and I always depart from yours wrong) there was never a time in my political career that I did not think you had a right to those opinions. When I was young I studied the philosophy of liberty laid down by John Stuart Mills, a small book but of great significance. In that book I remember one sentence that I always tried to practice and that sentence was this: 'Every man has a right to do what he thinks is right so long as in doing this he does not interfere with the rights of others.' I have always tried to live up to that principle. No man has a right to say or write a word at any time derogating to the character of another, or detracting from the honor of another man. 'Who steals my purse steals trash,' said one and Solomon said: 'A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and a man's character is valuable to him. A man has no right to enter public life without expecting criticism, and being prepared to accept the verdict of his fellow-citizens. The man is not big enough to stay in public life who would exercise hostility because the verdict went against him. That was the way I took the verdict on Sept. 21st and when I leave Nanaimo I leave it without a single hard feeling against any man, for I accord to every man the right to exercise his opinion according to the dictates of his own conscience. I will be frank with you when I say the motive which prompted me to leave Nanaimo was a domestic one, the decision to move to Vancouver and make a home for my boys already residing there, and I feel sure you will agree with me that is a good motive. The second reason was that I thought I could make my way in Vancouver the same as hundreds of other men have done, for not detracting from the possibilities and importance of Nanaimo, I feel there is a wider scope in Vancouver, and so for these two reasons I came to the decision the best thing to do was to move to that city. I have good reasons to always remember Nanaimo. I came here twenty years ago in search of health and with the intention, like many others from the Old Country, to make my fortune and return home in five years. I cannot forget the fact that for two years I was a dying man, came to Nanaimo and found that treasure, health, and I think I would be ungrateful if I did not remember that fact, and I will always remember Nanaimo because I have a native son, my youngest boy born in this city; those are tremendous reasons why I can never forget Nanaimo. There is a third reason why I shall always remember this city. No public man in Nanaimo, with all due respect to those who have held public office the years gone by, obtained the support and retained the confidence of this community for anything like the same period as myself. For fifteen years the people of this district gave me their support, and although they disputed me and differed with me, the meeting to-night shows that while they disputed my doctrine they have no fault to find with the man. Whenever he had gone as provincial member to Victoria, he had always remembered Nanaimo. When he sat in parliament at Ottawa he had always represented the views that he thought were the views of the citizens of Nanaimo. When he

LINEMAN BLOWN FROM TOP OF POLE

Instantly Killed During Storm at Los Angeles—Heavy Property Loss

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 8.—One man was killed, the lives of many others menaced and much damage done to property in a windstorm, which began here about midnight last night and continued to-day. C. B. Jackson, a lineman, was blown from the top of a sixty-foot pole while repairing damage done by the wind to electric light wires and instantly killed. The wires had blown a flagpole across the wires, breaking them and causing a section of the city to be in darkness for three hours. Lives of many other persons were endangered by falling signs, electric light and power companies suffered by broken wires and much minor damage was done generally by the breaking of limbs from trees.

MOROCCAN QUESTION

Madrid, Dec. 8.—Negotiations between the governments of Spain and France regarding the Moroccan question were light and power companies suffered by broken wires and much minor damage was done generally by the breaking of limbs from trees. Davenport's first woman juror, Mrs. Ida Knapp, a widow, prominent in Davenport, Wash., and an ardent suffragette, sat upon a civil case yesterday. When recesses were taken Mrs. Knapp busied herself with knitting, while her co-jurors smoked in the jury-room. The total sugar crop of the island of Cuba up to September 30, 1911, was reported as 1,603,371 tons.

LEGISLATURE TO MEET JANUARY 11

IMPORTANT MEASURES TO BE LOOKED FOR

Redistribution Bill Likely—Forest Control and Taxation Amendment

The legislature is called for the despatch of business on Thursday, January 11, when the third session of the Twelfth Legislature of British Columbia will begin. So far as can be foreseen now the session will be about the usual length and will be marked by some important legislation. It is generally expected that the government will put through a redistribution bill, which is always due after the taking of the decennial census by the Dominion. This will be a bill calling for a good deal of discussion, especially from the opposition, as it is certain to be pretty much of a gerrymander. But even government supporters are not always pleased at the boundaries fixed for them, and whatever the redistribution which the attorney-general, as master of administration, decides upon it is bound to leave room for objection from Conservatives as well as the Liberal and Socialist opposition members.

The government will certainly be expected at this session to introduce legislation to carry out the recommendations of the commission consisting of F. J. Fulton, K. C., A. C. Plummer and A. S. Goodeve, M. P., which went very patiently and thoroughly into the whole question of the forest resources of this province and the means necessary for their conservation. The report was presented to the House last session, but action was delayed on it, all that was done being the increasing of the dangers of the forest. The tax commission is likely to hand in its report any day now, and if the minister of finance has his way whatever it may recommend in the way of amendment or addition to the taxing powers will be embodied in a bill and put on the statute books at once. There is not thought to be anything radical in the way of change likely but there will probably be some important amendments suggested, and it would not surprise Liberals, who remember how their policies have been adopted in the past, if the commission recommends some of their taxation proposals be embodied in new schemes. There does not seem to be a heavy budget of private legislation for the session, the Gazette containing few notices of intended applications to parliament.

The Victoria Harbor Railway company, which has been one of the first companies to secure incorporation by the free trade in railways provisions of the Railway Act passed last session, has had its capital fixed by the minister of railways in the manner set by the act. In the current issue of the Gazette the issuance of the minister's certificate is announced, fixing the aggregate amount of share capital at one million dollars, in ten thousand shares of the par value of one hundred dollars each. The company gives notice through its solicitors, Robertson and Helsterman, of its intention to apply to the legislature at the coming session for an act granting it an extension of time "within which to commence and continuously and effectually proceed with the construction of its railway, and also an extension of time within which to spend fifteen per cent. of its authorized capital upon the construction of its railway."

The city of Victoria will ask for the validation of half a dozen money by-laws and all the local improvement assessment by-laws, while Vancouver has the customary shoal of charter amendments, including one to permit the adoption of the commission form of government, which the rate-payers have voted in favor of. Mexico City, Dec. 8.—Further mystery regarding the movements of General Reyes has been created by a news report that he had passed through St. Louis, but the belief is still held that he is in the vicinity of Brownsville, as was reported by a secret agent of the interior department. Uprisings are reported from San Martin, in the state of Tlaxcala, and also in the neighborhood of Tehuacan in the state of Puebla, as well as on the southern border of Zacatecas. To all of these disturbances the military authorities are paying little attention. The situation in Yucatan is said to have improved. Steamer Searched. New Orleans, La., Dec. 8.—Soon after the steamer Burstan had received clearance papers to-day for Frontera, Mex., agents of the United States commissioners and secret service men went alongside in a launch and made a thorough search for evidence of a filibustering expedition to Mexico. Sailors Mutiny. Mexico City, Dec. 8.—A dispatch received to-day at the department of communications reports the mutiny of the crew of the Melchor Ocampo, a lighthouse tender stationed at Mujeres Island, off the east coast of Yucatan. The men are said to have placed themselves and the little steamer at the service of the insurgents. Davenport's first woman juror, Mrs. Ida Knapp, a widow, prominent in Davenport, Wash., and an ardent suffragette, sat upon a civil case yesterday. When recesses were taken Mrs. Knapp busied herself with knitting, while her co-jurors smoked in the jury-room. The total sugar crop of the island of Cuba up to September 30, 1911, was reported as 1,603,371 tons.



A SUGGESTION Why should not the city and tramway company get together and solve the mud question in this way?

OPENS CAMPAIGN AGAINST HOME RULE

Bonar Law Says Unionists Will Oppose Proposal to Last Gasp

London, Dec. 8.—At the opening at Bootle, Lancashire, last night, of the Unionists' campaign against Home Rule, the opposition leader, Andrew Bonar Law, stated his party had determined to fight the proposal to the last gasp. Many persons, he said, favored Home Rule because they were tired of the Irish problem and wanted it out of the way.

THE McNAMARAS ARE CONDEMNED

FEDERATION OF LABOR ISSUES STATEMENT

Members of Committee Declare They Court the Full-est Investigation Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—Branding James B. and John J. McNamara as "rebreat to the good name and high ideals of labor," and expressing the satisfaction of organized labor that the "culpits have been commensurately punished for their crimes," the McNamara ways and means committee of the American Federation of Labor, after a two days' conference, issued a statement late yesterday, vigorously condemning the McNamaras for their "inhumanity," and declaring that organized labor should not be held "either legally or morally responsible for the crimes of an individual member." The labor leaders assert that they "will welcome any investigation which either federal or state courts may undertake." The statement is signed by every member of the McNamara committee, except F. M. Ryan, president of the International Brotherhood of Structural Iron Workers' Association, of which J. J. McNamara was secretary-treasurer. Mr. Ryan returned to Indianapolis yesterday. "Had he remained, however," said President Gompers, "positively, 'I am sure Mr. Ryan would have added his name. He was called back to Indianapolis by pressure of business. He did not see the statement,' but I am sure he is in hearty accord with its sentiments." As to their connection with the crime with the McNamaras, the committee in their statement assert: "We, here and now, individually and collectively, declare that the first intimation of their guilt was conveyed by the press in their confessions of guilt." The statement says: "And yet it is an awful commentary on existing conditions when one man among all the millions of workers can bring himself to the frame of mind that the only means to secure justice for labor is in violence, 'outrage and murder'."

MORE UPRISINGS REPORTED IN MEXICO

Military Authorities Pay Little Attention to Movement—Sailors Join Insurrectos

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OVER 150 RUSSIAN WORKMEN PERISH

Lose Lives When Ice Carries Away Bridge on Which They Were Working

St. Petersburg, Dec. 8.—Between 150 and 200 workmen were to-day plunged into the Volga river through the collapse of a railroad bridge near Kazan. The bridge, which was in course of construction, was carried away by the pressure of ice. Only four corpses thus far have been recovered.

THREE MEN SHOT DOWN FROM AMBUSH

One Killed and Two Wounded—Called to Railway Yard by False Message

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 8.—Investigation into the shooting near the Nonconiah yards of the Illinois Central Railroad early to-day by which one man lost his life and two were seriously wounded, is now on here. The victims of the shooting were Victor C. Benner, a railroad guard, who was instantly killed as he rode on the running board of a switch engine, and Captain G. W. Dillman, a deputy marshal and Charles McCallan, another guard. The latter two were badly injured and it is believed they will not recover. Guards were called to the railroad yards to suppress a reported riot. At the outskirts of the yards the guards were fired upon. They opened fire, but their assailants had escaped. Proceeding into the yard the officers found there had been no rioting. The United States marshal is attempting to determine who sent the decoy message. A strike of railroad shopmen is still under way here.

SHILOH LEADER INDICTED

Charges Against Rev. F. W. Sanford in Connection With Death of Six of Followers.

Portland, Me., Dec. 8.—An indictment, containing six counts, for death of six of his followers on the cruise of the yacht Coronet was reported to-day by the grand jury of the United States district court against Rev. Frank W. Sanford, leader of the Holy Ghost and Us Society. The trial of the Shiloh leader was begun immediately.

NEW AEROPLANE RECORD.

Johannesthal, Germany, Dec. 8.—A new endurance record for an aeroplane flight with passengers, was achieved to-day by Herr Suvvelack, the well-known aviator, who succeeded in staying in the air for 4 hours 32 minutes. The previous record was held by Herr Von Illner, who accomplished a flight with a passenger lasting 2 hours 10 minutes 55 seconds.

G. T. P. WILL RUSH CONSTRUCTION WORK

CONTRACTORS PREPARE FOR BUSY SEASON

Tete Jaune Cache—Aldermere Section to Be Completed Without Delay

Vancouver, Dec. 8.—There will be an era of unprecedented activity in railway construction circles next year, as the management of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway has intimated to Messrs. Foley, Welch & Stewart its desire that the uncompleted 415-mile gap between Tete Jaune Cache, 40 miles west of Yellowhead Pass, and Aldermere in Bulkley Valley, be completed without any delay. Owing to the departure for Paris of J. W. Stewart, the managing director of Pat Welch, a partner in the firm, has gone to Edmonton and Winnipeg on business in connection with the award of sub-contracts for the eastern half of the work. It is understood that the sub-contract for the western portion of the gap will be awarded to various sub-contractors who were now engaged on the line east of Hazelton. Messrs. Foley, Welch & Stewart last fall were given the contract for the entire unfinished gap. They have gangs in the field clearing right-of-way from both ends. The firm is also building the stern-wheel steamboats at Tete Jaune Cache for the purpose of distributing material and supplies along the route between that point and Fort George. The south fork of the Fraser has been demonstrated to be navigable from the end of April until October. The two boats will be launched next spring.

TO ABANDON TURBINES.

Engines Said Not to Meet Requirements of United States Battleships.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—After comparative tests on a number of vessels the navy department has decided to abandon the turbine type of engines for battleships and to substitute the reciprocating engines—this despite the fact that virtually all other nations have adopted the turbine engine. Rear Admiral H. I. Cone, chief of the bureau of steam engineering, who conducted the tests, says it was about 30 per cent more economical. The battleships Delaware and North Dakota, now being built, will be equipped with them. Admiral Cone adds, however, that the new turbines, as installed in the fast cruisers and scouts have materialized the speed at which these vessels have been safely and continuously driven.

J. A. McCROSSAN DEAD.

Vancouver, Dec. 8.—J. A. McCrossan, city electrician for many years, died this morning at the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCrossan, 759 Bute street. The late Mr. McCrossan had just been given four months' leave of absence by the city council owing to ill-health, and intended to go to California, but unfortunately his condition became so serious that he was practically confined to his bed until his death. The deceased was born on January 4, 1868, in Chatham, Ont. He married Miss Anna Ingram, who died a year and a half ago. He was a brother of G. E. McCrossan, a well-known lawyer, and brother-in-law of Dr. A. S. Monroe, physician.

THREE CHILDREN DROWNED.

San Mateo, Cal., Dec. 8.—Three small children, John Issard, 9; Irwin Daniels, 8; and Marguerite McLennan, 8, were drowned here yesterday when a raft capsized on which they were playing in a pond.

VIOLATED THE LORD'S DAY ACT

Two Men Fined at New Westminster for Keeping Stores Open on Sunday

New Westminster, Dec. 8.—Two merchants, a Greek named Joseph Mellon, and a Chinaman, Sin Kee, were each fined \$20 and costs by Police Magistrate Edmonds for violating the Lord's Day Act in regard to the closing of stores on Sunday. Both men pleaded guilty and promised to obey the law in the future. They were warned that a repetition of the offence would mean the imposition of the maximum penalty, \$40 and costs. The prosecutions are the first of the kind in this city. Until recently the police were unable to prosecute in such cases under the city bylaws. A short time ago, however, application was made to the attorney-general for permission to take action in such cases under the Lord's Day Act, and permission was granted on condition that the circumstances in connection with each case be placed before the attorney-general's department.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Houqum, Wash., Dec. 8.—While her mother was at a neighbor's home, a few steps away yesterday afternoon, making arrangements for the child's care during the evening, Lillian, 3 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, got matches and set fire to her clothing. She died shortly afterwards.

MAJORITY WITNESSES ARE SUMMONED

GRAND JURY CONTINUES WORK AT LOS ANGELES

Inquiry Into Dynamiting Cases May Last for More Than Week

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 8.—With United States deputy marshals searching for 123 witnesses subpoenaed to appear before the federal grand jury, that body's second day of investigation into the sources of an alleged nationwide dynamite conspiracy was taken up here to-day. Ortle E. McManigal, who has confessed many of these dynamitings, occupied the entire time of that body yesterday in telling his story. He was taken back to the county jail a little before the usual time for adjournment and may be recalled to-day. "I've got hundreds of thousands of dollars and the American Federation of Labor back of me. It only took \$30,000 to clear Vincent Altman of Chicago, and if they could not convict him they can't convict me."

This boast, attributed yesterday by Detective Malcolm McLaren to James B. McNamara as the latter was being taken on a train from Detroit to Chicago on the night of April 12 last, caused Ortle E. McManigal, then also under arrest, to become angered with McNamara for his indiscreet announcement and was the first circumstance that led McManigal to break with his companion and eventually to confess his crimes. McManigal's real confession had been saved for the McNamara trial. The McNamaras were not brought before the federal grand jury, and it may be that McManigal's story will be regarded as sufficient, the other two being sent to San Quentin without further interrogation here.

That McManigal's story implicated other men in the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers became known through various sources. McManigal alleges that persons other than John J. McNamara, the secretary-treasurer, paid him for the twenty "jobs" of dynamiting since 1907. District Attorney Fredericks will recommend McManigal's discharge on account of signal service rendered. "McManigal never killed anybody; in fact he took good care never to endanger human life," remarked Assistant District Attorney Joseph Ford yesterday.

It was said to-day in all probability that indictments would be returned for a week, and perhaps for even a longer time. The whereabouts of some of the men, said to be sought as witnesses, are not definitely known and the list is so long as to render it likely that many days will elapse before all are heard. Information gathered here indicated that the scope of the Los Angeles inquiry is not entirely determined by the department of justice at Washington. In view of similar investigation in progress at Indianapolis, it is possible that the one here will be used to "clean up" the Pacific coast angles of the affair, leaving the wider range for the other. In this connection was recalled an interview of W. J. Burns, in which he said that the papers serving the territory between the Appalachian and the Rocky mountains would probably get news of the further arrests. There seemed to be no doubt to-day that prominent labor leaders on the coast would be called on to aid the investigators in their work.

That J. B. McNamara intended placing bombs at the home of General Otis, proprietor of the Los Angeles Times, and Felix Zeehandelaar, secretary of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, was the assertion made to-day by one of the state's detectives who worked on the case. When the McNamaras would go to San Quentin penitentiary was as much of a mystery to-day as at any time since sentence was pronounced. A report that they already had gone was denied by Sheriff Hammel, and on good authority it was learned that their commitment papers, without which they cannot be taken to the penitentiary, had not reached the sheriff's hands. Visits Philadelphia. New York, Dec. 8.—Detective W. J. Burns left to-day for Philadelphia after holding a conference here yesterday with Walter Drew, counsel for the National Erectors' Association. He will return to New York to-morrow to continue his investigation of local dynamiting cases.

SUFFRAGETTES IN WALL STREET.

New York, Dec. 8.—Suffragettes made another attempt yesterday to preach their doctrines on Wall street and this time were unopposed. Remembering the treatment received by a party under Mrs. Pankhurst, the English leader, which was hooted out of the financial district a week ago by several thousand messenger boys and brokers clerks, the suffragettes went attended by a strong guard of police. They were led by Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch, president of the Women's Political Union. A great crowd cheered the speakers.

LEAPS TO DEATH.

New York, Dec. 8.—In view of thousands of pedestrians, an unidentified man jumped to his death from the dome of the World building, 375 feet from the street. The name, "Alfred Denans D'Arliques, Paris," offered the only clue to his identity.

SOME SPECIES OF INSECTS ARE IN A STATE OF MATURITY THIRTY MINUTES AFTER BIRTH.

The moon is 238,000 miles away from the earth.