

EXPLOSION ON A BATTLESHIP

ACCIDENT ATTENDED WITH LOSS OF LIFE

Forty Four Members of Crew of Japanese Vessel Killed and Fatally Wounded.

Tokio, Sept. 17.—Forty-four men of the crew of the Japanese battleship Kashima were either killed or fatally injured in an explosion which occurred on that vessel yesterday at the port of Kure.

Firing practice was being conducted when an unexploded shell in one of the big guns suddenly blew up while the crew was maneuvering to extinguish it from the breach.

A number of bodies were blown into the sea and of the dead many were horribly mutilated, portions of their bodies being strewn over the ship.

The Kashima is an English-built ship. She was constructed on the Tyne, being one of the largest war vessels ever built there.

Wholesale Arrests. Warrants issued for apprehension of those involved in Pennsylvania Capitol Scandal.

Harrisburg, Sept. 18.—Warrants for the arrest of fourteen persons involved in the capitol scandal were issued today by two Harrisburg judges.

The arrests are based on the report made to Governor Stuart by the commission created by recent legislature to investigate the capitol scandal.

ROYAL CITY PLANS BIG CELEBRATION

Will Commemorate the Centenary of the Discovery of the Fraser River.

Vancouver, Sept. 18.—The citizens of New Westminster are planning the holding next year of a triple celebration all in one.

In 1882, the Royal Sappers and Miners sent out from the Old Country, were instructed to locate a city in the best available place in British Columbia.

It was in May, 1882, that Simon Fraser discovered the waters of the Fraser river. He crossed the continent from lower Canada.

Just what form the celebration will take has not yet been decided on. Mayor Kearney and members of the city council have briefly gone over the question and active interest will be taken in it when the provincial fair is ended about the middle of October.

ARRESTS ORDERED.

Coroner's Jury Held Engineer and Conductor Responsible for Railway Wreck.

Toronto, Sept. 18.—The coroner's jury investigating the recent wreck on the C. P. R. at Oakton in which seven people were killed and others injured, made its report to-day and directed the arrest of Engineer Hodge and Conductor Grimes.

ANOTHER CONFERENCE.

Prospects For Settlement of Japanese Immigration Question Are Improving.

Ottawa, Sept. 17.—Mr. Ishii, in company with the Japanese Consul-General Nosse, held a long interview with Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Sydney Fisher this afternoon in the premier's office.

PIONEER'S DEATH.

David Robson, Well Known in This Province, Passed Away Last Night.

Vancouver, Sept. 18.—David Robson, a brother of the former premier of the province, John Robson, and until two years ago government agent at New Westminster, died last night.

C. P. R. TO RELIEVE COAL SHORTAGE

Will Spend \$1,500,000 at Fernie in Opening up 4,000 Acres of Coal Area.

It looks as though the Canadian Pacific Railway Company is preparing to supply the shortage of coal and coke in the West in view of the alleged deficient output, and the alleged action of the largest producer, the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company.

The big transportation company has already expended a large amount in opening up its coal areas, nearly 4,000 acres in extent, at Fernie, eight miles north of Fernie, B. C.

Practically all the buildings in connection with the enterprise have been erected. Two cross-cut tunnels have already cut three seams of the Crow's Nest series, twenty, three and eleven feet in thickness respectively.

The original charter of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway Company, owned by the syndicate which subsequently developed the coal areas now controlled by the Crow's Nest Pass Company, it disposed of to the C. P. R.

The early expiration of the agreement has resulted in the railway company being in a position to mine the ship coal when the legal time limit shall have expired.

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A CHALLENGE TO THE OPPOSITION

Hon. Wm. Pugsley Invites Leader of Opposition to Make Public Election Expenses.

St. John, Sept. 17.—Hon. William Pugsley addressed a meeting at Fairville last night. He challenged R. L. Borden to make out a statement of the amount expended by the Conservative party in the election of 1904.

GATHERING EXPERIENCE.

Tokio Publisher on His Travels Through America and Europe.

Among the Japanese visitors who arrived on the Shinano Maru was a small party of gentlemen who are bent on a tour of combined business and pleasure through America and Europe.

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APPEAL EXPECTED.

Dominion Coal Company Will Endeavor to Reverse Recent Judgment.

Montreal, Sept. 17.—While no official statement was handed out to-day by the Dominion Coal Company, it was stated emphatically in the office of the company that an appeal would be taken against Judge Longley's decision in the coal and steel dispute.

ANOTHER CARGO OF JAP COOLIES

SHIMANO MARU LANDS MANY BROWN MEN

Two Stowaways Captured on Board--Vessel Had Difficulty in Making Outer Wharf

Nearly two hundred Japanese and twenty Chinese, of the coolie class, were landed at the outer wharf to-day from the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Shinano Maru.

Two stowaways were discovered aboard the steamer on route. Dr. Milne, medical inspector and immigration agent, sent the men to the city lock-up, and they will be kept under lock and key until the Shinano Maru leaves on her next outward voyage.

Owing to the very strong tide that was running in when the steamer first tried to make the wharf it was found impossible to bring her alongside and, after she had been brought almost to her berth and one line was on the dock, it was found necessary to back her out again.

The steamer, which was racing in, seemed dangerous for the C. P. R. steamer, she left the wharf and proceeded to the inner harbor berth. On the second attempt the Shinano Maru was brought neatly alongside and made fast, over an hour after she first touched the dock.

A STEAMER ON FIRE OFF CHINA

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The Tafoo Maru is still on fire. It is known many passengers and members of the crew are missing and it is estimated that one hundred lives have been lost.

MINES AS MEANS OF COAST DEFENCE

Question of Their Abolition or Further Restrictions Discussed at the Peace Conference.

The Hague, Sept. 17.—One of the stormiest sittings since the opening of the peace conference marked the discussion to-day by members of the committee on maritime warfare of the project concerning the laying of submarine mines, and it was again determined that whenever military interests are involved the rivalries of the powers preclude the finding of common grounds for agreement.

The leading note to-day was the antagonism between Great Britain and Germany. Great Britain, having the more powerful navy, wishes to abolish or limit to the utmost, the employment of mines, whilst the interests of Germany are in direct opposition to such a proposal.

Of course, the baron knew that this proposition would not be accepted, but nevertheless it created a deep impression.

Gen. Horace Porter, one of the American delegates, defended the American proposition, which prohibits the use of floating mines, and also of moored mines under certain circumstances.

For the same reason, General Porter was in favor of allowing mines, for the purpose of defence, to be placed 10 miles from the coast instead of three miles as proposed by Great Britain.

The debate had not been finished when the committee rose. The resolutions, entrusted with the solution of the question regarding the allotment of judges to the permanent court of arbitration has failed to find exercise of due patience till the great work in the presence of God, shall have been completed.

PROVED FATAL.

John McFarlane Who Was Burned While Lighting Fire Died Later.

Nesbit, Man, Sept. 17.—John McFarlane, who was burned in a coal oil explosion at his home while lighting a fire, died yesterday in great agony. His cries could be heard a mile away. Mrs. McFarlane and child are in a precarious condition. The son and a hired man escaped in their night clothes.

HAS JURISDICTION TO ISSUE ORDERS

Court of Appeal in Ontario Decides Point as to Railway Commissioner's Powers

Toronto, Sept. 17.—The court of appeal this morning gave judgment sustaining the city in its contention that the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific railways should construct the Yonge street bridge across their tracks at their own expense.

An appeal was heard before Judge Anglin, who decided in favor of the city.

The railways took the case to the court of appeal, which to-day decided that the railway commission had jurisdiction to issue orders.

SEEK DAMAGES.

Chinamen in Regina Take Proceedings Against Mayor and Policemen.

Regina, Sept. 17.—Writs have been issued against Mayor Smith and four policemen by fourteen Chinamen, who claim to have been illegally arrested at the time of the investigation into the recent poisoning case.

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MEETING WILL DEAL WITH BOULEVARDING

Aldermen to Discuss Petitions Against Proposed Work--New Fire Department By-Law.

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A RESOLUTION ON CHURCH UNION

Joint Committee Are Gratified With the Results in View of All Difficulties.

Toronto, Sept. 17.—The joint committee on church union concluded its labors last night, but will have to meet again next year. A resolution was passed to this effect: "The practical unanimity in the decision of the committee affords a fair prospect that in due time the matters in hand may be submitted by the various churches under their constitution and usages to their people and their courts for their consideration."

Another matter that will be dealt with to-morrow is the recently-amended fire department regulation by-law. It was decided by the council some time ago to consolidate all the by-laws dealing with fire prevention and regulation under one head, but this has not yet been done owing to difficulties in the way.

It is probable that the Mayor will again bring up the request of the Musical Society for a room in the library for rehearsals, which was discussed at a recent meeting.

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RAILWAY PLANS FOR THE ISLAND

C. P. R. MAY BUILD LINE TO NORTH END

Alberni Branch to Be Commenced at Once and Serve as Test of Business

Montreal, Sept. 17.—Robert Kerr, passenger traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway, just returned from a five weeks' tour over the company's western lines, announces to-day that the company will commence at once to build the line across Vancouver Island from Nanaimo to Alberni.

Should business of this line warrant it the road will also be built from one end to the other of Vancouver Island.

PRETTY CEREMONY.

Mr. P. G. Cudlip and Miss E. Cullin United in Wedding at St. Andrew's Church.

The bride was very becomingly gowned and carried a shower bouquet of bridal roses, and the bridesmaid looked charming. Many beautiful presents were received, including a handsome ornate clock from the staff of the government printing office, and a large piece of cut glass presented by the office staff of R. P. Rithet & Company, which with the groom is associated as traveller.

After the ceremony the bridal party enjoyed supper at the residence of the bride's parents, the tables being beautifully arranged for the occasion. After a brief honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Cudlip will take up their residence in Victoria.

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PRINTING PRESS HAS BEEN SEIZED

G. T. P. Harbor Engineer Took Possession of John Houston's Outfit at Prince Rupert.

Prince Rupert, Sept. 17.—James H. Bacon, G. T. P. harbor engineer here, took forcible possession of the printing press of the Empire, owned by John Houston, this forenoon.

Mr. Houston has checkmated this move by staking three mineral claims on the townsite of Prince Rupert, which entitles him to erect buildings and otherwise conduct business.

BRITISH IMMIGRANTS.

Salvation Army's Projects For the Spring--Many Coming to Coast.

Ottawa, Sept. 17.—Col. Lamb, of the Salvation Army, who has charge of the transportation of the Army's immigrants to Canada, had an interview this morning with Hon. Frank Oliver, Col. Lamb says that ten steamers have already been engaged to send immigrants to Canada in the spring, and he expects that before the season is over fully 25,000 will be sent.

RIOTS IN ITALY.

Rome, Sept. 17.—Agrarian troubles have broken out in southern Italy. The troops present are insufficient to cope with the rioters, who already have done much damage to property. There have been frequent conflicts, in which the soldiers have used their bayonets freely.

VETERAN CONDUCTOR.

Well Known Railway Employee Died in Toronto.

Toronto, Sept. 17.—Jas. Caeter, a well known G. T. R. conductor, died to-day at 71 years of age. He was in charge of the train that was wrecked in the famous Humber district on January 22, 1884, when twenty-nine men were killed. He escaped by jumping. He had been thirty-five years in the service of the G. T. R.

SHOOTING ACCIDENT.

C. P. R. Fireman Fatally Wounded While Hunting at Crane Lake.

Maplecreek, Sept. 17.—Harry Hursell, a fireman of the C. P. R., met with a serious accident while shooting at Crane Lake. Taking hold of the gun at the wrong end it went off and shot him through the arm. The arm was taken off by Dr. Dean on Sunday, and he died from the effects on Sunday night.

BODIES RECOVERED.

Quebec, Sept. 17.—Two more bodies were recovered here yesterday, and were identified as those of Jos. Deer, of Caughnawaga, and Harry Briggs, of New York, both victims of the recent explosion in the city. The former was found opposite Lewis, the latter was picked up at Beauport, about 15 miles below the bridge.

NEWSPAPER FOR CHINESE IN B. C.

Celestial Sheet to be Printed in Vancouver Will Have Initial Circulation of 5,000

If the plans now being talked about in the Chinese colony are brought to successful materialization, the Oriental people will have a daily newspaper to purvey intelligence in their communities within a very short time.

The proposal to undertake a more ambitious newspaper enterprise has apparently grown with the rapidly accumulating prestige of the Chinese in this province. Out of a mass of humbly held practically at the service of those whose interests were furthered in bringing them here, they have developed into powerful communities, have created their "monied men" within themselves, and have established their interests securely on the coast.

It is said that the newspaper enterprise will be executed by a committee selected from leading members of the Reform Association. The question of capital is supposed to have been already settled. But one point which is still undecided is whether the new paper shall begin its career as a daily or shall be issued only semi-weekly at first. The probabilities are that the sheet will quickly evolve into a daily paper, whether started as such or not.

It is said that a very large circulation is already assured for the Chinese paper. The number of subscribers would probably confound some of the census enumerators who have been placing estimates on the Chinese population of this province. The promoters of the scheme are figuring on quite a respectable circulation in Vancouver and Victoria, and are looking also to the large Chinese population that is spread all over the province, with a faint sprinkling extended into the central and eastern parts of Canada.

The exact date for the appearance of the new Chinese organ has not yet been fixed, but it is expected this month. It is said that the enterprise involves the purchase of the present weekly paper published in this city. The new paper is to be published in Vancouver.

JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES

President Roosevelt Shows Deep Interest in All Questions Affecting the Two Nations

Oyster Bay, Sept. 17.—That President Roosevelt is keenly interested in ascertaining the actual sentiments of the people of Japan toward the United States was shown to-day in the visit to Sagamore Hill of General Luke E. Wright, the retiring ambassador to Japan.

Mr. Wright later spoke of the president's endeavor to get information of this character at first hand. The report of conditions made to the president to-day by Mr. Wright was most optimistic, according to the account of the conversation detailed to the reporters by the retiring ambassador when he returned here to take the train for New York.

He said that the San Francisco school incident was the only thing that had disturbed the Japanese at home, and that the action of the American government in that matter had quieted all feeling which had developed as to the transfer of the battleship fleet to the Pacific.

Mr. Wright announced that recognizing the advantage to the United States in doing as it pleased with its navy, Japan felt no resentment. Americans were invading Japan, he said, rather than Japan invading the United States.

EULOGIZES NEW YORK.

Andrew Carnegie Compares British Cities With the American Centre of Population.

Glasgow, Sept. 18.—Andrew Carnegie yesterday aired a eulogium of municipal government of New York compared with the government of the British cities in a speech delivered at a luncheon after the laying of the cornerstone of Mitchell library. He said in part: "New York is held up before the world by her own yellow press as sunk in infamy with everything going to the bad and nothing creditable whatever. To one who gets away from New York for half the year and is able to look on her from a distance, there are three or four things that comfort him greatly. He compares New York with London and finds New York much in advance."

Mr. Carnegie contrasted New York's water supply with the assured future of one hundred gallons per head per day, instead of the seasonal supply of only 25 gallons per head per day in Europe, for \$8,000,000, with London's meagre supply which is still in the hands of private companies.

MAYOR VETOS ANOTHER PARADE

WILL TAKE NO CHANCES OF FURTHER RIOTING

Vancouver Exclusionists Will Not Demonstrate--To Put Period to Hindu Influx.

Vancouver, Sept. 18.—Mayor Bethune announced yesterday that any attempt on the part of the Asiatic Exclusion League to hold another parade or demonstration would be opposed by the civic authority to the fullest possible extent.

On Monday night the league held a meeting at which general plans were outlined for the holding, a couple of weeks hence, of another anti-Oriental parade. It was agreed by the league, in order to make the parade representative of Vancouver alone, that no further invitation to Seattle would be extended. It is expected that five thousand men are expected to be in this parade.

But the mayor declares absolutely that he will take no further chances with rioting. "We are at heart in favor of the objects of the exclusion league," said a high civic authority to-day, "but everything else at the present time, in the performance of that duty there is nothing plainer than that another parade would be most unwise at the present time. The city is beginning to be quieted down, and that is the way to keep them. The city has had trouble and expense enough from the last parade."

"Civic officials have already held a conference and notice will immediately be served on officers of the league that under no consideration will another parade be allowed."

No Demonstration. When later told of the view of the mayor, officials of the exclusion league declared that they would not press the matter, and that no parade will be held in the near future.

A delegation of Hindus yesterday called on Dr. Underhill, medical health officer, and informed him that \$8,000 had already been collected, amongst the seven hundred Chinese in the steamer Montague, for the purpose of constructing a temporary barracks in this city. This barracks will probably be made in the form of a Sikh temple. The leaders in this project are Port Moody Hindus, who have held several meetings to discuss the question.

The proposition to put an end to the immigration of their countrymen to British Columbia, it was stated that the men from the Punjab least had come here expecting to find work waiting for them and good wages just as soon as they landed.

LEAVES FOR OKLAHOMA

Lieutenant-Governor D. Superintend the Lay His New Ray

On his way to Okanogan he recently bought a tract of 1,000 acres, which he made one of the garden of Victoria. His Hon. Governor James Dunsmuir, Mrs. Dunsmuir and Mrs. Audain, left Victoria yesterday for Okanogan. The Okanogan is being made account.

The ranch bought by near Short's Point, on the lake, not far from Okanogan. His Hon. and Mrs. likely remain on the lake. During the trip, Mr. Wright, the retiring ambassador to Japan, reached Vancouver on one of the handsomest of the C. P. R., its appointment perfect.

OFFERS WHITE

Communication Received From Employment Agency

The impression has been to go abroad from this city was a sufficient scarcity warrant the admission of people now coming here. The mayor of Victoria receipt of a communication offer offering to bring a white cook, waiters, general help for mills and employment, to support the writer is John Ray of the Bay State Detachment. Mr. he is in a position to help of all kinds, both male, on short notice. Co-was probably be had from London from a distance, in view of the heavy influx from the Orient at the present time.

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Walter Wellman Believed Reach the Pole by

Tromsø, Norway, Sept. 17.—Walter Wellman, of the Well Record-Herald polar explorer, has just returned from the north. He has been in the Arctic, though he had been unable to reach the pole. It was capable of going back under favorable conditions, such as can be normal year. Mr. Wellman's "Our course is unchanged."

RECORD MADE NANAIMO

PRODUCTION EXCEEDED ALL PREVIOUS YEARS

Over Two Thousand Were Hoisted Yesterday From the Work

Nanaimo, Sept. 17.—The record yesterday for when 1,847 tons of coal were hoisted to the surface. This was a record in the history of Nanaimo.

The pay roll on Saturday was \$158,000, which is a record in the history of Nanaimo. Close on to 50,000 tons of coal were hoisted last month, which shows many years of coal production more coal than ever mined.

NO OPPOSITION

Hon. W. Fugate Will Be Aclamation on Wednesday

St. John, N. B., Sept. 17.—Hon. W. Fugate will be elected to-day. Hon. W. Fugate to be re-elected on Wednesday.

BARON KOMURA THE DISTURBER

He Discussed Trouble Office--Expects Punishment of Those Connected

London, Sept. 16.—Baron Komura, Japanese ambassador to London, who has just returned to the country, Edward Grey in the forenoon and discussed the disturbance in Vancouver. He is understood to have been satisfied with the greatest confidence that would punish those who are responsible for the disturbance. He is understood to have been satisfied with the greatest confidence that would punish those who are responsible for the disturbance.

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