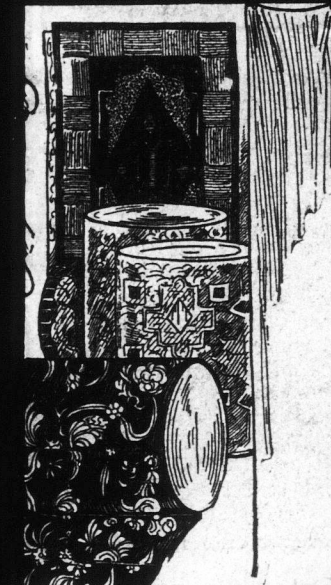


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FIFTIETH YEAR

MAY REACH RUPT OUTS AGREEMENT CAUSING TODAY ROW

Mayor Hall Interviews A. T. Goward, Manager B.C. Electric, Regarding Proposed Understanding

MANY IMPROVEMENTS
LIKELY TO FOLLOW

Council Seeks Interview With
Premier McBride to Obtain
Advice As to Their Attitude
Towards Coal Bunkers

Will the city enter into an agreement with the B. C. Electric Railway Co. to purchase their plant and system at a valuation in the event of the municipality deciding at any future date to enter the business?

That question is likely to come up for consideration and final settlement at tonight's meeting of the City Council. This morning His Worship Mayor Hall stated that it was his intention, in company with Alderman Turner, chairman of the street bridges and sewers committee, to interview A. T. Goward, local manager of the company, with regard to the proposition this afternoon. The result of their conference, in all probability, will be laid before the civic solons this evening, it being the desire to reach some definite conclusion as soon as possible. The relation of the tramway and electric light concerns the reser- vation is an issue that has been long hanging fire. It has been the desire of the company to reach an understanding, along the lines indicated, for many months. The city, however, hitherto has hesitated to take the step. Now there appears to be a disposition on the part of the council to accept Mr. Goward's suggestion, believing that it is fair and that the arriving at some iron-clad conclusion respecting their relationship would be beneficial to both parties.

Discussing the matter, Mr. Goward argues that the company does not wish to force the city's hand to something that could work to its detriment in the future. He pointed out that until the company's directors, those who have thousands invested in the concern, are assured that their holdings are not likely to be jeopardized by public competition, they will not put more money into the local plant. It was on this account largely that he had not put up the amount necessary for the procuring of additional power. Therefore it could easily be seen that the attitude assumed by Victoria's representatives was the sole cause for the comparatively slow advances being made in the improvement of the Vancouver Island system.

That the agreement was not out of the way in its terms was proven by the fact that it had been accepted in Vancouver over a year ago without parley.

Coal Bunkers
Another important matter slated for tonight is the Inner Harbor Association's recommendation regarding the E. & N. Railway Co.'s petition to the Railway Commission for the use of a portion of the Sonoghee Indian reserve in the installation of coal bunkers. The Board of Trade have endorsed the proposal, while the Harbour Board does the same providing the railway agrees to certain conditions and asks the Council to give the prospect the seal of their approval on the same understanding. At first the proposition was turned down cold by the civic solons. It was reconsidered at the last meeting and a decision reached to interview Premier McBride to ascertain whether should they approve of the E. & N.'s request, it would prejudice the city's interest in the agreement regarding the disposition of the Indian reserve lands in the event of the removal of the tribe, their rehabilitation elsewhere, and the opening of the lands. The conference with the Premier had not taken place up to this morning. His Worship Mayor Hall announced that he had not been able to make an appointment with Premier McBride but expressed the determination to do so at the earliest possible moment.

**TO RESURRECT
COURT OF APPEAL**
Chief Justice Hunter, of Supreme Court Will Likely Preside in the New Body

Vancouver, June 14.—The British Columbia Court of Appeal is to be brought into being after a long vacation. It will probably be constituted by the elevation of Hunter, now Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, to Chief Justice of the Appeal Court; the elevation of McInnis to the County Court and the appointment of J. A. MacDonald, leader of the Liberal Opposition, J. H. Senkler, F. C. Wade and D. G. Macdonald, E. E. Davis and Charles Wilson as mentioned also.

Dies of Lockjaw.
Oshawa, June 14.—Allen Douglas, ten years old, is dead of lockjaw, result of broken glass cutting his knee in a fall.

Residents Who Made Reservations of Lots Before Sale Now Must Pay More Than They Agreed

ONE MAN CHARGED
MORE THAN DOUBLE

G. T. P. Agent Discovered an "Error" of Some \$5,000 in One Instance—Grants Throw Up Sewer Contract

Prince Rupert, June 14.—Considerable excitement was manifested in town today when it became known that some of the residents, who had made reservations of lots before the sale and upon which they had already built homes, were not to be allowed to purchase their lots at prices agreed upon by the townsite company.

One resident, on Second avenue, who reserved his lots and upon By- ley's arrival here bought them at private sale for \$4,900, was today informed by the townsite agent of G. T. P. that an error in the price had been made, and that he must pay \$9,000 for them instead. Several other cases are reported where the agreement price has been raised to almost double the original amount and the owners are furious.

Throw Up Contract.
Grant Bros., of Vancouver, have thrown up the sewer building contract and the work will be carried out by the Provincial Government under the Grand Trunk Pacific.

**TORONTO GIRLS
FORCED TO SHAME**

Ministers Tell Terrible Stories at Conference of Fate of Young Women

Toronto, June 14.—At the morning session of the Toronto Methodist conference, a number of young men and women engaged in a discussion in Toronto told terrible stories of the manner in which young women, mostly from country districts, were forced into a life of shame because the wages reported were raised to almost double the original amount and the owners are furious.

**REPORT CHIEF'S
DEATH PROVES
UNTRUE**

Songhees Indians Spent Days Laboring Under Terrible Anxiety—Tension Relieved on Unexpected Return

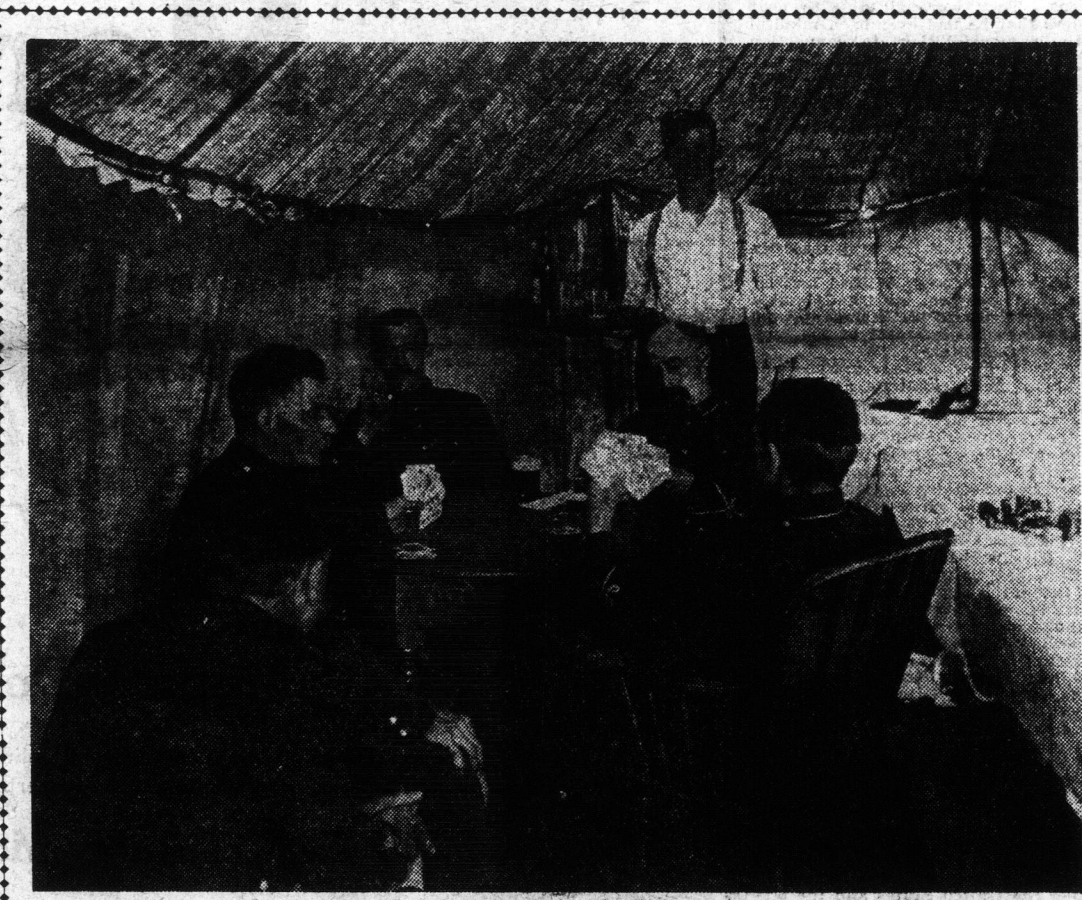
"Chief Cooper, Mrs. Cooper and their three children were drowned on the Washington coast last week."

This was the rumor which shook the residents of the Songhees reserve out of their worried calm a few days ago. They tried to verify it but could not and so the natives went about in the throes of terrible anxiety for hours. The gloom which overshadowed their homes was dissipated and replaced with joy when yesterday the chief's canoe was described making its way into the harbor with the occupants safe and in the best of health.

Quickly the news spread. Soon every man, woman and child knew that the report of the death of their respected chief and family had been unfounded. There was general rejoicing. Chief Cooper received his fellow tribesman at his house and through the exchange of greetings was brief the Songhees gave unmistakable evidence of their relief and pleasure.

The party left Victoria shortly after the 24th of May celebrations. Taking a small canoe they paddled and sailed to Bellingham and from that point several weeks were spent visiting the different tribes located along the north-western coast of Washington. It was known that the chief had got to Bellingham safely, a wire having been received from him dated at that place a few days after his departure. But since then there was no word until he put in an appearance here on Sunday. It was owing to his prolonged absence and silence that the rumor referred to arose causing such marked evidence of grief on the part of the Indians living immediately to the west of Victoria.

THE NEWS, PICTURED



Tommy in Camp—A Quiet Gait and a Touch of Sarasparilla

LOCAL TOMMIES ARE UNDER CANVAS

Fifth Regiment Once More
Tenting on the Old Camp
Ground—Many Saw the
Parade

CAMP WILL LAST
SIXTEEN DAYS

The Fifth Regiment Canadian Garrison Artillery marched into camp at Macaulay Point and Esquimalt yesterday, No. 2 and 3 companies going under canvas on Macaulay plain, the same site chosen in former years at the gates of the fortress and No. 1 in the yard of the drydock at Esquimalt.

Headed by the regimental band the artillerymen left the drill hall at 11 a. m. in command of Lieut.-Col. J. A. Hall and marched between lines of spectators through the city to Pembroke street, where street cars were waiting to convey the two companies to Lamson street and one company to Esquimalt. Arrived at the camp, tents were quickly pitched and in a few minutes a canvas city dotted the greenward.

This evening the real work of the company will commence, when No. 3 company will enter the fort for standing gun drill, and tomorrow night firing with practise ammunition will commence. Launch owners and others are requested to keep out of the range of fire, as the delays occasioned by waiting for launches and other small craft to pass out of range are of great inconvenience to the gunners and rob them of much practice.

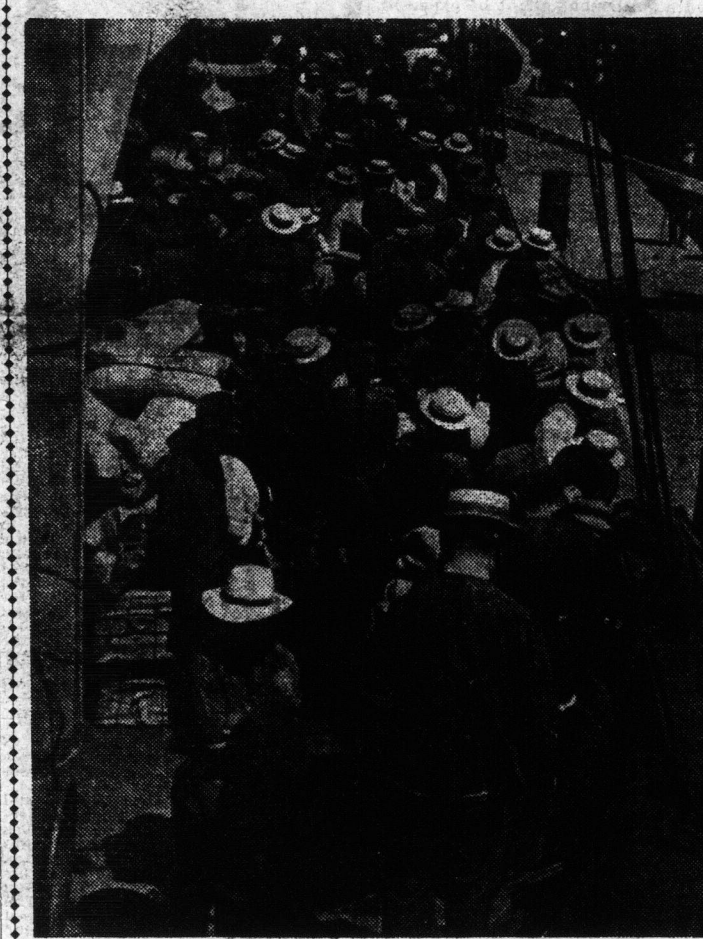
The regiment marched into camp this year practically up to its full strength, there being very few absentees. Four of the absentees from the parade for inspection by General Oter on Friday night have been summoned to appear in the Police Court tomorrow morning to answer to the charge of being absent without leave.

The orders issued for the camp are as follows:
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Bugle Calls—The following are the hours fixed for bugle calls, etc., on week days during camp: Reveille, 5.30 a. m.; breakfast, 5.50 a. m.; sick parade, 6.45 a. m.; office, 7.30 a. m.; dinner, 6.30 p. m.; parade, 6.45 p. m.; tattoo, 10.45 p. m.; light out, 11 p. m.

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Long Line of Chinese Landing in Victoria Saturday

FIRST SHIPMENT OF RAILS FOR G.T.P.

Steamer Sailed Thursday With
Cargo for Rupert—Bridge
Contract Goes to Canadian
Bridge Company

Vancouver, June 14.—The first shipment of rails for the G.T.P. at Prince Rupert left Sydney, B. C., last Thursday by the steamer Hercules. The Canadian Bridge Company has been given a four hundred thousand dollar contract for the steel for six bridges on the first run, and dredges east of Prince Rupert. The contract was given to the Canadian Bridge Company having dinner at bugle call.

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PRESIDENT PENNA OF BRAZIL DEAD

Passed Away Suddenly Last
Night—Held Office Since
1906—Vice-President Nilo
Pecanha Is Acting

Washington, D. C., June 14.—President Penna, of Brazil, is dead.

There has been no intimation that Dr. Penna was in ill health other than a despatch received from Rio Janeiro last night saying that he was gravely ill and that as a consequence the ministers had been summoned to the palace. Dr. Penna was elected to office by universal suffrage in the twenty federal states in 1906 and assumed office November 15 of that year. His term expired in 1910. He was a native of the state of Minas Geraes. Dr. Penna was one of Dom Pedro's ministers, who accepted and supported the republic after its proclamation. He had been president of his state and governor of the Bank of the Republic. He was vice-president of the republic and president of the senate at the time of his election to the chief magistracy. The vice-president today is Nilo Pecanha.

Grand Army Man Dead.
Toledo, Ohio, June 14.—General John S. Kautz, past commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, died in this city of Bright's disease early today. General Kautz enlisted in the Grand Army of the Republic in 1862. He was a lad of 15 and was elected commander-in-chief G. A. R. in 1884, serving one term.

SLAVONIA'S DEFILES LAW PEOPLE AT IN FRENCH ROCK COURT

Passengers From Cunard Liner
Slavonia Landed at Gibralt-
ar By Princess Irene Tell
Stories of Experiences

COMPANY TO
PROVIDE HOTELS

Steerage Passengers Were
Taken on Board Hamburg-
American Liner Batavia—
Wireless Message Sent

Gibraltar, June 14.—The steamer Princess Irene with the first class passengers of the wrecked Cunard liner Slavonia on board, came into Gibraltar this morning. The passengers tell distressing stories of their experiences.

The Cunard Company has made arrangements for the accommodation of the saloon passengers of the Slavonia at the principal hotels here in the event that it is not feasible for the Princess Irene to convey them to Naples.

If there are any steerage passengers on board they will be housed at the Welcome Home and King Edward's Institute.

The Slavonia went ashore on the night of June 9 on Flores Island, one of the Azores group. Help was summoned by wireless telegraphy and Thursday night the first class passengers were transferred to the Princess Irene that had hastened to Flores Island in answer to the "C. Q. D." call of distress.

The Slavonia became a total wreck and the crew landed on Flores Island. It is understood that the steerage passengers were taken to the Hamburg-American steamer Batavia.

ONE MAN KILLED IN FIERCE MUTINY

Manila, June 14.—Details of the mutiny of the company of native constabulary stationed at Davao on the island of Mindanao, on the night of June 6, show that the attack on the officers was made unexpectedly by the mutineers. The mutineers fled to the hills, taking thirty rifles and 5,000 rounds of ammunition.

Governor Walker hastily summoned the neighboring planters as soon as the mutineers were out of sight and proceeded to fortify in preparation for a long siege. Most of the planters armed with revolvers but when the natives made an attack on the convent on the afternoon of the seventh they fought with much spirit and drove the mutineers away.

After a fight which lasted three days, and in which one American named Labbey was killed and four others wounded, the mutineers took to the mountains upon the approach of the constabulary stationed at Mapl, which hurried to the relief of the besieged Americans and loyal natives.

Without any warning the mutineers suddenly attacked the quarters during the night and gained possession of them before any resistance could be offered by a few native noncommissioned officers and several loyal members of the company. Gov. Walker, of Davao province, immediately rallied the Americans and such natives as could be trusted, in a large church, and preparations for defence were hastily made during the night. Windows and doors were barricaded, loopholes were cut, food and water were taken into the building and every thing possible done to withstand a siege. At 5 o'clock on the afternoon of the 7th the mutineers began an attack on the church. For three hours the fight raged.

A heavy fire was directed against the church and its defenders, but Gov. Walker and his small force, replied with such vigor that they discouraged all attempts to storm the place. The mutineers retired, and evidently intended to await darkness, under cover of which safer and more successful attack could be made on the church.

In the meantime, however, news of the attack had reached Matl, a town of considerable size, forty-five miles southeast of Davao. A company of constabulary started there immediately hurried to the relief of Davao. Their approach caused the disloyal constabulary force to withdraw during the night. Thirty native troops escaped to the mountains with their arms and equipment.

With the receipt of the news of the mutiny today also came word that detachments of the Twenty-third Infantry have reached Davao and quickly succeeded in restoring order. Troops were immediately dispatched in pursuit of the mutineers.

Cardinal Andrieu Called to Ac-
count for Inciting Breach of
Laws in Bordeaux Said
He Came As Act of Courtesy

ANSWERABLE ONLY
TO CONSCIENCE

Declares He Assumes Full Re-
sponsibility for His Words
and Maintains Right to Dis-
trust Laws

Bordeaux, June 14.—When Cardinal Andrieu appeared in court this morning to answer the summons of the judge charging him with having incited a breach of the laws by the allocation which he pronounced at the cathedral on the occasion of his entronnement he was acclaimed by an immense crowd of Catholics.

The cardinal told the judge that he came as an act of courtesy, not because he recognized the competence of the court. He said he had spoken as a bishop and that he was answerable only to his conscience, the Pope and God, and declared that he assumed full responsibility for his words in which he maintained the right to distrust the laws of the republic when these were prejudicial to the free exercise of religion.

When the cardinal emerged from the court he was again acclaimed, women fell on their knees and kissed his hand while the young Catholics cheered.

**MAJOR BROWNE
MYSTERIOUSLY DROWNED**

Noted Vancouver Character Found
Lying on Kitsilano Beach—
Dead Short Time

Vancouver, June 14.—Major E. Browne, a noted Vancouver character, who at various times was politician, leader of anti-Japanese crusade and keeper of a bucket shop, was drowned about noon yesterday, under very mysterious circumstances that might indicate either suicide or accident.

Mr. Browne was strolling along Kitsilano beach when he saw an object lying close to the water, over which the waves washed and splashed. At first it appeared to be a log. But as his steps led towards the spot he soon perceived that it was the body of a man being rolled over and back by the action of the water. Going to the place he was unable to recognize the body and rolling it further along the sand and out of reach of the waves he notified several others of his discovery and the police were called.

Investigation disclosed the fact that the body was that of Browne. There was every indication that the discovery had come just after death. A watch found on the body was still running showing that the body could not have been dead very long. The major may have walked out beyond his depth and drowned and washed ashore or he may have been taken with a fainting spell, or epileptic fit and falling upon the sand before the policy of closer union was before the split passed.

GERMAN PRESS IS ROUSED AT SPEECHES

Says Prime Minister Spoke to
Gallery—Frozeiting Declares
"Nervous Agitation
Spread to Colonies"

London, June 14.—The Berlin press continues publishing angry comments on the Imperial Press Conference. The Vossische Zeitung says: "The speeches of the Prime Minister delivered at the conference where the Prime Minister spoke to the gallery were intended to promote the policy of closer union of Empire."

Neue Nachrichten ridicules the statement that the speeches were not panicky. Frozeiting says: "It is probable that the delegates will agitate for imperialism with all their strength after returning home. The speeches delivered Friday prove beyond a doubt that the nervous agitation which we have observed with anxiety in England, has been extended to the overseas dominions."

Ottawa, June 14.—Premier Laurier goes to B. C. tomorrow. He will attend the wedding of the daughter of Senator Melvin Jones.