

MOUNTED TROOPS TO PROTECT SETTLERS

Detachment of 20 Men of R. N. W. M. P. Detailed For Duty on Upper Skeena Co-Operating With Provincial Force

Advice is received from Ottawa to the effect that, while not prepared to admit that the situation on the upper Skeena is by any means as serious as it has been represented by recent arrivals from that district, the Government of the Dominion in order that all apprehensions may be allayed will order the detachment of a force of twenty members of the Royal North West Mounted Police for special service in the disturbed district and along the line of railway construction where the Indians are giving trouble to the builders of the steel highway.

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It will be remembered that "The Post" was the first paper in Canada to attract attention to the seriousness of conditions on the upper Skeena, in an interview secured with Rev. Mr. Green, Inspector of Indian schools, upon his return from Hazelton. Mr. Green briefly and clearly outlined the extravagant case presented by the Indians and intimated that they would not be satisfied with what could be done for them by the Dominion Commissioner, Mr. Stewart, who was at that time on his way to the North to confer with the disaffected tribes. His estimate of the situation was borne out in every detail by the proceedings of the subsequent conference between the Indians and Commissioner Stewart.

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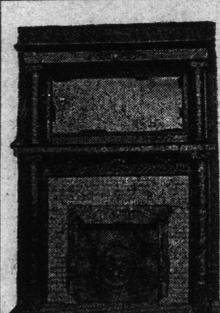
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police protection, the Indians being sufficiently wise to postpone any hostile move until winter had sealed the waterways by which help would have to go into the country for its protection. He urged at that time, "The Post" supporting the reasonableness of his advice, that a small force of mounted police should be sent in so that there should be no need for sending out women and children (as then contemplated) and a guarantee for their safety from the quarrelsome reds.

The Bishop's Opinion. Discussing the Indian troubles at the late meeting of the Synod of Caledonia, His Lordship Bishop Du Vernet, said: "While there is much to record, which is encouraging especially in the way in which some of our enlightend natives are proving themselves worthy of being ranked as useful citizens and should be enfranchised, yet it cannot be denied that there is much unrest on account of the land question, and this unrest has hindered all spiritual work. It was inevitable that the influx of settlers taking up land over which the natives had a vested interest should cause agitation, but I cannot help feeling that much of this friction might have been avoided had there been a better understanding between the Dominion and provincial governments in regard to the rights of the Indians, and had the best possible outlet a formal treaty. While it is true that the Dominion government has dealt liberally with the Indians, looking well after their interests, yet the natives do not understand this. They were not properly consulted when the reserves were set apart. They do not see that the money spent upon their education, etc., has any connection with the surrender of their lands. Undoubtedly the demands that many of the Indians are now making are unreasonable, but behind the scenes there is a cause which must be dealt with according to the principle of equity if this feeling of unrest is to be finally removed. For that reason I am glad to hear that the two governments are submitting a test case to the Privy Council, and I trust that a final and authoritative answer which will settle the conflicting claims of the three parties—the Indians, the Dominion and the province—will be given. I wish to commend the way in which our missionaries have counselled our natives to be patient and to patiently await the settlement of their grievances."

INFURIATED STRIKERS KILL

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Pittsburg and Lake Erie tracks. Suddenly it was rumored that a number of strike-breakers were being brought from the city into the plant. They were immediately doubled, every car that came from the city was held up. This procedure had been going on for some time. A car carrying Deputy Sheriff Exler came along. He was returning from Pittsburg to the steel car plant. A revolver was placed at the motorman's head and the car was stopped. A crowd of strikers immediately surrounded that when the deputy sheriff, and he was ordered to leave the car. Instead, it is said, he drew back his coat and showed his star. This was the signal for a fusillade of shots. Exler opened fire in return and all the strikers in the crowd were exploded before he fell under a shower of stones and bullets. The motorman and conductor alighted, the body of the car and took it to the office of a physician in McKee's Rocks. Hardly had the car bearing Exler's body started for the physician's office when the mob sighted another car approaching the viaduct. As the car crossed the tracks State Troopers William Smith, Jones, O'Donnell and Ketch all of whom were on the car. They had been on a brief for-rough. When the mob boarded the car and seized the conductor, the men arose to make a fight. Then began a fusillade in which five hundred shots or more were fired. O'Donnell was the first to fall with a bullet through his left side.

Keitch's Bravery. Trooper Keitch stood over his fallen comrade and gamely opened fire upon the mob with a revolver in each hand. Volley after volley was fired at him, but he escaped being shot although he was terribly stoned and beaten. His comrades fell wounded at his feet. Soon after O'Donnell was shot. Trooper Williams fell mortally wounded after a volley and finally rolled over on his back dead. It was in the defensive attack on the company that most of the members of the mob were shot. Word of the battle reached Lieutenant Smith and he immediately ordered out his entire force of troopers. As they galloped towards the Donovan bridge with carbines drawn, the mob broke and fled.

Troops Gather Evidence. Just as dawn was breaking the constabulary, mounted and heavily armed, rode to the scene of last night's carnage and gathered every particle of evidence. Hats, collars, coats and other wearing apparel were found and taken to the company's office. Every possible effort will be made to locate the centers of these activities in the view to arresting them in connection with the deaths of the officers.

While matters were quiet today, everyone is on the alert. Orders were issued to the constabulary, deputy sheriffs and special police to shoot at the first sign of trouble. The practice of the past several weeks of firing into the air has been abolished and from now on "shoot to kill" is the order.

An investigation by the writer shows that the trouble resulted from the fact that three new members of the state constabulary and a deputy sheriff refused to obey the commands of the strikers when ordered from street car. For weeks the striking have been holding up street cars and ordering the occupants out, and later, here and there, have obeyed. Last night, the troops and the deputy sheriff, all of them armed, refused to be ordered about by the strikers. A battle ensued, and for twenty minutes a battle ensued. It is apparent today that all the dead and mangled bodies of the injured fell in the battle. Later, when reinforcements arrived, many more were clubbed and shot but the first battle waged by only four men against a thousand strikers and sympathizers was the fatal one.



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CONFESSING AN AWFUL CRIME

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clime to the theory indicated in a farewell note, which is a confession of his awful crime, that he has committed suicide, tortured by conscience with his colossal crime.

Meanwhile the coroner's inquest is suspended, and it is expected that a large reward will be offered by the government to stimulate the activities of all in bringing the fiend to the bar of mortal justice.

The story of the Vernon holocaust is still fresh in the minds of all. The Okanagan hotel, an old frame structure, three stories in height, but without modern facilities for fire-fighting or escapes, was discovered by the town constable making his nightly rounds to be on fire, some time about 2 in the morning. The fire spread with almost incredible rapidity, and cut off from escape by demolition of the structure during the hours of the day or whom ten have been identified, the charred remains of two others being tenderly committed to an unnamed grave. Among the dead was Archie Hocking, in whose memory the citizens of Vernon will erect a monument, the simple heroism of the enter laborer of dauntless courage being responsible for the safety of two lives. His life in the endeavor to rescue others.

Although it was at first understood that the fire originated in a front ground floor hallway, and probably through the careless handling of matches by a drunken guest whom the policeman had placed within the door to sleep off too many potations, sundry suspicions congregated and finally induced Mr. Price Ellison, the district member, to interview the Attorney-General's Department, with the result that Detective Inspector McMullin was sent to Vernon to conduct an inquiry, while Barrister W. E. Burns of Vancouver was commissioned to represent the Province at the coroner's inquest, assisting and co-operating with the police authorities under Inspector McMullin. The latter gave particular attention to Smith, whom he had on the witness stand for three hours last Wednesday, subjected to searching examination, under which the patient broke down, and entered patent to the majority that his story was not wholly the truth.

At the adjournment of court there was not sufficient evidence in hand to justify his detention, although his testimony had increased the suspicion of a shadow of which he had been brought, nor does it appear that such surveillance was kept as might have assured his re-appearance when required.

MYSTERIOUS THEFT OF GEMS

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costly car rings was discovered, and Harry Hedden informs the police that he then was seized with the thought that he had no specific means away the previous evening.

There was no sign of her when the night, and the safe gave no evidence of having been feloniously opened. The conviction therefore forced itself and was presented to the police that someone skilled in crime had managed to enter the building during the night, and to the rings and also the pair of ear rings from the show window, their loss remaining undiscovered until the following day.

The list of missing property is given as hereunder, and detailed descriptions have been transmitted to the police, jewelers and pawnbrokers of all adjacent cities.

As a result Thursday morning came with Smith the suspect, missing in his place was a letter addressed to the coroner, in which the writer confessed to having set fire to the hotel, and gave the supplementary information that it would be wholly useless for the police to search for him, as he intended surrendering his life at once in partial atonement for his awful crime.

Whether or not he has done so—there remains no doubt as to Smith having written the confession, his handwriting being well known—is a matter presently engaging the attention of the police. Otherwise his section of the police.

IMPRESSIVE AIRSHIP STUNTS

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passengers. The motor is attached to the frame by strings so as to prevent the vibrations from being transmitted to the framework. The balloon is driven by a wooden propeller about 15 feet in diameter which has a speed of 350 revolutions a minute. The ship made a successful trip several months ago from Sartroville to Saint Germain and Mason's Landing.

Willard Preparing to Leave. New York, Aug. 23.—Charles Foster Willard, who has been giving exhibitions with his flying machine on the Kempestead Plains near Mineola, L. I., since Glenn H. Curtiss left to take part in the aerial contests near Rheims, France, is busy packing up his aeroplane today preparatory to leaving late this afternoon for Toronto, Ont. He said today that his engagement to give exhibitions in Toronto precluded his staying longer in Mineola, where it was his intention originally to make a second attempt for the long distance record.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Possibility of a final decision as to the ownership of Clipperton Island, in the Pacific Ocean, has aroused considerable interest here, in view of the expected completion of the Panama Canal in 1915. The island is in dispute between France and Mexico. Italy, it was announced today, has indicated a willingness to act as arbitrator. Should the island would afford an intermediate stopping place for coaling on the bank between the Pacific Coast ports of the United States and the Tahiti Islands.

MONTREAL, Aug. 23.—James Griffin, aged 30 years, a prisoner, fell into the canal and was drowned.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS TOLD IN FEW WORDS

Clayoquot's request to be granted to a school district has been granted.

The marriage of Mr. James A. Eggs and Miss Elizabeth Eggs was quietly celebrated last week.

Work has been begun on the new Government wharf at Clayoquot toward Long Beach and Wreck Bay.

Rev. Dr. Fraser, of Mount Pleasant, Vancouver, solemnized the marriage last Friday of Mr. Alfred Merdick and Miss Loneya Smith.

Vancouver City has relieved the Exhibition Association of the Terminal City of its responsibility in connection with the erection of buildings, and has dismissed the architect in charge.

Clayoquot's branch of the Vancouver Island Development League is preparing to issue an attractive pamphlet descriptive of the district and its opportunities.

Application will be made for the Royal Humane Society's medal for Albert Bacon, who imperiled his life to save that of a friend at Kitsilano beach last week. Bacon is a messenger in H. M.'s customs.

Instructions have been received from England for the immediate re-building of the buildings destroyed by fire Friday morning. The work will require the better part of three months.

The loss by the recent fire at the Hunting Lumber Co.'s Vancouver mill has been appraised at approximately \$100,000, and that of John McGluckie, whose premises adjoined, at \$28,000. Insurance amounts to about 20 per cent in both cases.

Cumberland has been the scene of a number of charming weddings lately, among the latest being those of Mr. B. Sweeney to Miss Maggie Gibson and Mr. J. C. Brown to Miss Kate McDonald.

The bush fires which threatened the buildings of the Kootenay Bell and Queen mine near Salmon, have been extinguished, the only damage done being in the destruction of a portion of the Kootenay Bell mine. Unfortunately rain assisted the fire fighters.

At Nelson last Friday, Rev. Father Althoff solemnized the marriage of Mr. P. J. McCormick and Miss Georgia Julien. Upon their return from the honeymoon visit to Seattle, Mr. and Mrs. McCormick will make their home at Grand Forks.

The Vancouver Property Owners' Association has passed resolutions urging that the city should make no concessions in the matter of dollar and facilities on False Creek to one or more railway companies which might operate disadvantageously against other railways entering the city at a later period.

Nanaimo's Socialists have sent this telegram to the C. P. R. the Calgary Socialist, who has been sent to jail (refusing to pay a fine) for obstructing the public streets: "Nanaimo Socialists congratulate you on your stand for free speech. Stay with it, Charlie; we're with you."

All departments of the B. C. Electric Railway Co.'s service marked the marriage of the general manager, Mr. R. H. Sterling, by the presentation of appropriate gifts to the bride, with their best compliments. The Vancouver central offices, North Vancouver, Lulu Island, Lake Buntzen, and the cash desks, gave a beautiful set of tea and coffee accessories, with a complete service.

The contract awarded for the 14 miles of the C. P. R. line up Skeena to Aldermeer, which has been secured by Foley, Welch & Stewart, is said to approximate ten million dollars, and is being to the latter of the season, the task of getting the camps established and the work under way is no easy one, as at present the construction of upper Skeena usually closes about mid-October. Fortunately, many of the Skeena camps, being convinced that the contract was permanent, and that they had now completed their work and have had their outfits transported to above Kitsilano canyon.

Details of the fatality at Coa Creek on Friday last, referred to in the Evening Post of 21st inst., show that Richard Alder, the injured youth, was engaged as conductor on an auto motor in No. 2 mine and was coming out of the tunnel with a trip of loaded cars, when he got off to throw switch his head was caught between the motor and the sheet iron of the roof, the scalp being torn off. Thrown, he was thrown aside, his body rebounding to the track and the motor passing over him. His death is expected.

At a largely attended public meeting in Nelson, the following resolution was enthusiastically and unanimously adopted: "That the citizens of Nelson, being convinced that the best interests, both of the city and the C. P. R. company require the building of the proposed tunnel, and that the C. P. R. company will be offered every reasonable inducement to locate the new hotel at Nelson.

A peculiar accident was reported from the Nicola Valley last week when the passenger train was flagged to pick up the Indian, who was destined to be severely wounded in several places. He had taken a shot at a bush tail rat, which was running through his cabin, but missed the rat and hit a stick of dynamite, which exploded with terrific force, driving the rod clean off the cabin and striking the Indian in the head. The Indian's body was thrown into the air and he was killed. The presence of the dynamite in the shack was unknown to the Indian, who thinks that it must have been left by the crew.