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FIFTIETH YEAR

DIRECTOR MAKES INSPECTION TRIP

Mr. Buntzen, Former Vancouver Manager of B. C. Electric Railway, Speaks of Affairs of Company

WILL INVESTIGATE NEW ENTERPRISES

Plenty of British Capital Available for Projects That Promise Profit—Company's Heavy Expenditures

VANCOUVER, Aug. 31.—On an inspection trip which will occupy two or three months, J. Buntzen, a director and former manager of the B. C. Electric Railway, arrived in Vancouver, reached here today from London, Eng. He is accompanied by Mrs. Buntzen. They are stopping at the Hotel Vancouver. It is now two years since the last visit of Mr. Buntzen.

Mr. Buntzen will report to the board in regard to present and future extensions and improvements, including the project for the development of 100,000 horse power at Chilliwack and Jones lakes at an estimated expenditure of \$10,000,000.

"I am simply astounded at the evidences of growth and prosperity that are in evidence on your crowded streets," Vancouver has struck a fast and sure note, and one that shows any abatement," said Mr. Buntzen. "A year's visit here by a member of the board in the settled policy of the company, in view of the increasingly large expenditures now being made on capital account, it keeps us in touch with the operations of the company and enables us to give more intelligent consideration to the future."

World's Wheat Supply. CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—The world's available total wheat supply was computed as being 51,900,000 bushels greater at present than was the case twelve months previous.

Fire in Stockton. STOCKTON, Cal., Aug. 31.—A business and residence block in the east end of the city was destroyed by fire last night, with the losses aggregating about \$100,000.

Mysterious Air Navigator. NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—A mysterious aeroplane visited Madison Square last night. It came from the east, and disappeared in the same direction. No one but a number of policemen, pedestrians and all the loungers in the square saw the machine. It swung past the Metropolitan tower and circled the structure.

Koreans Prepare to Fight. HONOLULU, August 31.—A company of 4,000 Koreans, armed and equipped for service in Cho-Ben, the newly acquired Japanese name for the ancient Korean islands, are preparing to leave for the Orient to head a revolutionary movement against Japan, according to reports in the Japanese papers here.

Visiting Alaska. CORDOVA, Alaska, August 31.—Attorney-General Wickham and Secretary of Commerce and Labor Chase, Nagel arrived here today. They were taken over the Copper River railroad. They inspected the mines and visited the famous Chitina glaciers. They returned to Cordova tonight and were guests of honor at an informal reception.

EXPLOSION ON LAUNCH

Occupants Obligated to Leap Into Water of False Creek to Escape from Fire.

VANCOUVER, Aug. 31.—Enveloped in a sheet of flame from a moment's warning, and having to leap from their boat into the waters of False creek to escape being burned to death, C. A. Jarvis, of 1146 Harwood street, and his son Leon, had an experience last night shortly after 8 o'clock that nearly ended seriously for them both. As it is, however, both father and son are lying at the general hospital painfully suffering about the face and head, and it will be some time before they will be able to be about again.

Mr. Jarvis and his son, who own a gasoline launch, were engaged in transferring gasoline from a tin into the tank of their yacht, at the foot of Granville street, underneath the bridge, when, without any warning whatsoever, the liquid exploded, and in a moment the craft was a mass of flames. Immediately realising the serious predicament they were in, both men leaped into the waters of False creek. Flashed into the water by the report of the explosion and the flames, rushed to the rescue, and with the aid of boats reached the injured men from the water. The city ambulance was immediately summoned and the men taken to the hospital where they were given medical treatment.

Owing to the proximity of the boat to the milliard and next houses at the foot of the street, the fire department was called, and extinguished the burning craft, not, however, until it had been burned to the water's edge.

TACTICS CHANGED BY RAILROADS

New Move Made in Freight Rate Investigation of Interstate Commerce Commission—Shippers on Defensive

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—Coincident with the closing of the testimony for the Santa Fe system before the special committee, and the statement from freight rate shippers that the increase in freight rates asked would not be made, the Interstate Commerce Commission today changed its tactics and seek to compel the shippers who oppose the advance in the freight rates to declare how much they profit on the different commodities under consideration.

A request from Attorney F. J. Norton, counsel for the Santa Fe, for the names of the different associations of shippers represented at the hearing that he might question the shippers gave color to this report.

When the initial presentation of the contention of the Santa Fe system was concluded, the hearing was transferred to the Rock Island road. The first witness at the afternoon session was W. A. Pottet, chairman of the trans-Missouri freight bureau. He presented a compilation of rates in effect in the territory west of the Missouri river. The tables showed both the class and commodity rates and included the years 1900 to 1910.

Attorney John Atwood questioned Mr. Pottet concerning the methods by which the rates were raised and asked for the names of the different representatives of the railroads who were present when the order changing the rates was decided on.

Mr. Atwood also asked if the railroad representatives on that occasion considered an injunction issued by the federal supreme court in 1907 prohibiting any agreement on rates to be charged by the trans-Missouri roads. Witness answered that the injunction was not discussed or considered. Examiner Brown declared that the question was immaterial, and had nothing to do with the case.

Gets Life Imprisonment. TACOMA, Aug. 31.—Fred Freeston, known to the police as many aliases, the Baylight burglar, was sentenced to life imprisonment this afternoon.

Curtis Makes Record. CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 31.—Glen Curtis today established a new world's record for airplane flying when he flew from Euclid beach, nine miles east of Cleveland, to Clear Point, 60 miles, in 1 hour and 19 mins. It is the longest over-water flight on record.

Fire on Monday evening destroyed the home of Thomas Mahon, near the Brochin mine, Nanaimo.

WRECKERS USE NITRO GLYCERINE

Attempt Made to Ruin New Building in Seattle Results in Startling Explosion—Several People Injured

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CONTRIVERSY HAS BEEN SETTLED

Hon. Price Ellison Effects Settlement in Trail Water Trouble—British Columbia's Farewell to Sir Wilfrid

North Yakima's Population. WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—The population of North Yakima, Wash., is 14,182, as compared with 13,154 in 1900.

Well Known Horseman Dead. JONES, well known in California as a horseman, was found dead this afternoon. Death was due to paralysis.

U. S. Immigration Tests. WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Immigration officials of the south and southwest where the department of commerce and labor has observed a lack of uniformity in enforcing the laws, are soon to be visited by officials of the immigration service. The idea is to see that practically a uniform set of tests will be applied to immigrants at all points of entry.

For President's Information. WASHINGTON, August 31.—Attorney-General Wickham and Secretary of Commerce and Labor Chase, Nagel, will leave for Seattle this afternoon. It is generally assumed that they have been in Alaska making a special investigation of conditions for President Taft. The attorney-general probably will go to Beverly on his return.

Union to Help Church. LONGBEACH, Cal., Aug. 31.—Instead of taking advantage of labor day as a holiday, the Long Beach carpenters' union No. 710 has offered the services of its members to the East Long Beach Christian church which expects to start and finish the building of a house of worship during the week of the day. The vote of the union to assist without pay was unanimous.

QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES

English Critics Say Canadian Corps Compares Favorably With Regulars.

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 31.—Criticism of the Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto is being toned down by the regulars of the British army. They compare favorably with the regulars in physique and their drill, although not perfect, is very good. Appreciation is expressed of the initiative displayed by section commanders, which promises well for the coming spell of manoeuvres with British troops.

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FIRE GETS NEAR NATIONAL PARK

Line of Flame Fifteen Miles Long in Forest Near Entrance—Appeal for Aid is Sent by Fire Fighters

OGDEN, Utah, Aug. 30.—A high wind prevailed near Island park last night and this morning. The fire line was 15 miles long in the largest forest near the entrance to Yellowstone Park, and the men in charge of the fire fighters were exhausted. Such is the substance of a message received at the local forestry service headquarters. The appeal for aid has been helpfully answered by the fire fighters of the larger fire and the flames are expected to gain control of the forest as soon as the heavy wind which has prevailed since last Saturday subsides.

SHEEP THREATENED AT OTHER POINTS

Rain Helps to Extinguish or Control Fires in Mountains—Wind Still Causing Some Trouble

Another in Montana. BIG TIMBER, Mont., Aug. 30.—Company "C" of the Montana national guard has gone to the scene of a large forest fire on Boulder reserve, twelve miles distant in the Contact national forest. The fire, which broke there secured 15 men to aid him, but the force was wholly inadequate to cope with the conflagration, and the militia was ordered out by Governor Norris.

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