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## IMPORTANT DATA OF THE FISHERIES

### Commissioners Nearing End of Labors—Report Is Valuable Text Book on Marine Wealth of Coast

The commission appointed by the Dominion government in July, 1905, is nearing the end of its arduous labors. Its somewhat voluminous report is now in print, but not yet issued to the public. Advance copies available show that this elaborate report consists of three parts. The first part includes a review of the varied fishing resources of the province, and gives a recital of the inquiries made and the actual work accomplished by the commission during the last two years. A sketch is added of the scope, and of the results, of the several former commissions, authorized by the Governor-General in Council to investigate the fisheries of British Columbia. The second part covers the proposed amendments of the statutes, and Part III, covers the suggested new regulations. These are to be submitted to the minister of marine and fisheries. This part of the report is of supreme importance to all interested in the fishing industries of the province, but it is not yet quite complete, and is, indeed, still occupying the members of the commission who are in session in the rooms of the Board of Trade, Victoria.

Washington State; the great increase in the number and capacity of the British Columbia canneries; the development of the freezing, salting, and curing branches of the salmon business; the scarcity of labor, on which the industry has so much relied in the past; and, most serious of all, the fluctuations in the salmon supply, especially on the Fraser river, the supply having reached so low an ebb in some recent seasons as to cause widespread fear for the continuance of the salmon fisheries. Salmon Industry. It is not possible to quote from the elaborate and concisely arranged statistics given in the report, but, as strikingly illustrating the marvellous development of the British Columbia salmon industry, it may be noted that on the Fraser river in 1880, 61,849 cases were packed, and in 1881 137,276, whereas 20 years later (in 1901) the pack was no less than 1,236,158 cases.

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DOG DAYS WITH THE LEGISLATORS.

**PREMIER VISITING QUEBEC.**  
Sir Wilfrid Laurier will return to the Capital next Friday.

**MEN QUARRELED OVER HAIR CUT.**  
A quarrel broke out in the shop in the Windsor hotel over a hair cut last night.

**LATER ONE OF THEM WAS FOUND DEAD.**  
A man was found dead in the street, the cause of which is being investigated.

**BLACKSMITH HAS BEEN PLACED UNDER ARREST.**  
A blacksmith was arrested on suspicion of a recent crime.

**HON. E. BLAKE TO RESIDE IN CANADA.**  
The Hon. E. Blake has decided to remain in Canada.

**STATSMAN ARRIVES FROM OLD COUNTRY.**  
A statesman has returned from his native land.

**TROUBLE WITH MANUKA'S FIREMEN.**  
A dispute has arisen among the firemen of Manuka.

**NUMBER OF THEM MADE DETERMINED.**  
The number of people involved in a recent event has been determined.

**NARROW ESCAPES.**  
Several children narrowly escaped a disaster.

**CHICAGO, AUG. 16.**  
A fire broke out in Chicago, causing significant damage.

**TWO FATALITIES.**  
Two people were killed in a recent accident.

**FOUND DEAD.**  
A person was found dead in a remote location.

**RECOVERED.**  
A missing person has been safely recovered.

**RESCUED.**  
A group of people were rescued from a dangerous situation.

**RESCUED.**  
Another group of people was rescued.

**RESCUED.**  
A person was rescued after being lost for some time.

**RESCUED.**  
A group of people were rescued from a fire.

**RESCUED.**  
A person was rescued from a boat.

## TWELVE MONTHS IMMIGRATION

### MORE THAN QUARTER OF MILLION ARRIVALS

Returns Show a Gain of Thirty-Three Per Cent Over the Previous Year.

Ottawa, Aug. 17.—Immigration returns for the twelve months ending June last, show a total of 252,033, a gain of 82.54, or 33 per cent. over the previous twelve months. The gain via ocean ports was 49 per cent.; from the United States there was a decrease of 71,278, or 2 per cent. In the first quarter of the present fiscal year the total immigration reached 127,471, an increase of 23,236, or 30 per cent. More Arrivals. Quebec, Aug. 16.—Four steamers will have landed passengers at Quebec and Montreal to-day and to-morrow, and when the last of the quartette has reached port a total of 2,782 persons will have thus entered Canada by the St. Lawrence river in two days. Of this number 2,322 are steamer passengers, and will land at Quebec to receive the usual inspection here. The balance, 1,570 are first and second cabin passengers.

## CANADIAN PACIFIC EXTENSIONS

### SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH TAPS RICH COUNTRY

Supt. Price Inspects the Pheasant Hill Line—Will Build to Sarnia.

Winnipeg, Aug. 17.—A. Price, general superintendent of the central division of the Canadian Pacific railway, returned this morning from a trip of inspection over the Pheasant Hills branch. The section of the extension from Strasburg to Gauvin, a point 18 miles north, is now ready for inspection and within a short time steel will be laid to Nokomis. This line runs through one of the finest sections of Saskatchewan. From Kirk Lake to the end of the steel crops are in excellent condition and are giving great promise of a heavy harvest. The grain is heavy on the ground, and the heads are long and filling well. A most hopeful sentiment prevails wherever he had opportunity of talking with the farmers. Sarnia, Ont., Aug. 16.—That the C. P. R. is coming to Sarnia may be set down as an assured fact by Sarnians. The line is to be extended from London first and eventually also from Stratford. This would give the C. P. R. a fast through line from central and eastern Ontario to the west. A line of boats from Sarnia to Fort William will be put on, and passengers and freight from all eastern points will be brought into Sarnia instead of being taken over the long haul by way of the North Shore, which line is kept busy with the east bound products of the Northwest.

## BANK CLEARINGS.

New York, Aug. 16.—Bradstreet's bank clearings report for the week ending August 15th shows an aggregate of \$2,762,797,000 as against \$2,658,741,000 last week and \$2,587,018,000 in the corresponding week last year.

Canadian clearings for the week total	\$1,173,000	as against	\$80,715,000
last week	\$1,173,000	in the same week last year.	
The following is a list of the cities:			
Montreal	\$28,742,000	increase	7.8 per cent.
Winnipeg	\$10,623,000	increase	21.6 per cent.
Vancouver	\$3,984,000		
Quebec	\$2,903,000	increase	35.4 per cent.
St. John	\$1,189,000	decrease	5 per cent.
Victoria	\$1,221,000		
Edmonton	\$1,026,000		
Toronto	\$63,944,000	increase	10.6 per cent.
St. Louis	\$1,011,000	increase	10.6 per cent.
Ottawa	\$2,871,000	increase	2.7 per cent.
Halifax	\$1,807,000	increase	8.9 per cent.
Hamilton	\$1,605,000	increase	6.5 per cent.
London	\$1,487,000	increase	25 per cent.
Calgary	\$1,468,000		

The last two are not included in the total, because the comparisons are incomplete.

## DESTRUCTIVE GRASSHOPPERS

### RUIN BARLEY AND OATS AT PARRY SOUND

German Politician Studying Conditions in Canada—Citizen of Halifax Honor Dr. Falconer

Toronto, Aug. 17.—Andrew Elliott, who has been judging standing crops for the Toronto agricultural department, returned this morning from Sunbridge, in the Parry Sound district, where grasshoppers are destroying oats and barley. They eat the beards of barley and the leaves of oats. As a result of this oats may not average more than two bushels per acre, and barley may not reach ten. Mr. Elliott advised the Sunbridge farmers to cut their grain at once, even though green. Distinguished Visitor. Winnipeg, Aug. 16.—Winnipeg has at present a distinguished visitor in the person of Doctor Theodore Barth, a member of the German Reichstag, who has been for many years past the recognized leader of the Radical Liberals, The Nation, of which Dr. Barth was the editor for many years, was the originator of intellectual liberalism in Germany and had a world-wide reputation. Dr. Barth has been touring the North American continent for some months, and is now studying Canadian conditions. He has already visited British Columbia and the other western provinces, and is looking into Winnipeg. On Monday he proceeds eastward. Dr. Barth is a guest at the Royal Alexandra.

## VALLEYFIELD STRIKE.

Ontario, Aug. 16.—F. A. Adams, secretary of the department of labor, has gone to Valleyfield to endeavor to effect a settlement of the strike in the Montreal cotton mills.

## HALIFAX NEWS.

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 17.—Citizens gathered last night to honor Dr. E. A. Falconer, the new president of Toronto University, on his departure from Halifax. A luncheon was given at the hotel, and Dr. Falconer was presented with a magnificent silver service, and Dr. Falconer himself was given a gold watch as a memento.

## TORONTO BANK CLEARINGS.

Toronto, Aug. 16.—Toronto bank clearings for this week were \$22,944,000; last week they were \$21,640,718. Winter Wheat. Lethbridge, Alberta, Aug. 16.—Matheson Brothers are cutting 150 acres of winter wheat this week and claim their entire crop will average 45 bushels per acre.

## BUFFALO IN NORTH.

Traders Are Believed to Be Killing a Number of the Animals.

Ottawa, Aug. 16.—Col. Fred White, governor of the unorganized territories, receives frequent requests to take steps to save a few hundred wood buffalo which roam over the country to the north of the Mackenzie, and which also are found in the northern portion of Canada's great low lands. Mr. Seton Thompson, the nature writer, who is in the far north at the present time, has interested himself in the subject, and a couple of reports on the matter have been received from Inspector Jarvis, of the Northwest Mounted Police. He is of the opinion that many of the buffalo are being killed by traders who conveniently lay the blame upon wolves which infest the country. The general accepted view, however, is that wolves do kill many of the calves.

## PLENTY OF COAL.

Large Amount Has Been Received at Superior and Duluth.

Superior, Wis., Aug. 16.—There is no danger of a coal shortage in the territory tributary to the head of the Lakes if the roads entering here are able to handle the business the coming winter. In fact, receipts up to the present time have broken all records and there is actually on the docks at the present time about 2,000,000 tons. Meanwhile shipments are good for summer and the prospects are that before the close of navigation the docks will have sold more coal from Superior and Duluth docks than ever before during the same season. For the three months previous to August last, this year, Superior and Duluth docks shipped into the northwest more coal than ever before in the same period, and nearly double the amount sent out in the same three months of 1906. This year from May last to August last, 48,344 cars have been shipped as against 28,549 in that period a year ago. The roads are rushing in new trackage and yard facilities and the Great Northern next week will have the operator's big new freight transfer shed here, which it is calculated will relieve that road of the congestion of general freight experienced last fall.

CUTTING WINTER WHEAT IN ALBERTA

HARVESTING WILL BE GENERAL WITHIN WEEK

Acreeage Has Increased Over Last Year--Decrease in Land Under Spring Wheat.

Lethbridge, Alb., Aug. 18.—Winter wheat cutting is in full swing in the Magrath district. It is nearly two weeks since the first was cut. The acreage has increased about 10 per cent. over last year, but owing to the late spring and the scarcity of labor, a considerable amount of volunteer crop has been allowed to grow. This has increased the acreage but lowered the average yield. The yield will average about 25 or 30 bushels to the acre or about the same as last year. This spring cutting will begin in ten days. The average is about three-fourths of last year. The yield will be about the same as last year.

In Cardston District. Cardston, Aug. 18.—Winter cutting has commenced in the Cardston district and in a week will be general. The crop is the best seen this year. It will average about forty bushels to the acre and fields that will go over fifty are not rare. The acreage has increased about 25 per cent. over last year. The acreage has decreased about the same amount, leaving an acreage about the same as last year. Spring wheat cutting will begin in about two weeks. The crop is better than last year and will average 30 to 35 bushels per acre. Smut is not so prevalent as last year.

THREE FIRES. Village in Michigan Nearly Wiped Out--Dynamite Exploded During Blaze at Kingston, N. Y.

Hancock, Mich., Aug. 17.—The village of Hubbell, ten miles from here, was nearly wiped out by fire which spread rapidly on account of the high wind. Twenty-two buildings, four stores, the Blomack hotel, the post-office and the coal sheds, trestles and coal pits of the Calumet Mining Company were burned. The loss is estimated at \$600,000.

Woodenware Plant Burned. St. Paul, Aug. 17.—A special to the Dispatch from Marquette, Mich., says: The plant of the Marquette Woodenware Company was destroyed by fire early to-day. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. Sixty men are thrown out of work.

Narrow Escapes. Kingston, N. Y., Aug. 17.—The explosion of a car of dynamite endangered the lives of thousands of persons who were watching a fire here to-night, which destroyed the West Shore railroad freight office sheds and forty cars, causing a loss estimated at \$200,000.

MORE JAPANESE FROM HONOLULU

Nearly Three Hundred Landed at Vancouver--Many Anxious to Leave Hawaii.

Vancouver, Aug. 19.—All but six of the three hundred and five Japanese who arrived on the Indiana passed the examination last night and went ashore. They are in charge of a Honolulu lawyer named Gear, sent by Mitsuo, the charterer of the Indiana, who was sent specially to make a report on labor conditions here. There are still many thousands of Japanese in Hawaii who wish to come here because the planters decline to pay them as much as for Portuguese labor. During the last few weeks Honolulu has been placcarded with alleged reports from Vancouver to the effect that the Japanese who arrived on Kumeric were in actual suffering, that many were starving in fishing camps on the Fraser river and that they were dying in dozens of new and fatal diseases contracted since arrival here. Gear was commissioned to investigate these reports. If he finds they are untrue he will arrange to recharter the Indiana and two thousand more Japanese will arrive next month. Each Japanese yesterday showed twenty-five dollars in gold on landing. Undoubtedly this money was merely loaned by people who shipped them to Vancouver. Financially the Japanese who arrived on the Indiana were in a much better condition than those who came on the Kumeric. The Indiana's safe contained over \$7,000 actually belonging to passengers.

PURE FOOD BILL. Measure Which Has Passed the Commons Provides for Stringent Regulations.

London, Aug. 17.—The pure food bill introduced by John Burns, president of the local government board, has been adopted in the House of Commons. This bill enables the board to institute stringent regulations for the prevention of danger arising to the public from improper storage of food. In the course of the discussion on the measure, Mr. Burns said he had heard from the countries not colonies that so-called vigorous regulations already had been relaxed, and that things were drifting to a lax condition by which the revelations of a year ago had shown Great Britain was endangered.

The honorary secretaries of King Edward's hospital fund have received \$128,000 from the executors of the late Samuel Lewis, being a fourth payment on account of a legacy of \$1,000,000.

SHOT SLANDERER. Man Killed by Woman Who Has Not Yet Been Arrested.

Chicago, Aug. 19.—Because she believed he had caused her husband to leave her and broken her home by circulating false stories, Mrs. Anselino shot and killed a man named Felipe yesterday in an alley in the rear of her home. Mrs. Anselino escaped and has not been arrested. According to the stories told by neighbors the woman acted in defence of her reputation and it is their belief that she will not be punished.

COW CAUSED WRECK. Engine Derailed Through Striking Animal Which Was Asleep on Track.

St. Paul, Aug. 17.—A special to the Pioneer Press from Fraser says: The Great Northern train from Chookston, due here at 10.15, was wrecked within two blocks of the Fargo depot to-night by striking a cow that was asleep between the rails. The engine was derailed and Engineer Tom McTaggart, whose home is in Grand Forks, sustained severe scalp wounds and possibly internal injuries.

SPANISH TROOPS AT CASABLANCA

THEIR ATTITUDE CAUSES INDIGNATION

Take No Steps to Relieve French Soldiers on Whom All Work Falls.

Paris, Aug. 19.—The Figaro's Casablanca correspondent says: "To the surprise of all the Spanish contingent returned to the city after simply making a reconnaissance of the ground allotted them. They announced that they would repeat the reconnaissance the next day and then would show what they would do. "There is much indignation at the attitude of the Spanish troops who do nothing but stroll about the city while French soldiers are worn out from constant guard duty. "Malperrthy, the Spanish consul here, has received a number of emissaries of the tribesmen, who hinted that several of their tribes are ready to submit to the French if they are met in the right spirit."

CONTEMPT OF COURT. Sentence on Emil K. Zimmer Postponed--Attorney Claims Verdict Is Illegal.

San Francisco, Aug. 17.—Emil K. Zimmer, vice-president of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company, who was convicted of contempt of court in refusing to answer questions in the first trial last week, in Judge Lawler's court, appeared before Police Judge Weller for sentence to-day. When the case was called his attorney stated that he was not prepared for argument on his objections to passing sentence. By consent of the prosecution, Judge Weller postponed sentence until Tuesday. Attorney Fairall, representing Zimmer, raised the point that the verdict of not guilty cannot stand, as the jury was discharged before it was recorded.

MUST NOT USE LIQUOR. Conditions Under Which Former Hotel Keeper Has Been Pardoned.

Helena, Mont., Aug. 17.—Governor Toole has pardoned John L. Simmons, of Chester, Chouteau county, serving a term for manslaughter, on the express condition that he abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors forever. Simmons was a hotel keeper at Chester during the first trial last week. A man named Lanier, who he had accused of stealing his pocketbook.

INCORPORATION GRANTED. Winnipeg, Aug. 17.—Incorporation has been granted to the Wine and Spirit Vaults, Ltd., as brewers and distillers, with a capital of \$300,000 and office in Winnipeg. The following are directors: Geo. Frederick, Galt, John Galt, Joseph Geo. Carroll, Walter Jackson and Henry Thomas Rennick, merchants, all of Winnipeg.

WILL VISIT VICTORIA. C. P. R. Officials on the Way to the Coast.

Winnipeg, Aug. 17.—Robt. Kerr, general passenger traffic manager of the C.P.R., and his assistant, C. H. Usher, left yesterday on the Imperial Limited for Victoria, B.C., on a tour of inspection throughout the west. They will visit all the C.P.R. hotels in the mountains and then go to Victoria, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, Spokane and back by way of the Crow's Nest Coal Pass and Edmonton. The trip will take about three weeks.

SENTENCED TO DEATH. Washington, D. C., Aug. 19.—Advice received by the war department from Manila show that the court-martial which tried private Wm. A. Taylor, Company M, 24th Infantry at Iloilo on October 16th last for shooting Lieut. Robert B. Calvert, the commanding officer of his company, sentenced him to death by hanging.

OLD TIMER INJURED. Prince Albert, Aug. 17.—Dan Sullivan, an old timer, fell from a car while working in the roundhouse yesterday afternoon and was seriously injured, one ear being almost entirely severed from his head.

STORING COAL FOR THE WINTER

LARGE SUPPLIES ARE BEING ACCUMULATED

One Million Tons Will Be Stored at Lake Ports Before Close of Navigation.

Winnipeg, Aug. 19.—There are now 100,000 tons of commercial coal in store west of Winnipeg. These figures were given out yesterday by one of the officers of the C.P.R., together with the statement that if users of fuel would put their stocks in now there would be absolutely no possibility of a repetition of the conditions which caused so much suffering last winter. At every possible point the coal companies are putting in heavy stocks of fuel in preparation for another heavy winter. It will be possible for the farmer to take coal back with him as he brings his grain to the elevator or loading platform.

Then, too, the fuel companies will be able to get a better idea of the need of the different points and ship accordingly. At the Galt, Tabor and other commercial mines of the Crow's Nest Pass and other districts of the west, the greatest possible activity is evinced in the getting out of coal. Last week alone 15,000 tons were shipped.

The miners are going ahead rapidly, and more men are being put to work every few days. The old ore-bins are being torn down to make room for new ones of a more modern design, and the entire ore-sorting arrangements are to be changed to avoid handling the ores by hand, as was the case with the old concern. The old locomotive No. 3 has been hauled to Mt. Sicker, where it will be repaired. The steam plant for all-compressing is about ready for the boiler inspector and when the power is ready the drilling machines can be started on the ore body. Already about three hundred tons of ore are awaiting shipment. It is rumored the company intends to erect ore bunkers at Mount Sicker Sliding on the line of the E. & N. in which to store ore when it is necessary to hold over shipments on the docks. These ore-bins will consist of a long pier of concrete blocks, and the ore is to be piled up on the pier and then slowly from the consumers and the dealers are not ordering heavily from the men who work in the Galt mines also own homesteads in the vicinity. During the summer they work on the land and in the late fall and winter in the mine. These men have not yet harvested their crops and consequently the force at the mines is not up to what it should be, but it is rapidly improving. The latest report states that there are 400,000 tons of commercial coal at Port Boston, and that by the close of navigation there will be a total of 1,000,000 tons of commercial coal in store at the lake ports. The coal dealers have forth every day in Winnipeg and have big stocks at lakes, but orders are coming in slowly from the consumers and the dealers are not ordering heavily from the men who work in the Galt mines also own homesteads in the vicinity. 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CANADIAN PRODUCTS EXCITE ENVY.

The Boston Globe remarks with a sigh of resignation, "In Alberta the wheat yield shows an increased acreage of twenty per cent. This is American wheat, but unfortunately not United States wheat." A good proportion of it will be sold in United States flour of the St. Paul and Minneapolis mills can get hold of it to mix with the inferior products of their own soil.

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PERSECUTION OF A PHILANTHROPIST.

One would think the American people ought to be satisfied with that twenty-nine million dollar fine that has been imposed upon John D. Rockefeller. But they are not. They are diligently seeking for new cause of complaint against the Standard Oil philanthropist and philosopher of the golf links.

PRODUCING HONEY IS NEW INDUSTRY

Many Residents in Comox Have Decided to Keep Bees—A Profitable Employment.

Comox, Aug. 16.—The sweet honey from the wonderful bee-hive is another article of commerce which is beginning to be produced in Comox. Heretofore there were only a very few people here who kept bees, but this year quite a number have resolved to give some attention to them.

A study of the lives of America's numerous millionaires ought to have a tendency to make the average person satisfied with the station of life in

which it has pleased an all-wise Providence to place him. Although Rockefeller affects to regard lightly the judgment of the court which struck the Standard Oil Company hard, it is probably a fact that in his inmost heart the Oil King is exceeding sore. Two other individuals whose signatures are or were good for considerable amounts are now in jail, one in New York, the other Erie, Pa., both for driving rails to passions of a divergent but ignoble character.

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rich in honey. One of the pioneers of the Comox district, who chanced to find a swarm, is expecting by the mail two queen bees which will probably do wonderful work in the near future.

LOCAL NEWS

The fire brigade was called to attend to a roof fire at M residence on Hastings street afternoon. No damage was done by incipient blaze.
Friday evening at the residence of W. P. Allen, Niagara street, Mr. Leslie Clay united in Mr. Michael Perez, of Comox Sarah Gray, lately of Glasgow.



MAY BUILD LINE TO ROYAL OAK

TRAMWAY COMPANY'S EXTENSIVE POLICY

Said to Have Come to Arrangement With South Saanich Council

(From Monday's Daily.) A subject which is of greatest possible interest to Victorians to-day, and which is now being brought very near to consummation, is the connection of the city with the suburban districts by means of tramway communication.

No arrest has yet been made, although the posse and sheriff are working on the case. Robbery is supposed to have been the motive.

THREE CHILDREN WERE KILLED

RANCHER'S HOME WAS DEMOLISHED BY STORM

Later Particulars of Fatalities Near Vermillion—Victims Struck by Flying Debris

Vermillion, Alta., Aug. 18.—A tragedy occurred on Wednesday at the ranch of Henry Meyer, a well-known local horseman, on the Battie river, about twenty miles south of here, as a result of a small cyclone which passed across the district about 6 o'clock.

AUTO DRIVER IS BADLY INJURED

Virgil Hall Colliding With Fence Falls Beneath Motor—Victoria Cars Do Well

A serious accident occurred in connection with the auto races at Van-over on Saturday, in which Virgil Hall, the well-known Seattle driver, received very serious injuries.

THROWN DOWN SHAFT

Man Drugged and Murdered By Unknown Persons at Butte, Mont.

Butte, Mont., Aug. 17.—That James Doherty was drugged and thrown over the railing surrounding the shaft of the Surprise mine by persons unknown to the jury was the verdict reached at the coroner's inquest.

SUCCESSFUL SHOOT AT WILLOWS TRAPS

Victoria and Capital Gun Clubs Hold Joint Meet—Many Money Prizes

The big open shoot which was held at the Willows traps yesterday, under the joint auspices of the Victoria and Capital gun clubs, was well attended, there being over 30 competitors on the grounds.

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IMPORTANT DATA ON THE FISHERIES

(Continued from page 1.) The first to seriously embark on the canning business included Messrs. J. H. Todd & Sons, R. P. Ritchie, Messrs. Findlay, Durham & Brodie and others.

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## WEST COAST OF VANCOUVER ISLAND

Historical Sketch by G. O. Buchanan.

The length of Vancouver Island from Victoria to Cape Scott is 300 miles, the direction being a little north of northwest. The width of the Island from Chatham Point to Bago Point is 75 miles, but the average is about 60 miles.

The water route along the West Coast from Victoria lies for 60 miles through the straits of Juan de Fuca, 12 miles in width. Here, all winds, except northwesterly, are favorable to the State of Washington; but when Cape Flattery and Tatoush Island—with its lighthouse and wireless telegraph poles, and finally Dunas Coast, pass astern, one observes that he has seen the extreme northwest corner of the United States, and from this on to have over the port rail no land nearer than the Sounds of Asia, and is prepared to roll upon billows that have gathered headway along a march of 5,000 miles.

To starboard is the coast of Vancouver Island, straight and rather low, and clothed down to high water mark with dense and somber fir.

"The graveyard of ships," say the landsmen. "How many ships?" "Oh, three or four that I know of, and probably a great many others, of which only the pieces have been found." Doubtless the West Coast has taken its toll of shipping, and it will continue to do so until there is no more sea, but the same is true of all coasts towards which ocean highways converge.

The coasting vessels make their regular trips from Victoria to Cape Scott, calling at all the Sounds in winter and summer, and except when held by fog rarely lose a day. The traveller who remembers the furious gales and whooping billows of the North Atlantic will marvel that waters so placid as those of the North Pacific have ever been maligning.

Indented Coast.

With harbors the West Coast is remarkably well supplied. Besides a multitude of minor coves and inlets the map shows a succession of breaks in the shore line, which are more than mere ports or harbors, and are dignified with the title "Sounds." Sounds are generally thought of as those channels where the mariner may, and frequently must, use the sounding line, but those of the West Coast, as they appear on the chart, may be defined as bodies of water into which much land has been intruded, or as bodies of land much intersected by water.

Some of them have several entrances from the ocean, and all have numerous arms extending far inland towards the mountainous backbone of the island, with a multitude of channels making short cuts from arm to arm; a multitude of little islands, some of them, as Nootka and Plover for instance, 30 miles long, breaking the roll of the waves from seaward; and a myriad of cuming little bays and coves tucked away in the shadow of mountainous bluffs, or at the base of bold peninsulas, where a friendly island blending with shore line shuts them off from all but the closest search—such places as were sought by Bluebeard and Captain Kidd, when they were wearied with the importunate attentions of men-of-war.

Notice the names of the Sounds. Any one of these would have been worth a dividend to the Grand Trunk Pacific; Barclay, Clayoquot, Nootka, Kyugoot, Quatsino.

First Discovered.

In 1520 Magellan rounded Cape Horn; in 1578 Francis Drake coasted far north in the Pacific, and it is conjectured, saw the coast of what is now British Columbia.

In 1659 Juan De Fuca, a Greek pilot, is supposed to have discovered the straits which bear his name. Then these adventurers, and their successors in office, appear to have rested for nearly 200 years, and at the expiration of that time, Captain Barkley and his wife came along and re-discovered the Greek pilot's strait. In the meantime,

In 1774 Juan Perez discovered the Queen Charlotte Islands, and in 1778 James Cook, in the Resolution, on his third trip around the world, sailed into Nootka Sound, and from amongst a multitude of snug havens easily available, chose an insignificant cove on the southeast end of Eligh Island, affording but slight protection against the roll of the ocean, and there tied up the Resolution for rest and refreshment. Sailing northward when spring came, Cook reached the base of Mount St. Elias. From there getting into friendly communication with Russian military men and traders, he informed them that they were living upon the continent of America. Not having, according to his instructions from the Admiralty, demonstrated this by examining every creek and every light, and even fresh water rivers, which might possibly open through into Hudson's Bay, Cook's information, it is said, led the Russians to cruise and establish posts far to the southward, gaining thereby a title to the extended coast line, the loss of which Canadians now so profoundly deplore. After this Cook sailed away to the Sandwich Islands, and there, in an attempt to cover the retreat of a boat's crew of sailors who had picked a quarrel on shore with the natives, he was stabbed in the back, and fell with his face in the water.

First Keel Laid.

In January, 1782, ten years later, there arrived at Nootka two vessels, the Pelice and the Iphigenia. These vessels belonged to John Cavallo, a Portuguese merchant of Macao. The first was commanded by John Meares, a half-pay lieutenant of the British navy; the second by William Douglas, also a British subject, who had been banished from Portugal by the Portuguese authorities at Macao, and their crews punished as pirates.

The Pelice, after a cruise on the coast, arrived at Nootka on the 13th of May, and Meares began building a small vessel, with which he judged he could more safely and economically than with his seagoing craft, carry on a coasting trade.

The little nook between precipitous bluffs, where now stands the Catholic convent and mission house at Friendly Cove on Nootka Island, was Meares' shipyard. In addition to the long shelving beach in front, about an acre of level, and here the cedars and alders and sal-lal bushes were cleared away, and the first keel of the home-built navy of the North Pacific coast, was laid.

Local reports intimate that Meares obtained his iron from the wreck of one of his other vessels, but the printed records do not confirm this. Better evidence exists in another local tradition, which is to the effect that his ship-carpenters were Chinamen, and in fact that the descendants of Chinamen were recognizable in recent years amongst the inhabitants of the Nootka and Mucchet villages.

While the vessel was being built Meares went south, entered the Straits of Juan De Fuca, and searched for the mouth of the Columbia, which he did not find. He bestowed the names of Deception Bay and Cape Disappointment upon points on the coast of Oregon, and noted in his log, "We can now assert that no such river, as laid down on Spanish charts, exists."

In September Meares was at Nootka, and witnessed the launching of the new vessel, which he named the Northwest America.

On the 24th of that month the Iphigenia arrived with a valuable collection of furs, which Meares transferred to his own vessel, and much elated, sailed for Macao.

In October the Iphigenia and Northwest America sailed for the Sandwich Islands. In the meantime two American vessels, a sloop commanded by Captain Gray, and the Columbia of

Boston, Captain Kendrick, had arrived and remained at Nootka.

In December Meares arrived in Macao to find his employer, Cavallo, bankrupt. At about this time two vessels, belonging to a rival association, the King George Sound Co., arrived at Macao. These vessels were commanded by James Colnett, a half-pay British officer.

At the suggestion of Meares a consolidation of interests was effected, and submitted a sort of compromise which enabled Spain "to save her face."

A treaty dated 28th October, 1790, provided for the restoration of all lands and buildings, and compensation for all losses sustained by any British subjects through violence, with a guarantee of common rights in navigation, fisheries, etc.

Vancouver Arrives. It may be noted, however, that no

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The site is that of one of the Spanish forts.

Pale of John Jewett.



PRIEST'S HOUSE, NOOTKA. Erected on the identical spot where Meares laid down the ship Northwest.

two vessels, the Princess Royal and the Argonaut, under Colnett, were dispatched to Nootka, Meares remaining as agent at Macao.

In the meantime Spain had addressed to England and to Russia, strong remonstrances in regard to their occupation of the northern coast, and the viceroys of Mexico, in the interests of his monarch, had dispatched a squadron under Don Estevan Jose Martinez, which had anchored at Nootka.

The Iphigenia and Northwest had arrived from the Sandwich Islands in favorable condition nine days before the arrival of the Spanish squadron. On the 4th of May, 1791, Martinez formally declared the country to belong to Spain, landed artillery and began the erection of forts. For the first week, international peace prevailed, the Spanish choosing to regard the Macao vessels as coasting vessels of a friendly power, and the first keel of the home-built navy of the North Pacific coast, was laid.

Then Martinez found out about the written instructions from Portugal, which the Iphigenia had carried the year before. He seized her, and put officers and crew under arrest. Upon the intercession of the American, Captain Kendrick, and the intercession of the prisoners were liberated, the ship released, and the officers of the Iphigenia signed a statement to the effect that they had not been interrupted and had received kind treatment from the Spaniards.

In order to get to sea, however, Douglas and Viana, the captain and surgeon, were compelled by Martinez to enter into a bond in which they engaged themselves, and for Cavallo, to pay to the order of the viceroys of Mexico, the full value of the ship, in case her capture should be pronounced legal.

The Princess Royal of the Associated Company, arrived from Macao at Nootka on June 16th, and brought news of the failure of John Cavallo. Upon hearing this news, Martinez seized the Northwest as security for the bills he held. The crew of the Princess Royal was well treated, and in July she sailed for a cruise. As she was leaving, the Argonaut came in, and Colnett announced that he had come to take possession of Nootka for Great Britain, and to erect a fort. The next day, in the cabin of the Spanish flagship, on the course of an animated dispute, Colnett drew his sword upon the Spanish admiral, Martinez then directed the Argonaut and later the Princess Royal, and sent the former with the crew of both, to San Blas, Mexico. In November the crew of the Northwest returned to Macao, and shortly after Martinez sailed for Mexico, leaving the American Captain Kendrick alone on the coast. In due course, the news of these events reached Macao, and Meares, taking depositions from some seaman, posted them to London, and asserted that in 1788 he had purchased from King Maquina, the monarch of Nootka, a vast territory; that he had erected a fort, cleared land, and built ships, all by way of taking formal possession for the British crown. He prayed for \$55,000 indemnity from Spain.

War Averted. In 1790 George III. sent a message to the British parliament, detailing the high-handed proceedings of the Spanish warships, and announcing that his Majesty had directed the British minister at Madrid to claim full and adequate satisfaction. The King "hoped that the affair might terminate in a manner to preserve grounds of mutual understanding in the future, and to continue and confirm that harmony and friendship which happily subsisted between the two courts." Spain, in reply, said she had ordered the vessels to be released, but asked Great Britain to order that "the undoubted rights of Spain" be respected in future. At this point the money France lent to the British that she would support the claim of Spain to all the west coast of North America as far north as the first degree. Preparations for war were made. But Spain had neither money nor credit to carry on a conflict with any hope of success, and the British

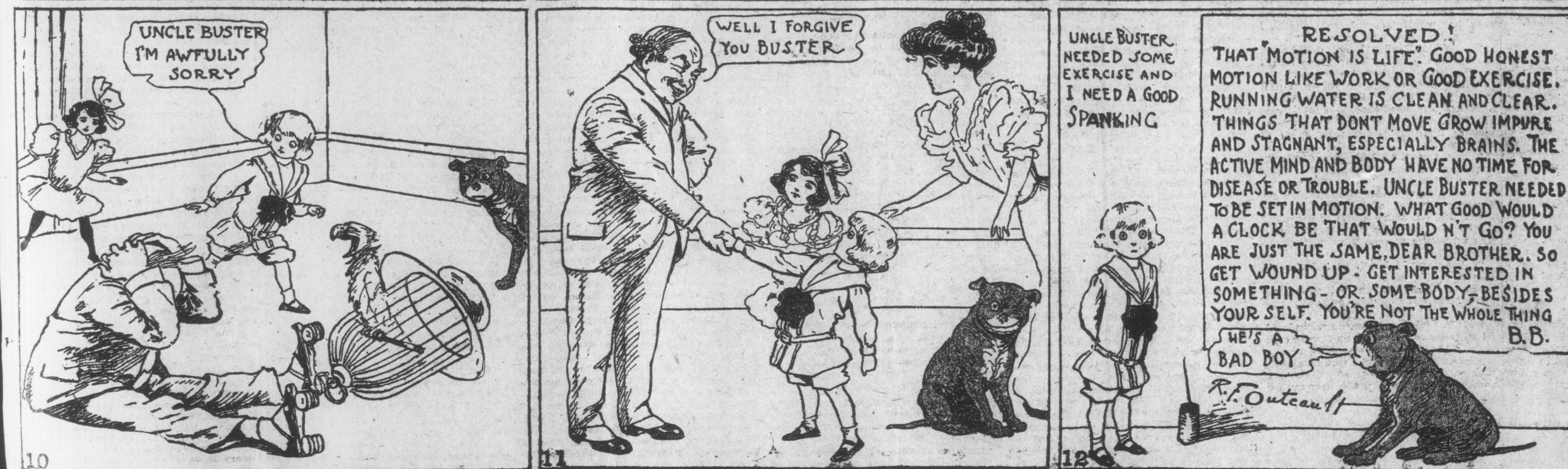
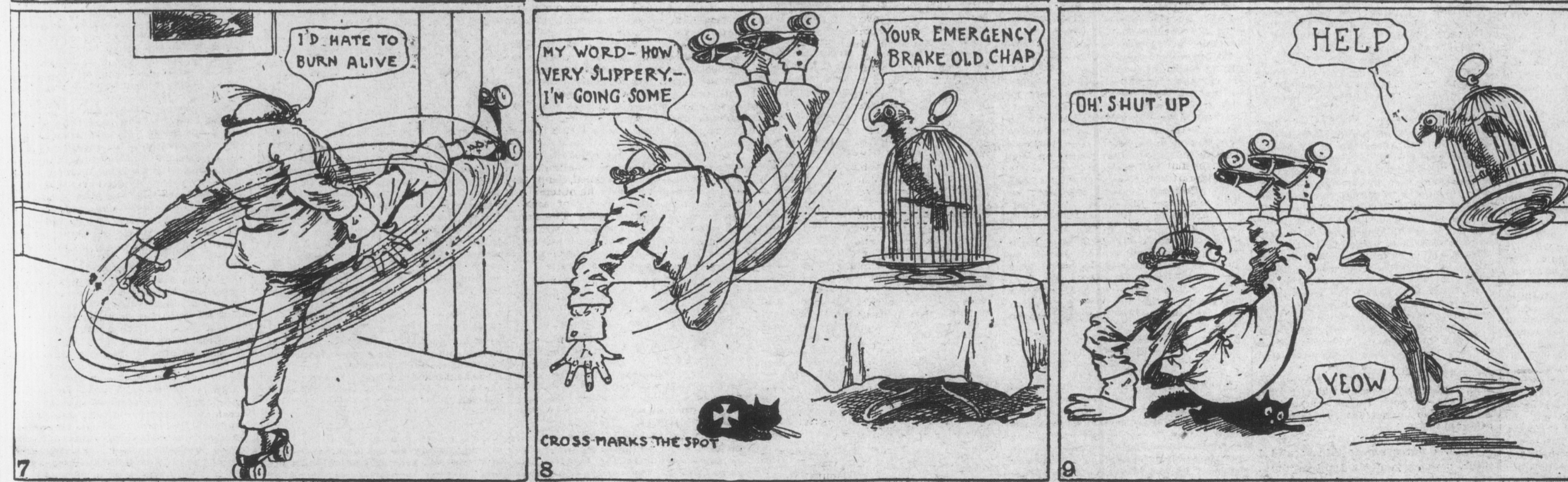
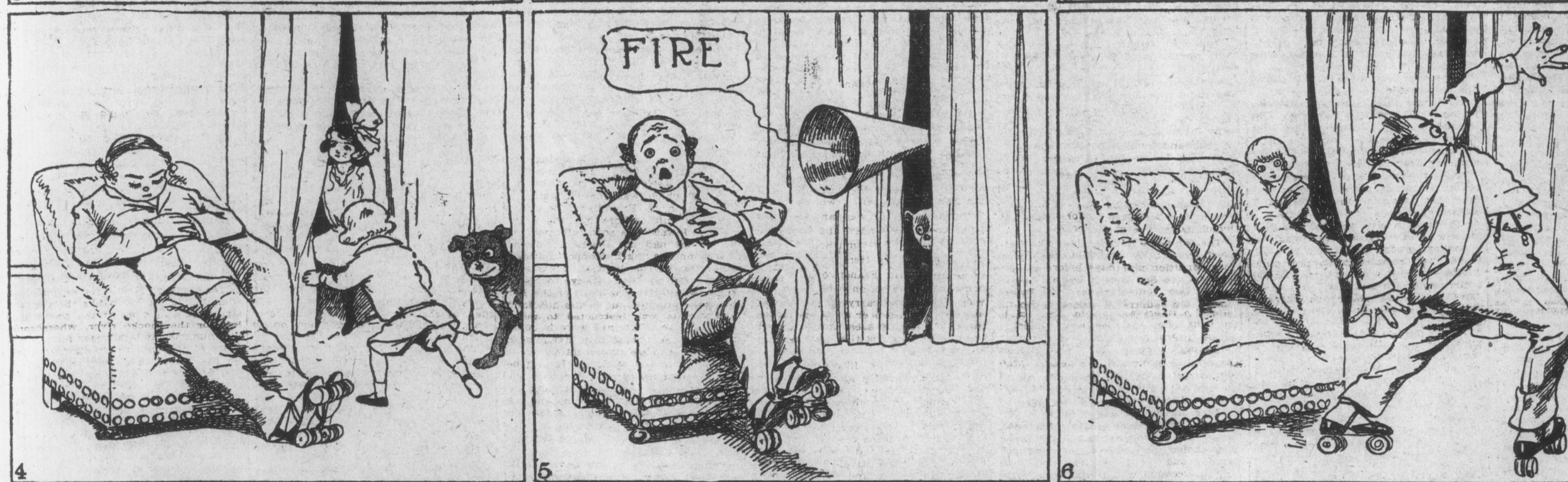
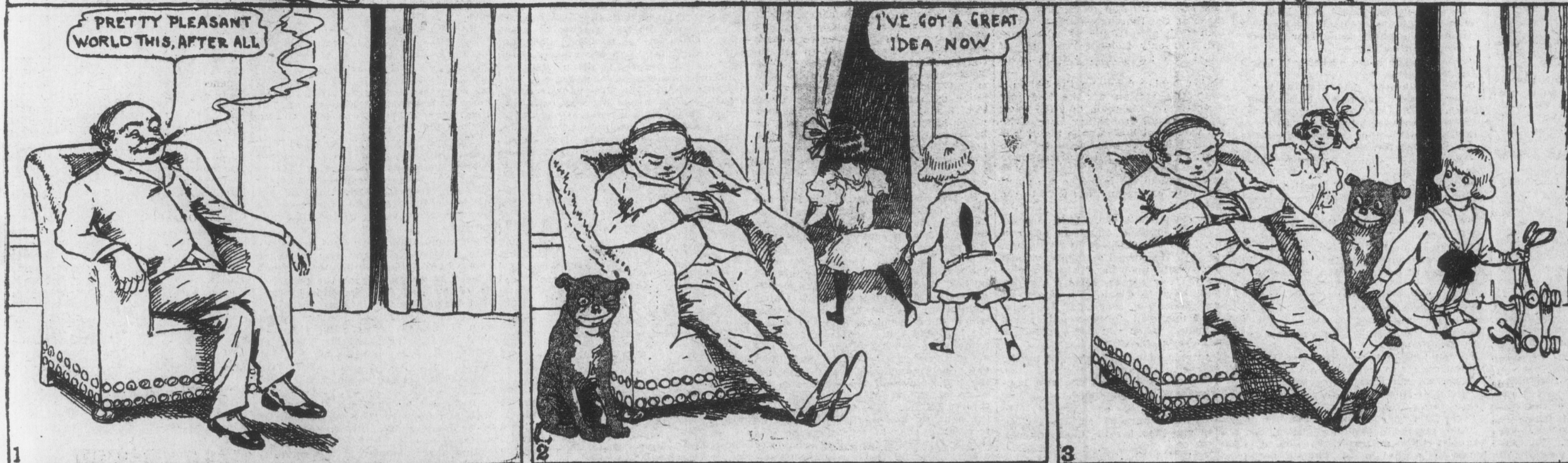
Spain waived any pretensions to territorial rights, or engaged to cede any part of the territory to Spain, and if the value of the concessions covered by the treaty, were strongly assailed in parliament by the then leader of the opposition, Mr. Fox, Pursuant to this treaty, George Vancouver was dispatched in 1791 with two ships, the Discovery, sloop of war, and the Chatham, an armed tender, and he arrived at Nootka, via Fitzhugh Sound, on the 28th August, 1792. Here he was met by Senor Don Juan Francisco de la Bodega Quadra, who, on behalf of Spain, was prepared to carry out the treaty, namely, to hand over all lands belonging to Captain Meares; and to pay for any property of his that had been destroyed.

Meares' story of ill-treatment was described by Quadra as a chimera; he had never erected anything but a shack, the wood of which he had taken away with him before Martinez arrived; the Iphigenia was not an English vessel; Captains Colnett and Hudson had resisted only when they sought as representatives of Great Britain to erect forts; they had not been treated with unnecessary harshness. Moreover, Quadra invited Vancouver to accompany him to the royal residence of Macquinna at Tah-shis, seven leagues up the sound, which visit was duly paid on Tuesday, the 4th of September, 1792, when that monarch positively declared that he had never seen the Boston was on fire, the Indians had carried candles into the hold of the vessel and let them where they ignited the cargo. The chief hurried to the scene, but too late. The local fire department was inefficient, or the water pressure failed, and the Boston burned. 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CHAPTER IX.—(Continued).

"I can't help it if you insist on mis-understanding me, uncle; and, anyhow, I suppose I can change my mind if I like, can't I?"

"No," he declared, "it's not fair to me. I can't make you out at all. You're not in love with Harry Tris-tram, are you?"

"With that boy?" asked Mina, at-tempting to be superb.

"That's woman's old nonsense," ob-served Duplay, twirling his mustache knowingly. "They often fall in love with young men and always try to pass it off by calling them boys."

"Of course I have no experience, un-cle," she rejoined, passing into the sarcastic vein.

"And if you are," he went on, revert-ing to the special case, "I don't see why you should make his path smooth to Janie Iver."

"Some people are capable of self-sac-rifice in their love."

"Yes, but I shouldn't think you'd be of them," said the Major, with a rudely. He looked at her curiously. Her interest in Harry was unmistak-able, her championship of him had be-come thorough-going, fierce, and to the Major's mind utterly unaccountable.

Was he faced with a situation so start-lingly changed? Did his niece object to turning Harry off his throne be-cause she harbored a hope of sharing it with him? If that were so, and if the hope had any chance of becoming a reality, Duplay would have to reconsid-er his game. But what chance of suc-cess could there be? She would (he put it bluntly in his thoughts) only be mak-ing a fool of herself.

The Imp screwed up her little lean face into a grimace which served actu-ally as usual, he admitted to her real feelings. She neither admitted nor de-nied the charge leveled against her. She was bewildering her uncle, and she found, as usual, he was quite unable to follow her. He was bewildering her- self a little with her constant thoughts of Harry Tristram and her ardent championship of his cause, and in the country there is such a thing as being too peaceful, and up to the present time the confusion of feeling had been rather pleasant than painful.

"I don't really know what I feel," she remarked the next moment. "But you can read women, uncle, you've often said so, and I dare say you really know more about what I feel than I do my-self." A groans of indecision crossed her new assumption. "Now judging from what I do and look—that's the way to judge, isn't it, not from what I say—I don't really know what I feel. I must feel that he is. There's been most feelings are about Mr. Tristram?"

"If the Major had been asked what his real inmost feelings about his niece were at the moment, he would have been at some difficulty to express them de-cisively. She was back at fifteen—a particularly exasperating child of fifteen. Her great eyes, with their mock bravado, which she always showed when he would have agreed absolutely with Mr. Cholderton's estimate of the evil in her, and of his proper remedy.

Wherein Duplay was derided, his niece made very plain to him; whereas his words had any effect was studiously concealed. Yet she repeated the words when he had, with a marked fall-out of temper, and she had indeed re-mem-d the door behind him. "In love with Harry Tristram!" Mina found the idea of an explanatory and pictur-escue. "Why otherwise," she said, "I should have been as they say?"

"Yes," said the Imp, without the least hesitation. "I think he's most attrac-tive—mysterious, you know. I'm quite taken with him."

"His eyes look at me as if I want-ed to pick his pocket."

"Well, you generally do—for your char-ities." The laugh was confined to Mina herself. "But I know the manner you mean."

"Poor young man! I'm told he's very sensitive about his mother. That's it, perhaps. The guess was at all events as near as possible generally gets to truth. "It would make him a very un-comfortable sort of husband though, even if one didn't mind having that kind of story in the family."

"With a flash of surprise—really she had not been thinking about herself, in spite of her little attempts to mystify Miss S.—Mina caught the Imp indulg-ing in a very intent scrutiny of her, which gave an obvious point to her last words and paved the way (as it appeared at a moment) for a direct ap-proach to the principal object of Miss S.'s visit. That this object did not come to the front till Miss S. was on her feet to go was quite characteristic.

"I'm glad," she said, "that you served, hanging her silk bag on her arm, "I have had this talk with you. They do say such things, and now I shall be able to contradict them on the best authority."

"What do they say?"

"Well, I never repeat things; still I think, perhaps you're a right to know. They do say that you're more interest-ed in Harry Tristram than a mere neighbor would be, and—well, really, I don't quite know how to put it."

"Oh, I do!" cried Mina, delightedly hitting the mark. "That uncle and I are working together, I suppose?"

"I don't listen to such gossip, but it comes to my ears," Miss S. admitted.

"What diplomats we are!" said the Imp. "I didn't know we were so clever. But why do I take Janie to Blentmouth?"

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"Why not to her? Isn't that rather unusual in such cases?" Harry was smiling now.

"It would only worry her. What chance should I have?"

"Well, I don't know what I'm humb-ling myself as good a man as you. But—" he laughed a little. "I'm Broadley of Blingham, not Tristram of Blent."

"I see. That's it? And our friend the Major?"

"I shouldn't so much mind having a run-up with the Major."

"But Tristram of Blent is—is too much?"

"It's not your fault, you can't help it," smiled Bob. "You're born to it and—"

"You're very fond of her?" Harry asked, frowning a little. "Thought I've never talked about it—even to her."

"I've been in love with her all my life—ever since they came to Seaview. Fairholme wasn't dreamed of then."

He spoke of Fairholme with a touch of bitterness which he hastened to cor-rect by adding, "Of course I'm glad of your good luck."

"You mean, if it were Seaview still and not Fairholme?"

"No, I don't. I've no business to think anything of the sort, and I don't think I'll. Bob interposed quickly. "You asked me a question and I answered it. I'm not in a position to know anything about you, and I'm not going to say anything."

"A good many reasons enter into a marriage sometimes," remarked Harry, smiling at the enemy. "He should sit there next?" He looked at the room, now out into the night, his eyes fixed on the window with tears; the love of the place came back to him, his pride in it lived again, he would keep it not only because it was his home, but because he loved it. His blood spoke strong in him. Suddenly he smiled. It was at the thought that all this belonged in law to the Gainsboroughs—the house, the gallery, the pictures, the treasures, the very chair where Addie Tristram had used to sit. Every stick and stone about the place was Cecely Gains-borough's, and he felt that he was the Blent from shore to shore. He had no thought at all—according to law.

Well, the law must have some honor, some recognition, at all events. The Gainsboroughs, who had been pro-mised, be asked to the funeral. They should be invited with all honor and most formally, in the name of Tris-tram of Blent, and he knew he was ac-cording to law, also Miss Cecely Gains-borough's. Harry had no name accord-ing to law; no more than he had houses or pictures or treasures, any stick or stone about the place, or the bed of the Blent. He had been so to the mistress of it all; she was gone and he was nobody—according to law. It was this score did away into a sense of relief. He thought he should tell his mother that he had urged on him; the Gainsboroughs ought to be asked to the funeral. The last of his vexation on this score died away into a sense of relief and amusement at Addie Tristram's wish and his own appreciation of it. He had no sense of danger; Tristram had succeeded to Tristram; all was well.

Little inclined to sleep, he went down into the garden presently, lit a cigar, and strolled on to the bridge. The night he was clearer and some stars shined in the sky; it was nearly one o'clock, but he knew he had not seen only a few moments when to his sur-prise he heard the sound of a horse's hoofs on the road from Blentmouth. The rider came up in a few minutes and round in the saddle, might have been Harry, he crossed the bridge, opened the gate, and stood on the high road. The rider came up in a few minutes and drew rein at the sight of his guest, but, as Harry did not move, made as though he would ride on again with no more than the customary country sa-lute. It did not trouble him seriously.

"Who is it?" asked Harry, peering through the darkness.

"Me—Bob Broadley," was the answer. "You're late."

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