

Mr. Lubbe interviewed

Secretary of Esquimaux Water Works Co. Discusses Action of City Council.

Thinks the intention to record rights at Goldstream a very wise move.

Quotes figures to show what it will cost to perfect proposed plan.

The city council having decided to take the necessary legal steps to record the claim of the corporation to the water at Goldstream, a Colonist reporter yesterday called on Mr. Lubbe, secretary of the Esquimaux Water Works Company, with a view to ascertaining his opinion of this action.

The council have taken the best step possible. We will now have the matter of legal rights decided on the other side of the water, we will not test the application in the courts, but I think it will be very easily settled.

It will not be long before the city council will be in the best position in the least, and is the best step the city could take.

Ald. Douglas deserves credit for the way he kept at the question of taking water from below the power house. It is not the first time he has spoken about it, and even on Tuesday evening he had to ask a number of times before anyone took notice of his remarks.

"How long will it be before the question will be brought on an issue?" asked the reporter.

"Well, I don't know," replied Mr. Lubbe, "as I am not aware how they intend to proceed."

Mr. Lubbe next asked if the company intended their offer to read that they would give the city water for \$5,000,000, free of charge.

"That is our proposition, and we will stand by it," he replied. "I notice some of the aldermen appeared sceptical about the offer, but they have no need to fear; we will live up to everything that is in the offer."

"What will be the position of the British Columbia Electric Company?"

"Well," replied Mr. Lubbe, "they will be out of it entirely if the city gets the water it is after. The lighting department of the tramway company will be knocked clean out, as the city will be able to supply light at much cheaper. It is the best scheme the city can get, and it is the same identical plan I recommended to the directors of the waterworks company met the council recently."

"If the city erects a power house at Millstream this will give a minimum effective height of 410 feet above sea level. With this height it will be possible to generate 25,000,000 gallons per day out of which 10,000,000 gallons would be used for power purposes, a 24-hour day of a single switch of 1,800 horse-power for a 10-hour day."

"If the city secure a decision in its favor, it will be necessary, in order to secure a supply of water, to pump, to lift a 40-inch main from Goldstream for a distance of ten miles to the foot of Arm street, Victoria West, at a cost of \$250,000. On the other hand, if the city erects a power house at Millstream, it will be necessary to lay a 42-inch main from Goldstream to the foot of Arm street, a distance of 10 miles, at a cost of \$1,000,000. The capacity of the 42-inch main, with a capacity of 25,000,000 gallons per 24 hours (less a fractional loss of 10 per cent), will be 25,000,000 gallons per day, with a capacity of 5,000,000 gallons per day for domestic purposes, at a cost, for the 42-inch and 30-inch mains, of \$381,600.

"Besides this, there would be a 42-inch main to the power house at Millstream, hydraulic and electric machinery, transmission line, and other street street street, \$100,000. The line loss of electric current from Millstream to the foot of Arm street will not exceed 5 per cent, as compared with 12 per cent on the present power house at Goldstream, a saving of 7 per cent on this one item alone. These figures show what a great saving will be effected by the city erecting a power house at Millstream. It is now making application for a 10-hour day."

ALFRED WATERHOUSE DEAD. Well-Known English Architect Passes Away.

London, Aug. 23.—Alfred Waterhouse, a well-known architect and prominent member of the Royal Academy, died here today. He was born at Liverpool in 1830. Mr. Waterhouse designed many of the great buildings.

FORCE OF BAD EXAMPLE. Hotel Employees Accused of Holding Up Their Employer.

New York, Aug. 23.—Claiming that through a conspiracy between waiters and checkers at the Hotel Astor he was being defrauded of about \$200 per day, W. C. Muschenheim, the lessee of the hotel, tonight had four employees arrested on charges of holding up their employer.

SCOURGE GAINS GROUND. Yellow Fever Shows Renewed Energy Outside New Orleans.

New Orleans, La., Aug. 23.—The yellow fever situation apparently improved today, but the scourge is reported to be gaining with each day outside the city. Today the number of cases fell to five from nine yesterday, but only ten diesel engines were reported today, as against 21 yesterday. There were four fewer new cases today than on Tuesday.

VENEZUELAN AFFAIRS.

Caracas, Venezuela, Aug. 23.—Ex-Judge W. J. Calhoun, whom President Roosevelt appointed special commissioner to look into the relations between Venezuela and the United States, is actively pursuing his investigations in the conduct of which the government is furnishing him every facility. Judge Calhoun will probably remain here for two months.

ROJESTVENSKY RECOVERING.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 23.—Vice-Admiral Rojestyevsky, in a letter to his family, says he expects to have fully recovered from the wounds received in the battle in the Sea of Japan, when he will start for Russia with permission of the Japanese government.

VISIT OF CRUISER SQUADRON.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 23.—It was announced at the navy department today that the British squadron under the command of Prince Louis of Battenberg would be entertained at Newport instead of at New York. The visit of the squadron will be delayed until the last week in October or early in November.

The Day at the Federal Capital.

Prince Louis of Battenberg to Be Loyally Entertained at Capital.

Three Hundred Men of the Cruiser Squadron to Accompany Him.

From Our Own Correspondent.

OTTAWA, Aug. 23.—Prince Louis of Battenberg, who will arrive here at 11:40 tomorrow and be the guest of the Canadian Club at luncheon at 1 o'clock, will be accompanied by three hundred men of the cruiser squadron which will reach the capital when for three days they will be entertained at the expense of the Dominion government.

At a meeting today called by Col. Hanbury Williams, the committee of entertainment was formed, and every effort will be made to give the lady a right worthy Canadian welcome.

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BOUNDARY SURVEY.

C. A. Biggar, of Canadian Commission, in City En Route to Ottawa.

C. A. Biggar, of the Alaskan boundary commission, returned from the North on Tuesday and registered at the Hotel Vancouver. Mr. Biggar came direct from the White Pass, where he was in charge of the field work under Dr. W. P. King, M. A. L. D., engaged upon the work of the Canadian commission in the determination of the boundary line.

"This season," said Mr. Biggar to a Colonist reporter, "the work has been going on in a very satisfactory manner, although the operations have been carried on at a very high altitude, where clouds were very prevalent and observation consequently frequently obscured. The lower strata of clouds in Alaska are rarely more than 2,000 feet above the level of the sea. There was, however, a scarcity of snow, which was a disadvantage in facilitating the work. The portions of the boundary now being surveyed are not very difficult, and are required for appropriation."

The American and Canadian parties are widely separated, prosecuting the survey from different points. The boundary line runs through country which is very mountainous. It will probably be two years before the survey is completed; meanwhile it is of interest in any way affecting individual interests in the boundary line.

A long cablegram was sent to Ambassador Meyer by the President late on Monday. It was a congratulatory message, on behalf of President Roosevelt, to be made directly to the Emperor of Russia. There is a reasonable belief that these representations will be made directly to the Emperor of Russia. There is a reasonable belief that these representations will be made directly to the Emperor of Russia.

Mr. Biggar produced a photograph taken a week ago which gave a true representation of the White Pass and Yukon route. The photograph shows the route in the foreground and the beautiful lake of the mountains in the background. The route is a narrow gauge railway line and the lake is a beautiful sight.

Mr. Biggar left Victoria last evening for Vancouver, en route for Ottawa.

THE WHITE ELEPHANT.

"The White Elephant" is a very clever, attractively printed brochure, of 32 pages, published by the Canadian Publishing Company, Montreal. The author, though dealing with so large a subject, is very humorous, is a bit of a humorist. It is a humorous and satirical account of the railway situation in Canada.

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Roosevelt's Appeal to Czar

President Makes Effort to Secure Peace in the Far East.

Sent a Personal Solicitation to Emperor to Aid in Ending the War.

Postponement of Conference to Saturday Viewed as Good Omen.

YESTERDAY, N. Y., Aug. 23.—President Roosevelt's final effort to induce a cessation of hostilities in the far east is a dramatic in its extraordinary interest.

Through Gen. Yamagata, the American ambassador at St. Petersburg, he has made a direct appeal to Emperor Nicholas to permit the adoption of such measures in the pending peace conference as will terminate the war.

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BANK OFFICIALS ARRESTED.

Depositors of Defunct Denver Savings Bank Take Action.

Denver, Col., Aug. 23.—Warrants were issued by district attorney George Sturge today on complaint of depositors of the Denver Savings Bank for the arrest of President U. A. Hill, Vice-President F. P. Jones and some minor officials of the bank, which was placed in the hands of a receiver last Saturday.

The nature of the charges was not made public. President Hill is said to be in Oklahoma and Vice-President Jones in Colorado Springs.

RUSSIAN MILITARY TRAINS.

Officer Detailed to Investigate Numerous Recent Accidents.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 23.—It was stated today that the sudden departure from St. Petersburg Monday night of Prince Hilkoft, minister of railroads, for the purpose of investigating the cause of serious accidents which occurred recently in Southern Russia, is in connection with the Far East. In one of the accidents which took place in the vicinity of Krasnaya, 20 Russian soldiers and 2 officers and 40 soldiers injured.

The departure of Prince Hilkoft was connected with the purpose of the government to send further reinforcements to General Linvitch, and to the fact that the minister is regarding the prospects of peace.

Pacific Coast Happenings.

Party of C. P. R. Officials Reach Bellingham on Annual Tour.

Air Ship's Successful Flight at Portland—Young Girl's Sad End.

BELLINGHAM, Aug. 23.—A party of C. P. R. officials arrived here today and spent several hours with the local agent of the road and the representatives of the B. & N. P. R. C. and said they were ready to take up the matter. In the afternoon the officials left via the Northern Pacific for Seattle.

The company included W. R. McInnes, freight traffic manager; Robert Kerr, passenger traffic manager; and J. W. Paterson, assistant freight agent; Winnipeg; T. Greer, advertising agent, Montreal; and W. G. Green, general agent, Vancouver.

San Francisco, Aug. 23.—The schooner Salinas was wrecked on the coast of Oregon, with a cargo of 5246 barrels of salmon. Portland, Ore., Aug. 23.—After being in the air half an hour, covering six miles, the airship City of Portland landed in the vicinity of Young King in the identical spot where it started. It was considered the most successful flight of a dirigible in the world.

Vancouver, Wash., Aug. 23.—With her wedding dress on and within three days of the time set for her marriage, Viola Moore committed suicide by jumping from the top of the hotel tower. Her father, Mr. Moore, was seen by the police as he descended the stairs, and was seen by the police as he descended the stairs.

YELLOW FEVER REPORT. New Orleans, Aug. 23.—The yellow fever report to 6 p. m. today is: New cases today, 53; total to date, 1,551; deaths to date, 213; recoveries to date, 1,000; total to date, 2,564; under treatment, 312.

FIRE ON THE OCEANIC. White Star Liner Damaged But Sails on Schedule Time.

Liverpool, Aug. 23.—Fire broke out this afternoon in the stowage of the White Star liner Oceanic. The extent of the damage is not yet known. The Oceanic sailed for New York at 5 o'clock this morning according to schedule. Her passengers include Anthony Falls, of Brooklyn, N. Y., leader of the strike at the Oceanic, and other members of which were recently rescued by the relief ship Terra Nova.

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Holcombe and Ward Successfully Defend Their Title.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 23.—Without serious opposition, the British pair of Holcombe and Ward, of New York, successfully defended their national tennis championship title at the Newport tournament today by defeating F. B. Alexander and S. H. Hackett, both of New York, in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1, 6-3. The doubles championship match was the feature of the day, but, in addition, the entire second round of the singles championship event was completed, making with the doubles matches 70 tennis contests decided in two days, a record in this sport.

CRIME IN BALTI PROVINCE.

Situation Not Improving and Several Political Murders Reported.

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Preparing Protocols

Russian and Japanese Envoys Will Give Reasons for Failure to Agree.

Visit of Baron Kaneko to the President an Unexpected Phase.

Roosevelt Has Not Abandoned Hope of Peace Being Arranged.

OSTON, N. H., Aug. 21.—President Roosevelt has not abandoned hope of a successful peace conference. He has not relaxed his efforts to prevent a rupture between the conferees when the conference meets tomorrow. Events of importance succeeded each other rapidly here today. On an early morning train from New Orleans, an official representative in this country of the Japanese government, arrived at Oyster Bay unexpectedly. That he was the bearer of important information is known, but the nature of his messages is not disclosed. He remained with the President's quarters one hour.

Following Baron Kaneko's visit, President Roosevelt had his acting secretary, Mr. Barnes, with him for two hours. Late in the day important messages were received from Portsmouth, the responses to which occupied the President's attention for a considerable time. The messages, acting as an intermediary between the two warring governments, feels that success is even more incumbent upon him than if the matter related wholly to him personally or to the United States. He maintains that any publication is made concerning the pending negotiations is not only unauthorized by the representatives of one of the powers in direct interest.

An unexpected phase in the peace negotiations developed today on the arrival here of Baron Kaneko, a special representative in the country of the Japanese government for a conference with President Roosevelt. Baron Kaneko's visit was arranged hurriedly.

Baron Kaneko remained with the President three quarters of an hour. He then drove back to Oyster Bay where he is staying at the Hotel New York. Before his departure Baron Kaneko declined to discuss his conference with the President. He did not deny that he was a representative of the Japanese government, but it was understood that he was not the financial representative.

"The report," said the baron, laughingly, "that I am a financial expert and that I represent Japan in a financial capacity is entirely untrue. I am here every day. Whenever I go into a New York hotel or cafe my expenses are accounted for by my government. You would say that I am not a financier and not in any sense an expert. That word 'financial' has been very expensive to me."

Strictly Non-Committal

Baron Kaneko had no information as to the attitude of the Russian envoys towards the proposition that the return to the island of Sakhalin be made public by Baron Roman. He intimated that Japan might regard the proposition favorably, but he could not say definitely.

"I think we will know tomorrow afternoon when the plenipotentiaries meet in Portsmouth," he said. "By that time they will have determined the matter."

"Do you mean that they will have heard definitely from their governments by that time?"

"Yes, I assume so," said the baron. Baron Kaneko's station in the country came here today on his own initiative, and not by invitation of the President. He has assumed the role of a peace expert, and authorized the statement that nothing would be made public by him concerning the visit of Baron Kaneko.

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As Protest Against Treatment in Connection With Russian Assembly.

Crems Abandon Trains on the Tracks and Factory Hands Join Movement.

WARSAW, Russian Poland, Aug. 21.—A general strike has been proclaimed throughout Poland as a protest against the treatment of the Poles in connection with the Russian assembly.

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