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APPALLING CASUALTIES IN OPPOSING ARMIES

Japanese Losses Will Probably Reach Ten Thousand, While Those of the Russians Are Placed at Five Thousand--Liao Yang Reported to Be Burning--Fighting in Progress.

(Associated Press.)

Beyond establishing the fact that Kouroupatkin has withdrawn the main position of his forces to the north bank of the Taitsé river, and that the action is still in progress, to-day's dispatches do not give a clear idea of the situation at Liao Yang.

Accepting the St. Petersburg advices at their face value, it would seem that the Russian commander effected a partial retirement, placing the river between himself and the main body of the Japanese, and at the same time establishing a position that will enable him to oppose the force under General Kuroki, which succeeded in crossing the river and is now attacking the left.

The same dispatches say that the position Kouroupatkin now occupies is the one he had prepared and fortified, and where he has all along planned to make his second stand, instead of directly in and around Liao Yang, with the river at his back, as has been believed.

On the other hand, Tokio dispatches say that the Russians were closely pressed and much disorganized in their retirement across the Taitsé.

The report from Marshal Oyama that he was engaged with the Russian centre, would indicate that at least a portion of Kouroupatkin's army is still on the south bank of the river.

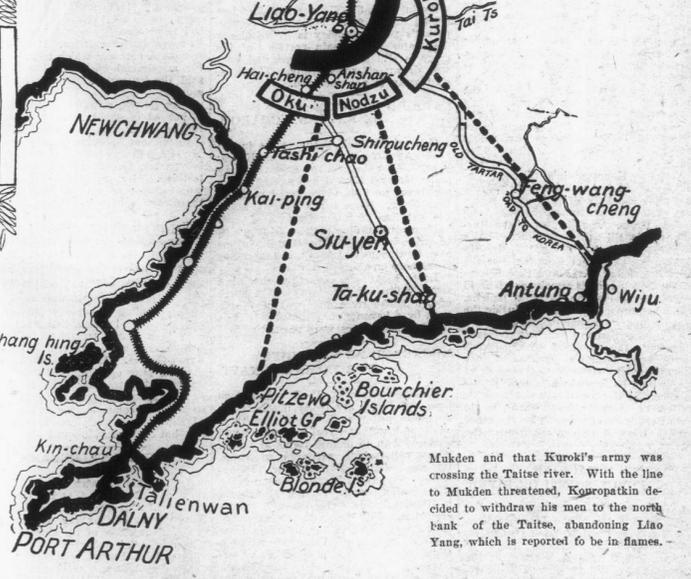
While it is not definitely stated that the Japanese have occupied Liao Yang, Tokio reports that the town is burning.

It does not appear that the Japanese main army has as yet crossed the Taitsé, and details of to-day's fighting are entirely lacking.

Oyama reports that his losses from August 29th to September 1st were 10,000. The Russian casualties of August 31st and September 1st are given in official reports as 5,000 killed and wounded.

THE BATTLE AT LIAO YANG

This cut shows the position of the rival armies when the fighting began on Tuesday. The Russian forces formed a semi-circle about six miles from Liao Yang. On Thursday they were forced to abandon the first line of defence southward. Then arrived the news that a Japanese force was moving from the northeast of



Mukden and that Kuroki's army was crossing the Taitsé river. With the line to Mukden threatened, Kouroupatkin decided to withdraw his men to the north bank of the Taitsé, abandoning Liao Yang, which is reported to be in flames.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 1.—10.10 p.m.—Gen. Kouroupatkin has withdrawn his whole army to the right bank of the Taitsé river to meet Gen. Kuroki's flank- ing movement.

WHOLE ARMY HAS CROSSED THE RIVER.
St. Petersburg, Sept. 2.—12.06 a.m.—The news of the occupation of Liao Yang and the withdrawal of the Russian army to the right bank of the Taitsé river reached only a small section of the people of St. Petersburg at a late hour, and caused intense excitement and dis- appointment.

The majority of the inhabitants retired to rest, believing that the Russian army had again been successful, and that the Japanese attacks had been repulsed. Ugly

to keep the Russians south of Liao Yang until Gen. Kuroki should be able to strengthen the southeast. Gen. Kouroupatkin, however cleverly saw the ruse and avoided it.

Up to the hour of filing this dispatch the war office has not given out the details of the fighting of September 1st, but it is believed that this fighting ex- ceeded in fierceness that of any previous day.

A telegram from the Associated Press correspondent, filed at 8.27 on the evening of September 1st, states that the train between Mukden and Liao Yang has been interrupted, but the dispatch does not mention whether telegraph com- munications be open.

According to a dispatch from Liao Yang, Gen. Kuroki made his first at- tempt to cross the Taitsé river late in the evening of August 31st, after the bomb- ardment of the extreme Russian left. The Japanese artillery, which had been firing uninterruptedly for 14 hours that day, ceased about 11 o'clock, and im- mediately reopened about 11 o'clock to con- ceal Kuroki's preparations for crossing the river. These preparations necessi- tated the establishment of a pontoon bridge, as the river was not fordable lower than Sakankankwantun, and the pontoons must have been floated down the stream.

The efforts of the Japanese to cross the river on August 30th were not suc- cessful, and Gen. Kuroki, therefore, or- dered a portion of his army to ford it at Sakankankwantun.

Gen. Kouroupatkin was unable to pre- vent the passage of the river owing to the distance from Liao Yang, about 20 miles, and the same reason the Japa- nese were unable to bring the forces which gained the right bank immediately into action.

Kouroupatkin heard of the passage of the Taitsé at Sakankankwantun after 6 o'clock on the evening of August 31st, and immediately gave orders for his men to fall back from their positions. This movement was expected by the Japa- nese, and they were able to collect a strong force with which to repel a flanking movement from the northeast.

The Japanese repeated the attempt to throw pontoons across the Taitsé near Liao Yang during the night of August 31st, again under cover of bombard- ment, and this attempt is believed to have been successful. Several fighting may, therefore, be expected immedi- ately northeast of the city.

The action of the Japanese com- mand in throwing a force across the river in the face of a strong enemy, is con- sidered to be extremely rash, and the position of this force, isolated from the main Japanese army by a deep river, may easily become desperate.

A correspondent of the Associated Press at Vladivostok telegraphs that the Japanese are relying on the aid of the gunboat Botfita for future operations against Liao Yang and Mukden. The gunboats, the correspondent says, have not yet materialized, but in any case would be in no position to render aid to a force on the right bank in time of need, because they would be unable to run the gauntlet of the forts at Liao Yang. The strongest forts are situated on the right bank, where the Russian army is now concentrated.

The fighting at Liao Yang has been all records for the desperate valor of the assailants and invincible stubborn- ness of the defenders. The whole history of warfare tells of no such bombard- ment, no such persistence, and no such persistency. Day after day the fight has been resumed at daybreak and kept up with scarce a moment's intermission un- til nightfall. The Japanese have in- vented new methods to incinerate the heaps of dead comrades, removing the ashes for the honors of burial in Japan.

The withdrawal of the Russians to the right bank involved the abandonment of Liao Yang, which is situated on the left bank. The Japanese took advantage of this to occupy the city, but the sturdiest part of the fighting is still before them, unless Gen. Kouroupatkin decides at the last hour to again fall back to the north- ward.

It is more than likely, however, that he will decide to finish the fight. He has the Japanese divided by the river, thus effectually turning the tables on his foes. The determined pursuit by the Japanese of the Russian outposts when Gen. Kouroupatkin gave the first order to with- draw was probably due to their anxiety

OCCUPATION OF CITY NOT YET CONFIRMED.

Tokio, Sept. 2.—Tokio rings with shouts and cheers for the victory at Liao Yang. Lantern-bearing crowds are the wonted present and swarms the public offices, shouting "Banzai!" The details of to-day's fighting are scanty. It is only known that at dawn to-day Gen. Oku's force was hurled against the Russian right centre on the southern line, and that the Russians were forced to abandon their line and positions on the left bank, and were in progress. The result of this pursuit and the result of the fierce battle waged on the eastern line, where Gen. Kuroki is assaulting the force which has been determined pursuit by the Japanese of the Russian outposts when Gen. Kouroupatkin gave the first order to with- draw the Russian left. The question of the occu-

of Liao Yang by the Japanese is in doubt. To-night no estimates are obtainable on either side. It is con- sidered, however, that Field Marshal Oyama will press the pursuit with de- sperate vigor and inflict on Gen. Kourou- patkin the most crushing blow possible. It is believed that his trophies will prove valuable. It is the opinion here that the Russians were not able to carry many guns with them, and that they were forced to abandon or destroy vast quan- tities of stores.

JAPANESE ACCOUNT OF THE FIGHTING.

Tokio, Sept. 1.—The united Manchurian armies of Japan have engaged in a desperate attack upon Liao Yang, where Gen. Kouroupatkin is concentrating every available Russian soldier. Victory was in the balance and the battle was a draw when the weary soldiers bivouac- ed last (Wednesday) night; the Japa- nese are attacking from the south and from the east. The right wing of the column attacking from the south keeps in touch with the left wing of the column on the east bank of the river.

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REPORT THAT FIRE IS RAGING AT LIAO YANG.

Tokio, Sept. 2.—3 p.m.—It is reported here that a conflagration is raging at Liao Yang.

RUSSIANS IN POSITION TO RETIRE NORTHWARD.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 2.—1.25 p.m.—No absolute information has reached the war office confirming the reports that Liao Yang has been occupied by the Japanese, but it is positively known that Gen. Kouroupatkin decided to withdraw from his positions south of Liao Yang to the north, or right bank, of the Taitsé river on Tuesday night, and the orders were actually given as stated in these dispatches.

The war office presumes that the movement was carried out, as the latest advices yesterday have almost given up hope of dealing with De Cuverville, the French naval attaché, who left Port Arthur in a junk with Lieut. Gilgenheim, the German naval attaché, about the middle of August. He called to the authorities here on August 15th that he was about to leave, and that the American naval attaché had succeeded in getting on a junk. De Cuverville has not been heard of since starting. His family and the officials here are greatly alarmed. He is a son of Ad- miral De Cuverville.

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As communicated to the press, the dis- patch states that an artillery battle pre- ceeded the hour of sending it, that the Russians were retiring upon their main positions, that Gen. Kuroki was attacking the Russian left, north of the Taitsé river, that the railroad station, which is situated a mile northwest of Liao Yang, had been set on fire by Japa- nese shells, that the station had been transferred across the river to a point on the north bank, that Kouroupatkin had passed in review the Third Siberian corps under Gen. Ivanoff, which re- tired greatly in the earlier stages of the bat-

THE SEARCH FOR THE VOLUNTEER STEAMERS.

London, Sept. 1.—The British cruisers of the Cape of Good Hope squadron have failed thus far to communicate with the Russian volunteer fleet steam- ers Smolensk and St. Petersburg, al- though Admiral Durnford's cruisers are

LORD MINTO'S PARTY ESCAPED UNINJURED.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Sept. 2.—The Secre- tary of State received a telegram to-day stating that the train on which the Governor-General was travelling for the Pacific Coast had a head-on collision with a freight 53 miles east of Regina, at Sinfault. There were some persons injured, but the Gov- ernor-General's party escaped.

ATTACKING RUSSIANS NORTHEAST OF LIAO YANG.

Tokio, Sept. 2.—10 a.m.—The chief of staff of the centre Japanese army (Gen. Nodzu), telegraphing early this morn- ing, conveyed that the Japanese centre was continuing to advance to-day with the object of taking a line from Shin- chiyeu to Liao Yang, and effecting a junction with the Japanese left (com- manded by Gen. Oku).

The Russians began to retreat on the right centre from Liao Yang early on Thursday. They were thrown into great confusion while attempting to cross the right bank of the Taitsé river, the Japa- nese pursuing them vigorously and seizing a Russian cannon, which they used to shell the Liao Yang railway sta- tion.

Field Marshal Oyama's right attacked a heavy force of Russians in the vicinity of Haiyingtai, 12 miles northeast of Liao Yang, at 11 o'clock on Thursday. His left began at dawn to-day, pressing the Russians towards Tatschou. It is thought that he will severely punish the Russians.

The Japanese casualties in the Liao Yang campaign have not yet been as- certained officially. It is announced that they will not exceed 10,000.

EXPECTED TO FALL BACK ON MUKDEN.

Paris, Sept. 2.—The foreign office has no confirmation of reports of the Japa- nese occupation of Liao Yang, but its advices lead the officials to say it is probable that Gen. Kouroupatkin decided to carry out his original plan to retreat to Mukden. This plan, it is added, was temporarily abandoned as Kouroupatkin believed that the defences of Liao Yang would permit him to hold back the Japanese. This falling, it is stated, the Russian commander will attempt to revert to his first plan, that of effecting a concentration at Mukden.

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the on the east front, and finally that the Russian losses were 5,000 killed or wounded. It is possible that owing to the dispatch given out therefore does not admit that Gen. Kouroupatkin is withdrawing across the Taitsze river entirely. It is possible that owing to the pressure of the Japanese the Russian army, as was stated in the Tokio dispatch, was thrown into confusion and greatly hampered.

The artillery fight during the day makes it evident that a cordon of Russian guns was used to cover the movement across the river. The guns at the north bank doubtless were also employed for this purpose, being placed so as to protect the railroad bridge spanning the Taitsze.

The review of the Third Siberian corps mentioned in the dispatch, probably refers to a march past of the troops while crossing the river. It being impossible to get a complete review occurred while the battle was in progress.

At 4:30 o'clock this afternoon the war office said it was unable without news of today's fighting, but added that the road between Liao Yang and Mukden was open.

Press dispatches from the front had arrived up to the same hour. The suspense in St. Petersburg is intense, and the town is filled with all kinds of rumors, ranging from complete victory to Gen. Kouroupatkin to a disastrous defeat of the Russians.

USES RUSSIAN GUNS TO BOMBARD STATION.

London, Sept. 2.—The Japanese legation has received a dispatch from Mukden under today's date, which reports that Field Marshal Oyama's report of the fighting of Thursday. It is practically identical with the Associated Press dispatch of the same date, but it adds that this morning, and specifies a number of Russian cannon captured and subsequently used to bombard Liao Yang station as being taken by the Chinese.

VESSLS BLOWN UP WHILE DESTROYING MINES.

Tokio, Sept. 2.—10 a.m.—Admiral Hosoya, commanding the third Japanese squadron, reports that last Wednesday morning a number of vessels were engaged in clearing away mines. The Japanese watched their operations from seaward.

CAPTURE OF JUNKS CARRYING PROVISIONS.

Tokio, Sept. 2.—Admiral Hosoya reports that the Japanese guardships near Yentao, south of Saushantao, near Talienvan bay, on Sunday and Monday captured several junks carrying provisions which were being taken to Port Arthur. They were taken to Talienvan and were tried and confiscated. The crews were released.

TRYING TO CUT OFF THE RUSSIANS.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 2.—2:10 a.m.—The text of the dispatch sent to the Emperor by General Kouroupatkin Thursday evening, the gist of which is given in the report of the war office was cabled to the Associated Press at 4:50 o'clock Friday afternoon, was not made public Friday night as expected. It was awaited with feverish impatience until 2 o'clock this morning, when it was announced that it would be issued today.

THE JAPS CAPTURE TEN RUSSIAN GUNS.

Field Headquarters of the Second Japanese Army, Sunday, August 28.—(7 p.m.) via Fusan, Sept. 2.—The Russian forces reach Shuangpo today, the Japanese following them. A severe rear-guard action was fought all day long. The Japanese captured eight guns and ten ammunition wagons. The newspaper correspondents were kept six miles away from the fighting today.

MORE RUMORS OF FALL OF LIAO YANG.

London, Sept. 3.—The Times Tokio correspondent, cabling Friday, says: "The Japanese are reported today, but a careful analysis of official reports show that the Russians are merely being driven into their last defences, where they will probably make a desperate resistance. The Japanese armies are closing around them."

REGARDED AS VICTORIES FOR JAPANESE NAVY.

Vladivostok, Sept. 1.—The ambitious hopes of Japan are freely discussed by Japanese prisoners here. All of them are confident that naval supremacy will enable Japan to dictate terms of peace, which will include, according to them, the possession of Port Arthur, Dalny, Korea, Saghalien, Kamchatka and the Commander Islands, leaving Manchuria in Russian hands. The Japanese prisoners claim a first victory for their country in the preventing of the Russians from making a base at Vladivostok, from which place the hostile fleets would eventually have imperiled communication in Korea, rendering a land campaign impossible. Our fleet is attacking it.

BEING DRIVEN BACK ACROSS THE RIVER.

Tokio, Sept. 3.—10:30 a.m.—The Russian force confronting Field Marshal Oyama's left and centre continues slowly to give ground, in retreat and is crossing to the right bank of the Taitsze river. A portion of the Russian army occupied a line of defence works extending northwest from a point south of Liao Yang. The Russians also hold an eminence northeast of Newchwang on the right bank of the Taitsze. This evidently is intended to shield the general retreat of both the left and centre.

RUSSIANS REPORTED TO HAVE TAKEN OFFENSIVE.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 3.—12:30 p.m.—A bulletin just issued announces that General Kouroupatkin has assumed the offensive, massing his artillery and bombarding the Japanese on Friday at noon preparatory to an attack upon Gen. Kuroki's flanking army on the north side of the Taitsze river.

THE WITHDRAWAL ON THURSDAY NIGHT.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 3.—Later in the day the general staff reconsidered its determination not to make public Gen. Kouroupatkin's dispatch to the Emperor of yesterday, and the text was given out as follows: "At nightfall on Thursday the Japanese attacked our Sykavankun position, but were repulsed after a hot fight. They renewed the attack at night this time with success, driving back a regiment in the direction of Sakunkun."

OPERATIONS ON NORTH SIDE OF THE TAITSZE.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 3.—1:30 p.m.—A new phase of the battle of Liao Yang has now begun. The main operations have been transferred to the north bank of the Taitsze river. General Kouroupatkin has assumed the offensive, hurling the bulk of his army against Field Marshal Oyama's right, under Gen. Kuroki, and at the same time holding the Japanese centre and left on the other side of the river in check, with the force left on the south bank for that purpose.

REPAIRS STOPPED ON RUSSIAN SHIPS.

Shanghai, Sept. 2.—The Chinese government, according to the demand of the Japanese, effected the stoppage to day of all repairs on the Russian protected boats docked at the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Grosvold.

JAPS TAKE TWO OF COAST FORTS.

London, Sept. 3.—A dispatch to the Telegraph from Chiefo states that the Japanese, after four days' bombardment, have succeeded in capturing two of the coast forts east of the Tiger's Tail fortress, and only three-fourths of a mile from the old town of Port Arthur. A small fort farther west has also been captured.

OFFICERS CAPTURED ON WAY TO PORT ARTHUR.

Chiefo, Aug. 3.—10 p.m.—It is reported that the Japanese have captured some Russian officers bound to Port Arthur with important papers. These officers are not to be published, the text of the papers being held in strict confidence.

REAR-ADMIRAL TO BE TRIED BY COURT-MARTIAL.

Paris, Sept. 2.—The correspondent at St. Petersburg of the Echo de Paris says that at a council of admirals, presided over by High Admiral Grand Duke Alexis, it was decided that Rear-Admiral Prince Okoutomsky be court-martialed for having disobeyed the order not to retreat to Port Arthur. The court will sit at Vladivostok, Viceoy Alexieff presiding.

RUSSIAN ON NAVAL LESSONS OF THE WAR.

Tsintau, Sept. 2.—Captain Matosevitch, the late Admiral Witthoff's chief of staff, who arrived here from the Russian battleship Czarevitch Aug. 12th, in an interview to-day with a correspondent of the Associated Press on the naval lessons of the war, said: "I do not believe that the preparations of either may have demonstrated anything that will materially change warfare. The greatest lesson has been the usefulness of wireless telegraphy. In the light of August 10th we used the wireless system in signalling until the Japanese shot away our funnels. It worked more reliably and quicker than the flags. I believe in the future every ship in all the navies, even gunboats, will be fitted with wireless apparatus."

MELTON PRIOR IS ON HIS WAY TO LONDON.

Chiefo, Sept. 2.—Non-Melton Prior, the press correspondent, has arrived here from Newchwang, on route home. Mr. Prior says he used to witness a battle on eight miles, owing to the restrictions placed on correspondents by the Japanese.

TRYING TO FORCE RUSSIANS TO RIVER.

Tokio, Sept. 2.—9 p.m.—A few additional details of the progress of the battle at Liao Yang reached Tokio at a late hour today.

RESUMED SUPPER AFTER REPULSING JAPS.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 2.—8:30 a.m.—A delayed dispatch to the Official Messenger, from Liao Yang, under the date of August 31st, gives some details of the fighting. It says that the Japanese, however, to throw additional light on the state of telegraphic communication, because it arrived on Thursday morning too late for publication. Nevertheless it is among the last communications before the suspension of press messages. The dispatch indicates that the Russians are holding out well, and probably could not be dislodged with Gen. Kuroki's flank movements. The correspondent states that he was with a battery on Koukiak, and to the left of the railway line, at dawn Monday, when the Japanese guns opened.

the Russians. The artillery captured by the Japanese, which they are using against Liao Yang, are described as ten centimetre guns. The number taken is not given.

Before falling back General Kouroupatkin intended that his left, to the eastward and northward of Liao Yang, should be greatly strengthened, in the hope of checking General Kuroki's advance around his flank and to protect his line of retreat and communication. The greatest portion of this protecting force seems to have been massed in the neighborhood of Heiyngtai, 12 miles northeast of Liao Yang, where it was fiercely assaulted by General Kuroki at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. The result of this fighting is not known. It is General Kuroki who strikes the flank of the retreating Russian army and reaches the railroad, it will place the Russians in a serious predicament.

Yesterday the Japanese managed to interfere seriously with the train service from Liao Yang. They used some guns captured from the Russian army, together with some of their own, to bombard the railroad station at Liao Yang, thus preventing the entraining of Russian troops.

Few details of the pursuit of the Russian right have been received here. It is evident that the Russians are moving back, the greater the ground they are shielding their movement as far as possible.

Nothing concerning the actual occupation of Liao Yang has been received here; official dispatches indicate that the Russians were still in possession this (Friday) morning.

The list of casualties in the fighting before Liao Yang is growing, and the indications are that it will prove to be the bloodiest battle since the Franco-Prussian war. The casualties of each side must include the loss since August 23rd, for the contest has been practically continuous since then. The Japanese have already reported over 25,000 men killed and wounded.

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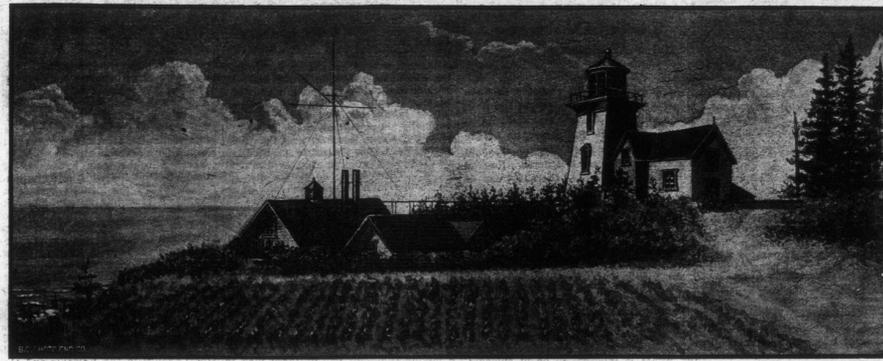
A big liner, after having crossed a vast waterway, and braved every force a pilotless storm could hurl against her, is nearing her destination. She is creeping along slowly but steadily in spite of the fury of the seas, which seem to be in the heavens where the huge banks of clouds, chasing one another through the limitless space, present a spectacle of awe-inspiring activity. Away in the distance can be seen the lights of the city, like so many illuminated pin heads; but between them and the launch vessel there toss miles of billowing seas, and the stout-hearted master knows full well that he has not left danger in his wake, that many a noble ship has gone to her doom within easy reach of safety; and so he proceeds cautiously.

But he is not looking for the blinking lights of the city, nor the twinkling lamps in the heavens, nor the parts of a passing vessel. His eyes are searching the black, mysterious void about him for a tiny signal which he knows is tumbling about on the element on which he rides. Ahead of him and on either side he scans every yard of the distance until suddenly his face lights up and an expression of satisfaction escapes him—for his quest is ended.

Rising and falling, now riding on the crest of a wave, then disappearing in a valley, is a faint light, so faint indeed, that only a practiced eye can discern it. Slowly it grows brighter, until it becomes visible to passengers as well as seamen, and finally it is right alongside. Swinging through the air goes a rope from the

Carmanah Lighthouse

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and valuable cargo, as though she was aware that on the bridge stands one who has sounded the depths and shoals, and who will guide her safely to port. And so she heads fearlessly through the gloom, past reef and rock, until she reaches the spot where her headlines shoot through the air and the responsibility of those to whom is entrusted the guardianship of a priceless freight is ended.

Seamanship companies, and shipping men who know, say that Victoria is one of the best pilotage ports on the continent; that it has a staff of the most efficient pilots; that its rates are among the most reasonable, and that its record is unmarred by calamitous marine occurrences under the presidency of any of the district pilots. It is true that there have been disasters in the Straits of Juan de Fuca, events of a comparatively recent date, but in none of these has a licensed pilot for the district figured. Every big trans-Pacific liner that touches at Victoria takes on a pilot, which includes the C. P. R. steamers, those of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, the China Mutual Company, and the large tonnage craft of other companies. The immunity from serious accidents which these vessels have enjoyed in the Straits is not due to the placidity of the waters, because experienced men describe them as being as dangerous as any on the coast. The Moon, it is true, sustained an accident which hid her up for quite a time some months ago, but she had no pilot aboard when it happened.

The limits for speaking vessels bound into Victoria or Esquimalt harbors are at or outside a line drawn from Williams Head to Trial Island. The port limits are as follows: Inside a line drawn from Clover Point to Botchie Ledge, and a line drawn from Botchie Ledge to Pisgah lighthouse, outside Scroggs Rocks and Williams Island. Seafolks indeed does a big ship get past the speaking limit line without being accosted, and should she do so the pilot board would require explanations from the members of the staff on duty at the time.

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These men are responsible to what is known as the pilotage board, a body of commissioners appointed by the Dominion government to carry out the "Act Respecting Pilotage." The present board consists of five members, as follows: J. G. Cox, chairman; Wm. Grant, A. B. Fraser, Jr., Joshua Kingham, and E. Crow Baker, secretary.

In a word the duty of this body is to exercise executive control over pilotage matters for the district. They are to see that the act and the by-laws based on the act are carried into effect, and if it is "up to them" to keep the pilot staff in an efficient state. They have almost unlimited power, fixing the rates to be collected, and as before stated, exercising complete jurisdiction over all details in pilotage for the district for which they are appointed, namely, Victoria and Esquimalt.

This is what is known as a compulsory pilotage port. With the exception of vessels engaged in coastwise trade, all entering Victoria or Esquimalt must either accept the services of a pilot or pay what is known as half pilotage, without one. This means that if a master prefers to run his steamer to port without the assistance of a pilot he will have to contribute a half rate. But vessels coming to the Royal Roads seeking cargoes or in distress are exempt from all charges. The object of this exemption in the former instance is to encourage shipping in this direction, while in the latter case it is manifest. The system of charges enforced in this district is most reasonable and equitable. The rates of pilotage for vessels entering or clearing from Victoria harbor are as follows:

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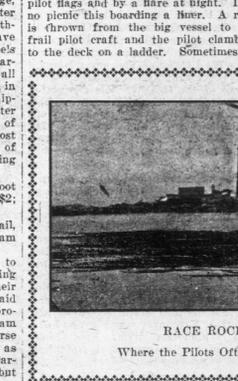
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THE KEEPER'S CHILDREN.
The Sturdy Offspring of the Lighthouse Tender at Race Rocks.

"How high, how low," there were some great manoeuvres and daring operations in the race for the prize. In later years Capt. Thompson has been honored by the pilot board, having been detailed to bring to port the Empress of India, Capt. Marshall, the first of the stately white liners to cross the Pacific. He also brought the first Empress of Japan to the outer wharf, the Empress of dock, and he was the Victoria pilot aboard the Empress of India when she carried to this place their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York and suite. This honor was conferred on him because of his seniority.

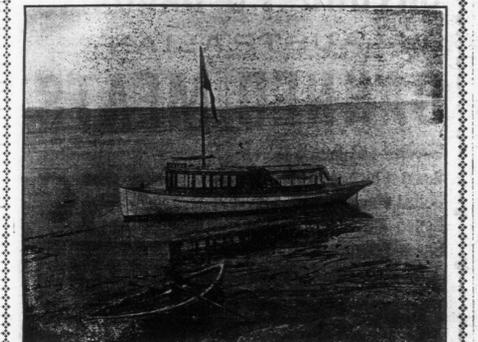
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RACE ROCKS LIGHTHOUSE.
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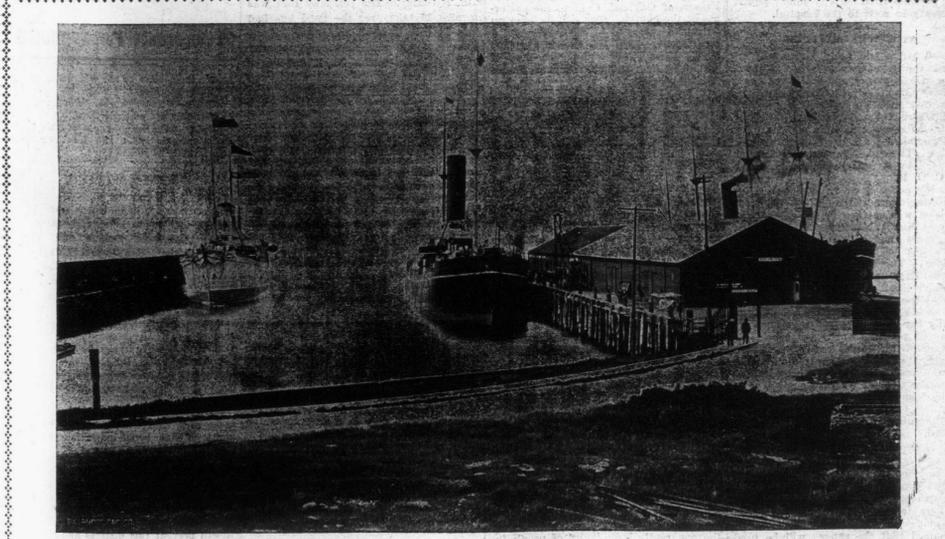


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and a minute or two later the captain gladly welcomes on deck his latest and last passenger, the man he has been looking for, the man he urgently wants—the pilot.

Now everything goes on bravely. From stem to stern the vessel feels the force of a new personality; she ploughs along as though she was freighted down with confidence instead of precious passengers.

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Part, the blood pump of the human system, in order the nerves are starved of blood, and indigestion, nervousness, sick headache, lack of vigor, and weakness are the result. Dr. Agnew's Cure relieves heart disease in its early stages and strengthens the system. It is a blood course through the veins to the organs where disease was. The better the blood pump the better the health. Ninety-nine out of a hundred hearts are weak or diseased. Do not let Agnew's Heart Cure pass you by. It will cure three times, 10c.

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Oil Lands Stal

The most valuable farms in the The task to which he set himself an exceptionally difficult one, formed it well, and in the face difficulties. For instance, when was about completed a storm own, but he set to work and Mr. Oliver hails from Derby-

consists of 100 acres. The top is hay, to which 65 acres Twenty-five acres are under fall wheat, which does each crop he lays the land for feeding purposes. The hay is cut three and a half to four acres, and there is a splendid four to five acres are under

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Local News

DEPARTURE OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS

H.M.S. Egeria is to make a survey of the waters in which the steamer Prince Victoria found a submerged rock some time ago.

John William Austin, of Van Anda, Texada Island, died Thursday at the Royal Jubilee hospital. Deceased was 42 years of age and a native of England. He was a member of the Miners' Union.

Thursday afternoon the funeral of Dorcas Mary, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. West, took place from the family residence, No. 80 Kane street. Rev. H. J. Wood conducted religious services.

The inland revenue for the month of Victoria during the month of August amounted to \$18,724.21, as compared with \$16,446.52 collected during the same period last year. The returns for the month just ended follow: Spirits, \$12,688.77; malt, \$1,945.34; tobacco, \$2,608.11; raw leaf tobacco, \$268.14; cigars, \$766.30, and other receipts, \$207.05.

The library returns for August are as follows: Books issued, 1,546; to ladies, 750; to gentlemen, 796; highest number issued in one day, 92; average number, 57; new members, 17; ladies, 9; gentlemen, 8. Books added: "Casting of Lots," by Bagot; "The Reform Echoes," Gough; "Year Book of Canada, 1903," proceedings and transactions of Royal Society of Canada, Journal Legislative Assembly, B. C.

D. B. Bogie, of the Flathead Valley Oil Company, is leaving for Southeastern Ontario, preparatory to getting the machinery in for the drilling he will go over the country to ascertain the best and cheapest methods by which to take the outfit in. He will visit the oil fields of Alberta and Montana contiguous to the property of his company. The purpose of the Flathead Company is to get to work on development work just as soon as possible.

In connection with the official reception to be tendered to their Excellencies the Earl and Countess of Minto on Monday evening, it is requested that each person attending the reception will bring two cards on which his name is legibly written, one to be given up at the entrance to the Legislative Chamber, and the other to be handed to the A.D.C. in waiting, who will assign the guests to their Excellencies. Those who wish to be presented are expected to appear in evening dress, as civilians, and in full dress as officers of the army, navy and militia.

The death of Mrs. Mary E. Whittaker, wife of Wm. Whittaker, occurred Thursday at the family residence, No. 19 Chambers street. Mrs. Whittaker was a native of Stockport, Cheshire, Eng., where she was born 64 years ago. She came to Victoria in 1878, and has been a resident here ever since. In addition to her husband there survives her five sons and four daughters. These are Sam. Whittaker, Mrs. John Irvine, Wm. H. Whittaker, Mrs. George S. Russell, A. E. Whittaker, Miss F. Whittaker, and D. E. Whittaker, of this city.

The conference of employed officers of Young Men's Christian Association of the Northwest, held in Seattle on Wednesday and Thursday, was most successful. It was attended by W. B. Fisher, secretary of the association, and H. W. Stone, Messrs. Fisher and Stone returned from the Spout Wednesday.

A shipment of 2,500 pounds of ore from Lemine creek, in the Australian district, has been made to Spokane, where an experiment is to be made of the best and most economical method of handling the rock. The White Horse Star says: "From tests already made here it is assumed that the values can be better and more profitably obtained by the present process than by any other. The latest appliance in that direction is known as the Dr. Hendrick cyanide mill, which contains an agitator and an electrical arrangement by which the reduction that formerly required a day or two is now accomplished in three hours."

Mr. Patterson has made arrangements with "The Pierrots," two English society entertainers, to give one of their performances at the Dallas hotel, Monday, September 5th, at 8:30 p.m. These artists are returning to the Old Country from Australia, where they have completed a successful tour. They come with many prizes from the Australian press. Their entertainment consists of refined recitals and sketches and all the latest songs. The Sydney Mail says: "The Pierrots are a clean, neat, and well-dressed troupe. Sydney Morning Herald: "Eminently versatile and refined, bright and humorous. The evening show was a sparkling little comedy, brimming over with fun and novelties." Brisbane Courier: "Thorough artists."

The little barkentine Ruth, which has been lying in the wharf at Oakland creek, California, for years, has been purchased by the Western Fuel Company, of Nanaimo and San Francisco. The purpose of that concern in acquiring possession of the vessel is to endeavor to partially relieve the great need of coal barges. "She has been moved from her long resting place to the Howard bunkers, at Oakland, and the work of stripping her will commence early in the week. The barkentine Ruth, which has an iron hull, was built in England 44 years ago. While under the British register some years ago she met with disaster off the coast of Mexico. A typhoon went to Guaymas, where she lay disabled, and

towed her to San Francisco, where she was purchased by local parties."

Chief of Police Murchison, of Stoverson, is in the city. Mr. Matheson, fishery inspector on the Fraser, is also here.

W. Williams, the Yates street clothier, has returned from an extended tour of the States. He visited the World's Fair at St. Louis and other Eastern cities.

Mayor Keary, of New Westminster, received a telegram on Friday night from Major Maudslayi, D. C. Governor-General Lord Minto, to the effect that the visit of the vice-regal party to New Westminster to-day would have to be cancelled as the train is over nine hours late.

D. Bosewitz left for Tacoma Friday evening to institute extradition proceedings against J. J. Schmidt, former proprietor of the Imperial, who is being held for the theft of furniture from the hotel. Warren also Schmidt's son-in-law, is also under arrest. An effort will be made to extradite both of them.

The Daughters of St. George have removed their lodge room to the Sir William Wallace hall, and on Monday, September 19th, will give an "At Home" to their friends between the hours of 8:30 and 11 o'clock. Music and dancing will be provided and other forms of entertainment will be furnished, assuring a pleasant evening.

Staff-Captain Alice Goodwin, who has just returned from the International Congress, held in London, will address a meeting in the Salvation Army hall on Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The staff-captain will give an account of the gigantic gatherings, where in one meeting alone in the Crystal Palace there were over 70,000 persons gathered.

A quiet wedding was held at Christ Church, Vancouver, at noon on Wednesday, Mr. Samuel Bruce Clement and Miss Charlotte Denis, both of that city, being the contracting parties. The Rev. Father Nicholas spent 12 o'clock for Victoria and on their return will take up their residence in Vancouver.

August was rather a poor month from a business standpoint in the customs department. The total revenue collected amounted to \$70,244.13, made up as follows: Duties, \$70,206.28; Chinese revenue, \$23, and other revenue \$14.85. The imports for the month were \$1,839,428, and exports, \$84,852; total, \$2,280. The exports aggregate in value \$49,443, of which \$41,438 represented domestic goods and \$8,005 foreign articles.

Twenty or thirty hunters arrived on Thursday evening's train from the E. & N. railway, after having spent the first day of the hunting season in the woods. They report that birds are scarce, particularly grouse, and the appearance of their game bags is not encouraging. A number of the party had seven birds, but others, and they were in the majority, had no more than three. Hunters attribute this to a resident here ever since. In addition to her husband there survives her five sons and four daughters. These are Sam. Whittaker, Mrs. John Irvine, Wm. H. Whittaker, Mrs. George S. Russell, A. E. Whittaker, Miss F. Whittaker, and D. E. Whittaker, of this city.

An Indian who arrived here from Masset, Queen Charlotte Islands, a week or so ago, carried with him what he and a number of his tribesmen considered was a piece of ambergris. He carried about with him about ten pounds of a white looking substance which he had found on the northern coast. The substance, which has been examined, is reported to be ambergris. A number of the party had seven birds, but others, and they were in the majority, had no more than three. Hunters attribute this to a resident here ever since. In addition to her husband there survives her five sons and four daughters. These are Sam. Whittaker, Mrs. John Irvine, Wm. H. Whittaker, Mrs. George S. Russell, A. E. Whittaker, Miss F. Whittaker, and D. E. Whittaker, of this city.

Rev. Father J. Nicolay, of St. Joseph's church, Esquimalt, accompanied by Rev. Father Stens, left Thursday on the steamer Queen City for Clayoquot to take charge of the Christie Industrial school. Father Nicolay spent 13 years on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, and is conversant with the language and customs of the Indians. His departure was regretted by the parishioners of St. Joseph's church and a large circle of friends in this city and Esquimalt. It is probable that Father Nicolay will return before the close of the year.

Present indications point to an unusually busy term at St. Ann's academy this fall and winter. Already applications have been received from many students residing at different points in British Columbia and Washington. The other day Miss Margaret Bryne, daughter of Dr. Byrne, ex-mayor of Spokane, has entered St. Ann's academy to study the higher branches and fine arts. Misses Margaret Skinner and Marie Sherwood arrived from Vancouver yesterday, and enrolled for another term. Miss Nina Priger, of Seattle, came over yesterday for the same purpose.

Rabbi Montague N. A. Cohen, formerly of this city, but who has been pastor of Temple Beth Israel, Tacoma, for the past 12 months, and who was only recently elected for another term, has tendered his resignation to the board of the church and has accepted a call from the congregation of Temple Beth Israel, of Sacramento. "Rabbi Cohen's resignation comes both as a surprise and a disappointment to the many friends he has won during his stay in this city, all of whom regret to see him depart." "The Sacramento church, whose call he has accepted, has the reputation of possessing the most intellectual congregation west of Chicago. The old temple has recently been sold and a handsome modern structure is now being built."

Friday evening a conference of Presbyterian ministers of British Columbia, which has been in progress since Tuesday last at Shawanigan, adjourned. The study programme, consisting of papers on theological and Biblical subjects was carried through, and a profitable and instructive to those attending. This convention is not an annual event, having been organized last summer in order that the pastors might

meet each other and discuss matters of interest to all. At the final meeting yesterday everyone expressed the pleasure it had given them to meet together to attend the conference, and it was the unanimous opinion of those that an informal meeting during the summer months would be both enjoyable and beneficial.

PROPOSAL TO REPAIR CABBORO BAY WHARF

Mainland Stock for Exhibition Will Likely Be Landed Near the Show Grounds.

Negotiations are in progress between the transportation committee of the British Columbia Agricultural Association and the C. P. R. for the repair of the old wharf at Cabboro Bay in order to allow Mainland stock entered for the exhibition to be landed there, instead of being brought around to the inner wharf. The proposal is generally considered feasible, and it is understood that Capt. Troop has taken the matter up with other officials. It is therefore probable that the suggestion will be adopted, the wharf repaired and arrangements made to have inbound C. P. R. steamers stop there with all stock of freight for the exhibition.

The advantages of the proposal are too evident to need explanation. Cabboro Bay is only a short distance from the fair grounds, and the road leading from the wharf is reported to be in splendid repair. Therefore if consignments for the show were landed at that point, besides being a great convenience, it would mean the saving of considerable time and expense. Heretofore stock has been taken to the inner wharf, and afterwards driven out to the exhibition grounds. It is not understood, however, that the transportation of this stock will attract more entries from outside points, and members of the transportation company are particularly anxious to make a satisfactory arrangement with the C. P. R. if possible.

Not only are members of the local association interesting themselves in this matter, but outside associations are recognizing the advantages of the proposal, and offering their support. In this connection the following communication from the Delta Agricultural Society is of interest:

Sir:—The members of the Delta Agricultural Society respectfully request your co-operation to petition Capt. Troop that we should be allowed to land our stock at Turner, Beeton & Co., Ltd.'s wharf in the city, and would ask that they be unloaded at Cabboro Bay wharf, which is close to the fair grounds, as it is a hard, slip to handle stock in the night through Victoria streets, a distance of three miles, and Cabboro Bay being only one-half mile from grounds.

Yours, A. DE B. TAYLOR, Secy. Delta Agricultural Society.

Another letter from J. Henderson, secretary of the Chilliwack District, in connection with the petition, is as follows: "I hope we can arrange to land our stock at Cabboro Bay, and that the transportation committee will help us out."

Last evening a meeting of the Victoria Amateur Boxing Association took place, when arrangements for the tourney in connection with the exhibition was discussed. There was an attendance of 100 and entries were reported for almost every event included in the programme.

DEATH OF DAUGHTER'S MISTAKE. She opened the door of her father's bed, and he sat up, looking inquiringly. "What's the trouble?" he growled. "She entered and stood before him with downcast eyes. "I have a confession to make," she said slowly. "Fire away!" he said. "I guess it's nothing serious."

"Oh, but it is," she protested. "It's very serious, indeed. You know George?" "Well, what about George?" "I've been coming to see me for quite a long time, she continued, paying no attention to the interruption, "and last night."

"That's all very pretty and creditable," said he, "but far from business-like. It seems to me you might have given your old father the best of it just once, and saved him the cost of a wedding when, just at present, business in the stock market is at a standstill. If he brings the subject up again, just have your hat ready to that you can make a quick trip to the parson and let the old man down easy."—New York Press.

RIFLEMEN IN EAST. To the Editor:—I beg to notify you that the Victoria team has done well, especially Sergt-Major Caven and myself. Lettie Carr and Brayshaw, winning quite a number of money prizes. Sergt. Caven was victorious on September 19th, within two points of top place, and am pleased to state that I was fortunate enough to get within the magic circle and won out the championship of Ontario. I was also fortunate enough to break all previous records, making in three shoots at 50 yards 102 points out of 107; at 600, 128 points out of 133; at 800, 34 out of 35. I am very pleased to state that with Perry's victory and my own the British Columbia interest revived and made another British Columbia future. This is the second time in three years I have won. We are going to Ottawa in the morning, and I trust you will hear good things from all members of the Victoria team. All are in good spirits and good training, and I will not be one fault if we do not win.

F. RICHARDSON. In washing woolsens and flames, Lovell's Dry Soap (a powder) will be found very satisfactory.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

Ymir. "On Labor Day, September 5th, the new Catholic church, recently erected in Ymir, is to be dedicated. The exact cost of the church up to this date is \$1,130. It is hoped that the collections on that day will substantially assist in reducing the debt still remaining on the church."

REVELSTOCK. After the lapse of five or six weeks the mystery attending the disappearance of Anderson, the time-keeper at Clanwilliam, has been cleared up by the finding of the body floating in the lake. It was at first supposed that it was a case of murder, and that the body had been thrown overboard. It is now known, however, to have been the result of an accidental death by drowning as recorded.

PHOENIX. A number of railway men are of the opinion that when the wreck of the long train that went to destruction on the Phoenix hill near the Oro Denoro mine is cleared away, the remains of two men will be found. It is said that two men were noticed by passersby stealing a ride on the train after it left Hartford Junction. It would have been a simple matter for these men to have kicked the angle cock that shut off the air after the train started from Williams spur, without knowing the danger it had done. It is this actually what caused the wreck and the loss of some \$50,000 in rolling stock to the C. P. R. It will be kept open until the wreck is fully cleared away.

ASHcroft. A Japanese section hand was killed on the railway about six miles east of Ashcroft, a few days ago. He was killed by a freight train. Everything that he had on his back, his hat and his pocket watch, were found on the ground he fell on. He was about 40 years of age and had been on the job for some time. He was a native of Japan and had been in the country for some time.

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The installation of the new telephone system for Rossland. The company has a number of poles in storage and these will probably be taken up on September 19th. It is expected that the installation will be completed by the end of the month. The company has 250 poles in the city, carrying 118 miles of wire and cable. Practically all of this will be replaced with new material, and a complete new outfit is to be placed in the central office, for which a new location may be secured. John W. Ingham, by R. G. McLeod. The electric came to grief Wednesday night, and a serious accident was narrowly averted.

The train was speeding along on time between Castlegar and Sumner Junction when a point near Waterloo was reached where the track crosses a filled-in trestle. The roadbed sank under the locomotive and threw almost the whole train off the track. Alex. Dow was on the engine and brought it to a standstill quickly. Frank Ramsey, express manager, was shaken up pretty severely, but not injured, and no one was hurt.

GRAND FORKS. A lot of ore is dumped and 26 freight cars and an engine smashed up as a result of the air brakes not operating on an ore train on the Phoenix branch of the C.P.R. The train, with its 26 cars loaded with ore, was coming down "the hill," and three miles from the Emma mine the speed got a little faster than was pleasant and the engineer tried to put on the brakes, but they refused to work, owing to some defect. The engineer saw the train was going at a terrific speed and realized that at the first curve there would be a derailment. In order to give warning to the train hands he blew a loud blast on the whistle, which had its effect, as all the men jumped from the train. Fortunately no one was injured. The train continued on its wild course and on reaching a high trestle jumped the track and fairly sprang into the air, falling to the bottom, 140 feet below.

The preliminary survey in connection with the proposed North Fork extension of the Kettle Valley Railroad Company has reached Lynden creek, 18 miles north of this city. Following the first corps of engineers is a second party, which is making the permanent location. The line has already been completed for 12 miles to the Volcanic and Golden Eagle mines. H. W. Warrington, general superintendent of the Kettle Valley Railway, is in charge of the survey. The line extends north this fall 45 miles to Franklin camp, and that the work of construction will be started early next spring.

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The balance was to be paid within a year. In consideration of the balance being paid now, Mr. Wingquist, who wants to go back to his old home in Michigan, from which he has been absent 11 years, made a reduction in the price, and accepted cash, which was paid to him Saturday. The company that was formed to take over the bond has had men on the property all summer, and there is now a good showing in the way of development work. No. 2 tunnel is 170 feet, and the ore chute which was struck at 114 feet, still holds out. The vein is from 3 to 8 3/4 feet wide, and the paystreak from 8 inches to 16 inches. The ore is dry, the values being silver and native and grey copper. It is high grade, the lowest assay giving 241 ounces, and running up to over 3,000 ounces. Mr. McLeod claims that the ore will average 300 ounces silver. Now that title is vested in the company, bunkhouses will be built, so that the work can be continued all the winter. It is not likely that a wagon road can be built this year, but ore will be hauled down the trail this winter.

William J. Barker, foreman of the Arlington mine, reports that there have been a number of forest fires in the vicinity of Erie, but most of them have burned themselves out. The recent rains and cold nights seem to have the effect of extinguishing them. The trouble from fires is about over for the season, he says.

The city engineer states that the Whitewater flume, which was almost totally destroyed by recent fires, is again in use. Temporary repairs were quickly made so that the flume is again carrying water, but for a certain number of hours each day the water is shut off while permanent repairs are continued. Thus the flume will soon be in perfect condition again, without its use as a conductor of water being seriously interrupted in the meantime.

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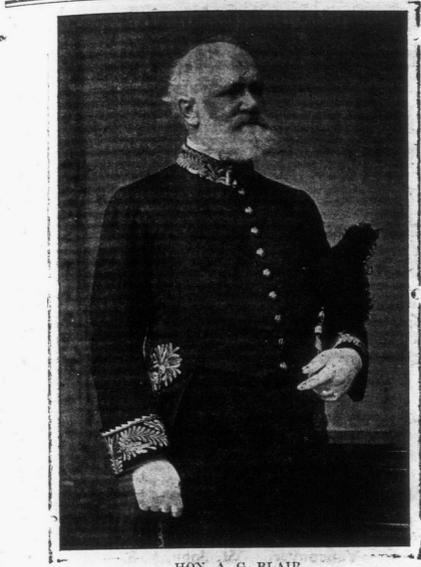
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RAILWAY COMMISSION VISITING VICTORIA

Complaint From Ladysmith Has Been Withdrawn, and No Others Presented for Hearing.

(From Friday's Daily.)

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There will be no sitting in Victoria. It was expected that a complaint from Ladysmith in some matter of rates would be heard, but this has been withdrawn.

August 29th, 1904. The President and Council of the Victoria Board of Trade.

Gentlemen—We, the undersigned members of your standing committee on freight rates, beg to report that we met on Friday, the 28th inst., to consider what matters to recommend the board to place before the railway commission, which is about to meet in this city.

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hear on the many questions arising a great fund of information, which has simplified the work of the commission very much.

The association of Dr. Mills with him in the work was an equally happy choice. Dr. Mills's long connection with the Ontario Agricultural College gave him an insight into a wide variety of subjects connected with the material prosperity of the country.

The party is staying at the Driad hotel, and with no formal sitting of the commission being held, the day has been very fully occupied by the members of it in receiving the numerous friends whom they have in Victoria and in visits to points of interest about the city.

The railway commission sat today, contrary to expectation. The occasion was an application by the Vancouver, Westminster & Yukon railroad.

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with this view, but he pointed out that the application was for further lands which were not the plans. The power either resided in the board of arbitrators or in the railway commissioners.

Mr. Morrison contended this as a new application, a substantive application under section 130, and really this had nothing to do with the question of arbitration.

Further he held that the commissioners could deal with this subject upon short notice in spite of Mr. Cowan's objection.

Hon. Mr. Blair contended this could not be done. He thought the plan was an imperfect one, and therefore he suggested that proper plans be made and that notice should be given to the parties concerned.

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BIG CELEBRATION ON MONDAY NEXT

LABOR WILL HONOR ITS ANNUAL HOLIDAY

Elaborate Preparations for the Festivities—Complete Outline of the Programme.

11.30 a. m.—Parade, starting from city hall and passing along the principal thoroughfares, afterwards dispersing at Labor hall.

12.30 p. m.—Luncheon at Victoria hall. Officials of all visiting societies will be entertained by members of local trades unions.

1.45 p. m.—Athletic sports and ladies' tombola at Caledonia grounds.

2.30 p. m.—Musical concert, on corners of principal streets.

8 p. m.—Mass meeting at Assembly hall, when addresses will be delivered.

9 p. m.—Dance at A. O. J. W. hall.

Victoria will be invaded on Monday by thousands of visitors from Vancouver, New Westminster, Nanaimo, Ladysmith, Duncan and other points.

The occasion is the annual grand Labor Day celebration which takes place in turn at Victoria, Vancouver and Nanaimo.

This year it has fallen to the lot of the local trades unions to do the entertaining, and the programme is one, which should attract the most exclusive.

From the minute the excursionists embark at the liner wharf or the E. & N. depot, as the case may be, they will be made to feel that they are in the hands of their hosts.

Reception committees will meet them on their arrival and to extend all a cordial welcome.

Afterwards the "Festivities" will commence, and pleasantly will have to keep moving in order to take in all the attractions.

Not until 11 o'clock in the forenoon will the ball be actually started rolling, the parade, which commences at that time from the city hall, being first on the programme.

Chief Marshall J. C. Macleod, and his assistants, Messrs. Knight and Clark, have mapped out a complete outline of the procession so that no time will be lost in assigning visiting unions to their allotted places.

Each float, also, has a certain position, and the bands have been evenly distributed as possible.

The arrangements in this connection have been very thorough, and the parade will start out at the scheduled time.

SPORTING ITEMS.

THE RIFLE. LOCAL SHOT WINS.

Corp. Bragshaw, of Victoria, has won the bronze medal for tyros at the Dominion Rifle Association meet, according to a dispatch from Ottawa dated yesterday.

The scores in the Gibson match (500 yards) were as follows: Cup won by Sergt. Hutton, B. C. R. 23. Eighteen others made possible, but Hutton won in the shoot off.

They divided \$137. Lieut. Cunningham, Col. Sergt. Moscrop and Co. Sergt.-Major Richardson take \$50 each in this match and extra series, 600 yards.

ANOTHER MATCH. Local fans may still have an opportunity of witnessing another match between Victoria and the crack British team.

It is understood that the executive of the B. C. Agricultural Association is negotiating for such a match as a special attraction for exhibition week.

If the proposal is successfully carried through a close contest may be anticipated.

STANDING OF LEAGUE. The standing of the Pacific Coast League is as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Team, Won, Lost, P.C. Tacoma 15 14 563, Los Angeles 18 14 563, Seattle 18 15 543, Portland 16 17 485, San Francisco 16 18 471, Oakland 13 21 382.

THE GUN. BIRDS ARE SCARCE. The general results of the first two days' shooting seem to have established beyond a doubt that grouse are much scarcer this year than has been the case in the past.

Many first-class shots who went out on September 1st, after having hunted steadily from early morning, returned in the evening without a bird.

This, of course, always occurs in one or two instances, but it is seldom indeed that the same thing is experienced by large numbers on the opening day.

It is reported that the most successful have not brought back more than twenty birds.

Discussing the question, many local hunters ascribe the lack of large covers to less shooting that is chimed-to be taken place on an extensive scale a few days previous to the opening of the season.

Farmers of outlying districts say that this season has been more general this year than ever before.

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Following that will be Westminister there is a series of fall shows, at Westminister and others at different points on the mainland.

Several Victoria fanciers will compete at each of these exhibitions. The decision of the Victoria Kennel Club to abandon the open air show will be given in favor of the indoor show.

Many, has given orders of dogs more time to prepare for outside exhibitions.

TURNER WILL JUDGE. It is announced that at the forthcoming show at Westminister Frank Turner, of this city, will act as judge.

Referring to this selection the New Westminister correspondent of the News-Advertiser says: "The choice of Frank Turner as judge will meet with general approval among dog fanciers."

He has given great satisfaction in his work at previous bench shows at different Coast cities.

Continuing, the same article refers to the prizes offered as follows: "The regular awards will be handsome diplomas for first and second prizes, and silver medals in winners classes."

There are several special awards to be made, among them being a silver plate offered by Jules Redelsheimer, of Seattle, president of the W. K. L., for the kennel scoring the most points; United States Grand Dudley, of Vancouver, offers a silver cup for the best Irish setter, dog or bitch, and J. Buntzen will also give a silver cup.

Cash prizes of \$15 each are offered for the largest string of dogs by one tender from any point in British Columbia outside of New Westminister and from the United States.

THE BISLEY TEAM. According to a dispatch from Ottawa dated Thursday referring to the D. R. A. matches, one Victoria rifleman, Co. Sergt.-Major Richardson, 5th Regiment, has secured a place in the Bisley team.

The top man in the aggregate is Pte. W. C. Wiltoughby, an Australian marksman on his way from the Old Country, and next in order will be the local team.

Following is a complete list with the respective scores: The Bisley aggregate, consisting of the highest scores in the Bankers, Walker, Mesodough, Dominion and first stage of Governor-General's, N. C. A., silver medal and \$20, was won by Private W. C. Wiltoughby, Australia, 324; D. R. A. silver medal and \$18, Capt. W. H. Forrest, 6th Rifles, Vancouver, 321; D. R. A. bronze medal and \$15, Lieut. Kelly, 10th, 319; 312, Corporal Jones, 82nd, 310; 310, Capt. McInnes, 90th, 313; 308, Sergt. L. H. Kelly, 310; 314, \$25 each, Capt. R. Bennie, O. R., 314; Capt. Dineen, 1st Hussars, 314; Private Morris, 1st P. W. F., 313; Capt. Elliot, 12th, 313; 308, Capt. Dunlop, 310; 314, \$25 each, Private Eastcott, 43rd, 313; Sergt. Russell, M. N. P. G., 310; Sergt. Pugh, R. C. G. A., 310; Lieut. Bont, 310; Sergt. Moore, 310; Capt. J. G. Hurlbush, 43rd, 310; Co. Sergt.-Major Richardson, 5th C. A., 310; Corp. Ellis, G. C. F. G., 300.

Canada will be represented at Bisley next year by the above team, the only exception being Wiltoughby, who is disqualified by not being a member of the Canadian militia.

The next in order are: Corp. Bray, 309; Capt. Smith, 308; Sergt. Cunningham, 6th Regt., 308; Sergt. Simpson, 10th R. C., 307. The former is assured a place on the Bisley team on account of the necessary retirement of the Australian shot, and it is altogether likely that several of those following will get positions through the withdrawal of some of those who qualified.

In the final stage of the Governor-General's shoot, Capt. Forrest, of the 6th Rifles, was top scorer, his total being 102. The next, Capt. Hutcheson, 43rd, 101. Private Wiltoughby, Australia, 101; Sergt. Thompson, 12th, 101; Capt. Bennie, O. R., 101; Sergt. Kelly, 10th, Corp. McInnes, 9th, 100; Private D. Eastcott, 43rd, 100; Private Bennett, 43rd, 99; Lieut. Cunningham, 6th, 99.

SEEKING BACK TAXES.

Government Lays Claim to Additional Sum From Le Roi Company.

A dispatch from Rossland dated Friday says: "In the court of revision for Rossland proving a recent district to-day an interesting case was presented, affecting the payments by the Le Roi Company to the government of the 2 per cent. tax on the amount of the 1903 and 1904 deputy inspector of taxes has taken action against the company to collect \$10,637, alleged to be due by the company for the 1903 and 1904 amounts, 1903 and above the sum of \$17,621 actually paid by the company. The government claims that the statement of profits and treatment given in the quarterly reports by the mine on which tax levy is based, differs from the figures submitted in the annual reports of the company for the said years. The company maintains that the smelter is a separate company and entitled to profit on ore treated, which profit is the difference between their reports to the government and to shareholders."

"If the action is sustained the Le Roi will be compelled to pay taxes on gross values of all ores, deducting bare cost of hauling and treatment. The court may decide that the company is entitled to charge up smelting profits. If Le Roi is charged to customs plant per ton levied on which the tax could be levied, it would be reduced by the total amount of smelting charges, including profit earned by smelter. Under the government's contention, the ownership of reduction works by a mine would be a drawback so far as mineral tax is concerned. The fact that the Northport smelter, operated by a separate company, may dispose of the matter entirely in favor of the mining company. The whole question was adjourned till October 15th, at the request of the Le Roi Company."

MANY BUILDINGS BURNED.

Benton, B.C., Scene of Destructive Blaze—Heavy Losses.

A dispatch to the Revelstoke Herald, from Benton, B.C., dated August 30th, says: "At 10 a.m. Monday, August 29th, fire broke out in the Prospectors' Exchange. The flames first made their appearance from the kitchen and spread rapidly to the main part of the hotel. While the fire was in progress all the residents were busy carrying out furniture, most of which was saved. Crawford's harness shop was doomed, next and burned rapidly. From there it spread to Crawford's blacksmith shop, to his residence, still spreading to a house owned by W. B. Johnson, occupied by teamsters as sleeping quarters. Next came W. Johnson's dwelling house. The assay office of George Johnson was blown up with dynamite to save St. Vast's building. The former hotel, owned by Mrs. H. J. Anderson, who on Saturday last sold out her interest in the Prospectors' Exchange, was burned. The former of the Reception hotel, of Camborne, was also burned, but all the furniture was saved. Lucky Hugo's bucket brigade was successful in saving Branford & Co.'s store after a hard fight."

"There was but little insurance on any of the buildings, which makes the loss a heavy one."

COAL SHIPMENTS.

From the Mines of Western Past Company at Nanashoo During Month.

The shipments of coal from the mines of the Western Past Company at Nanashoo during the month of August were as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Date, Vessel, Destination, Tons. Aug. 1-8, S.S. Kingfisher, Alaska, 37; Aug. 9-8, S.S. Columbia, Alaska, 37; Aug. 5-8, S.S. Wyedell, San Francisco, 5076; Aug. 6-8, S.S. Kingfisher, Alaska, 42; Aug. 8-New England, Alaska, 55; Aug. 11-Kingfisher, Alaska, 43; Aug. 13-Titania, San Francisco, 2,851; Aug. 13-Columbia, Alaska, 38; Aug. 15-New England, Alaska, 45; Aug. 18-Kingfisher, Alaska, 46; Aug. 19-Wyedell, San Francisco, 3,940; Aug. 20-Quito, Tacoma, 889; Aug. 20-New England, Alaska, 51; Aug. 24-Kingfisher, Alaska, 41; Aug. 24-Kingfisher, Alaska, 44; Aug. 28-New England, Alaska, 50; Aug. 29-Titania, San Francisco, 3,223; Aug. 30-Kingfisher, Alaska, 46.

Total tonnage 15,927

Wm. McNeill returned from the Mainland the other day after spending about a week in the Delta district on business. He states that the farmers are very busy at present reaping the fall crops, which are in most cases exceptionally heavy. Oats are more than usually plentiful, while there is also a large crop of hay. The recent rain, he says, did not harm the standing grain, and was no light to damage that already cut to any extent.

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