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PEACE IS AGREED TO

Suspension of Hostilities Expected Tomorrow.

PROTOCOL IS SETTLED

Peace Commissioners Will Meet in Paris. Cambon Received His Instructions Last Night.

Madrid, Aug. 11. 10 p. m.—The government has received the protocol and the cabinet rose at 9:40 p. m., after having approved it. The government will wire M. Cambon tonight empowering him to sign the preliminaries of peace.

Madrid, Aug. 11.—The day has been diplomatically one of the busiest since the outbreak of the war. There were no fewer than three cabinet councils, in addition to various diplomatic conferences. Though the text of the protocol was not received until the evening, was well advanced, the government had been made fully acquainted with its contents through Paris. The matter was practically settled at the cabinet meeting this afternoon and the receipt of the document therefore, only required a meeting of the cabinet for formal acceptance. The ministers adhere to the statement that the protocol contains no modifications of the original terms, but only new suggestions. They expect it will be signed at Washington tomorrow (Friday) and that a suspension of hostilities will at once be announced. Duke Almodovar de Rio, minister of foreign affairs, assures the correspondent of the Associated Press that the negotiations for the peace treaty will take place in Paris, but he says, the commissioners have not yet been appointed.

The terms of the protocol will not be published until the instrument has been signed.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The Cuban Tariff is Being Extended to Porto Rican Ports.

Washington, Aug. 11.—The interest in government circles centered today in the press despatches from Madrid in the first news of the decision of the Spanish government would be made public there, and there was no liklihood of anything being known officially in Washington during the day as to Spain's decision respecting the signature to the peace protocol. After the close of office hours Secretary Day drove to the White House and had a half hour's conference with the president. He stated that no further word had been received from Ambassador Cambon, but admitted that he expected a call from that gentleman tomorrow.

General Merritt undoubtedly is pursuing his campaign in Luzon. It is stated positively that he is under no restraining order from the war department but it is left entirely to his own descretion when and how to attack Manila, inasmuch that it has been reported from Cavite that he was simply waiting the arrival there of the double turreted monitor Monadnock. It is presumed this attack will soon follow if it has not already, for according to the calculation of the navy department the Monadnock is about due at Cavite. While not quite clear as to General Merrit's purpose in deferring his attack until the vessel arrives it is the opinion of the military officials that his plan is to plant the two monitors directly within range of the Manila batteries and if a demand for surrender is refused to batter down those defences.

Secretary Alger today cabled General Miles to apply immediately to the Porto Rico ports captured by him, the tariff drawn up by the government for Santiago and other Cuban ports. This is in line with the policy of the war department of extending the American system of tariffs as rapidly as possible over the captured territory. The settlement of the details of the evacuation of Cuba and Porto Rico is already receiving the earnest attention of the officials. Some provision will be made for the transportation of the Spanish prisoners and for the disposition of the small arms and the artillery and war stores. There is also some naval property of value remaining in Cuba and Porto Rican ports and it is a question whether or not this should be demanded by the United States, or allowed to remain in Spanish possession. The conclusion has been reached by Secretary Alger to refer these matters to a military commission and Adjutant General Corbin is now looking up precedents for the guidance of such a commission.

ABERDEEN'S MOVEMENTS.

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 11.—Canada's governor general, the Earl of Aberdeen, their children and a number of officials of the Canadian government, were in the city this afternoon. The Earl has decided to make a visit to Mayville on Lake Chatauqua, before leaving this hemisphere. He will remain a couple of days at Mayville. The party occupied a couple of private cars. They reached the city over the New York Central and their cars were transferred from Blackrock by way of the belt line to the Union depot.

THE METAL MARKET.

New York, Aug. 11.—Bar silver, 59¼; Mexican dollars, 45¾.

Copper, strong; brokers' price, $11.75; exchange $11.75 to $12.

Lead, strong; brokers' price, $3.85; exchange, $4.05 to $4.10.

Tin, unsettled; Straits, $16.20 to $16.30; plates, steady.

THE POLITICAL CRISIS

Beaven Makes No Progress With His Cabinet.

SITUATION DISCUSSED

Mr. Beaven Talks of the Party Divisions His Task Appears Hopeless—He May Resign.

Victoria, Aug. 11.—Mr. Beaven has intimated that he may have a definite announcement to make this evening as to his undertaking to form a cabinet, but so far he has not made the expected communication. Mr. Beaven today denied the statement published this morning that Mr. Cotton had an interview with him. He also denied that Mr. Semlin had refused to join his administration and added that the situation was boiling down into two positions, one of which was the abandonment of the opposition party. Mr. Semlin had an interview with the lieutenant governor this morning, but had nothing to say for publication as to what had transpired.

Victoria, Aug. 11.—Late tonight Mr. Beaven stated that he would not announce until tomorrow the upshot of his efforts to form a cabinet and discussing the political situation he said:

"The result of the general elections here in the province has left matters in a peculiar position politically. There are three leaders among the legislative members elected. Mr. Turner has the largest following 16; Mr. Joseph Martin has nine. Mr. Semlin has eight. In addition there are two members elected as opposed to Mr. Turner who have not defined their allegiance to either Mr. Semlin or Mr. Martin, and are commonly credited with a preference for Mr. Cotton. Then there are three independents, making a total of 38 members. Mr. Martin is credited with declaring that if Mr. Semlin is chosen as leader of the opposition he will resign his seat. This statement he did not deny when it was put to him in my presence. Some of Mr. Semlin's friends as strongly resent Mr. Joseph Martin as leader of the party or as a member of the government if one is to be formed. Under such circumstances, how can either of these gentlemen carry on the government of the province. If all the independents are given to Mr. Turner he has only one half of the house. If the oppositionists should all unite on one leader, they are in the same position, with this additional peculiarity that one of the number is believed to have been ineligible as a candidate. In addition to all of these complications, election petitions are filed against nearly all the members returned."

In speaking in support of the position that the lieutenant governor has taken, he said the latter has absolute freedom of choice in the selection of a premier and also stated that substantial reasons had been advanced to him for the choice made in this instance Mr. Beaven proceeded:

"I immediately put myself in communication with prominent men in different sections of the province. Mr. W. B. McInnes, of Nanaimo, Mr. Joseph Martin, of Vancouver, and Mr. Charles Semlin of Cache Creek, who very kindly consented to visit the capital and consult with me as to the position of affairs. Mr. Cotton I did not invite, his coming being of his own accord. I did not offer him a seat in the cabinet. I take the view that representation in the cabinet should be given to Kootenay, Yale, Vancouver City and the northern and southern districts of Vancouver Island. I met with every encouragement in quarters I least expected, but I encountered the most uncompromising opposition from Mr. Joseph Martin. Mr. Semlin, if a free agent, I am convinced, would work for the interests of the country, but I ascertain that I cannot expect assistance from him or his friends. The opposition therefore, of these two gentlemen representing, as they do 16 members from the mainland constituencies, renders it necessary for me in order to be successful to appoint as members of the cabinet, gentlemen strong and popular in their districts, but at present without seats in the legislature."

Mr. Beaven added that this would necessitate another general election which he hesitated to advise on account of the great disturbance in the business of the province which would result. As an alternative he might decide to thank his honor for the confidence reposed in him and ask to be relieved from further duty in the matter. He hoped to be able to decide tomorrow which course to pursue.

The Colonist commenting editorially on the interview with Mr. Beaven says that by his own statement, it appears to be his duty to advise the lieutenant governor that Mr. Turner is the proper person to call upon to form a cabinet. It is understood that the member elect referred to as ineligible is Mr. Prentice, whose name, it is said was not on the voters list.

CLERICS AND PUGILISTS.

The Buffalo Clergy Object to the Corbett-McCoy Fight.

Buffalo, Aug. 11.—A meeting of ministers, representing every denomination, was held here this afternoon for the purpose of taking action to prevent the proposed Corbett-McCoy prize fight from being held in Erie county. Thirty-five ministers were present, Rev. P. S. Merril, presiding elder of the Methodist church was chosen chairman. A number of ministers expressed their views as to the best methods of procedure. A committee on resolutions was appointed and a committee was also named to visit the authorities and ascertain what action they proposed taking. A number of the speakers thought that the governor should be called upon to use his authority to prevent the fight.

The Rev. Dr. Stauffer read the substance of the Horton law and the recent decision of Justice Woodward by which he declared the fights as conducted at that time a violation of the Horton law. Continuing he said: "The issue is plain, the membership business as improved by the Hawthorne club, is a subterfuge. A man coming from Cincinnati, or St. Louis, will get no benefit from membership in the Hawthorne club. These people will not risk an issue in the courts if they are convinced that the authorities of the country are not lukewarm."

Bishop Quigley who was late, stated on his arrival that the sheriff had promised to do all in his power to enforce the law. He then read the following from Sheriff Killgallon:

Buffalo, Aug. 11.

To Rt. Rev. J. E. Quigley, D. D., Bishop of Buffalo.

Right Reverend and Dear Sir: Your letter just to hand. I will not allow a prize fight in this county. This alway has been my stand. As I understand the facts, the proposed contest is a prize fight, therefore, it will not take place in Erie county while I am sheriff.

D. ANDREW KILLGALLON.

THE RUSSIAN PRESS.

Eulogizes Lord Salisbury's Foreign Policy in China.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 11.—Following in the footsteps of the Novosti, the Novoe Vremya eulogizes the Marquis of Salisbury for the wisdom with which he keeps in check the Russophobe outburst of certain members of his party and the prudence with which he endeavors to obviate all pretext for a misunderstanding between Great Britain and Russia. The paper says that it observes that unfortunately more than half of the British public shares Mr. Chamberlain's views, but it cannot understand why the Russophobes are apprehensive of the Russians at Port Arthur. The Novoe Vremya says:

"The result of the cession to Russia of Port Arthur and Talien Wan cannot show themselves for some time to come and a considerable period must elapse before these ports can serve the purpose for which they were intended by the Russian foreign policy, that of providig a permanent outlet on the Pacific ocean. Quite otherwise is Russia's position on the Indian frontier where everything has been long organized for military action if some extreme excess of ill-will upon the part of Great Britain should drive her to such action.

A BITTER CONTROVERSY.

Petition to the Imperial Authorities Strongly Objected to.

St. Johns, Nd., Aug. 11.—A bitter controversy is raging here over a petition being circulated by the friends of the governor, Sir Herbert Murray, praying the Imperial ministry to permit him to withdraw his resignation and continue in the governorship. The petition is promoted by parties favorable to giving Newfoundland the status of a crown colony, and it is opposed by politicians on both sides who regard it as an insult to them and as the thin edge of a wedge working towards a revocation of the colony's charter. The Gut party is especially opposed to the movement, regarding the petition as unwarrantable interference.

WOUNDED GET LEAVE.

Washington, Aug. 11.—A general order has been issued at the adjutant general's office, granting one month's furlough to the sick and wounded soldiers, and transportation to their homes.

YESTERDAY'S BASEBALL.

Aug 10.—At Toronto—Toronto 2, Wilkesbarre 3.

At Buffalo—Buffalo 6, Providence 9.

At Syracuse—Syracuse 4, Montreal 9.

A LONDON CABLEGRAM

Introduction of the Penny Postage Postponed.

MULOCK IS EULOGISED

His Determination Carried the Conference. Du Bosc Enters Suit for Damages. Pacific Cable.

Toronto, Ont., Aug. 11.—The following is a special cable to the Evening Telegram dated London, Aug. 11: Imperial penny postage will not go into effect on November 9 as formerly announced. The date has been changed to Christmas day, when the penny rate will apply to all the colonies, and will enter at the same time by a proclamation of the c[illegible]

Legal authorities here express the opinion that the Hon. William Mullock's original proclamation in regard to reduced postage was undoubtedly within the rules of the Dominion government. The form of the next proclamation, it is said, must be precisely the same as that originally issued. Many colonial representatives admit that Mr. Mullock's persistence alone carried the postal conference, otherwise the rate would have been two pence. It is openly conceded in parliamentary circles that Canada's action was a master stroke. The opinion is general that Hon. William Mullock carried the day.

It is altogether likely that the British penny stamp and the Canadian stamp will mark an event in postal communication says the Daily Mail, just as was the case with inter-imperial trade. The Hon. William Mulock, the enterprising postmaster general of the Dominion is due the chief credit of bringing the proposal from a stage of endless controversy to full fruition. The Mail says further, the Queen decided to knight Mr. Mulock, but the latter repudiates rumors to the effect that he will accept such an honor.

Senor du Bosc, the late Spanish consul at Washington, through his solicitors threatens action against the Dominion government because of his expulsion from Canada. He demands an apology and compensation unless reparation be made. His counsel will advise Senor du Bosc to return to Canada at once and take up his residence there as an enforcement of his rights.

Twenty-two tons of Canadian bacon which arrived by the steamship Milwaukee have been declared wet, green and putrid. A portion of the bacon will probably be saved by smoking, but such must be passed by a medical practitioner before it can be offered for sale.

In reply to a question asked by Mr. Hogan, in the House of Commons to day, the Hon. Joseph Chamberlain stated that the Peterson-Tate contract had been abandoned. The British government he said had not been asked to co-operate with the Dominion. A contract would be made with the Canadian government not the British government. Mr. Chamberlain also said that until the imperial government received definite proposals from all the colonies, no further steps would be taken in the matter of Pacific cables.

THE CHINESE SITUATION.

Li Hung Chang Has Been Bought. The Situation is Grave.

London, Aug. 11.—A cable to the Star says:

The Hong Kong and Shanghai bank, which furnished the capital for the construction of the Necehwang railway has not received any official notification of the successful result of Russia's tactics in China, designed to block the completion of the final contract for the line. If the news of China's breach of contract is confirmed, the bank will immediately lodge a claim for indemnity. It is generally believed that Li Hung Chang has been bought body and soul by the Russian government, and the situation is regarded as very grave.

NIAGARA BRIDGE.

Board Appointed to Examine Locality For the Proposed Bridge.

Washington, Aug. 11.—A board has been appointed to meet at such time and place as may be designated by the president of the board, to examine the locality of the proposed bridge across the Niagara river and to report to the secretary of war. The board is as follows: Rear Admiral J. G. Walker, retired; Major T. W. Symons, corps of engineers, and Mr. H. G. Marinden, assistant United States coast geological surveyor.

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CABINET MAKING.

Mr. Beaven does not seem to be making any headway in his thankless task of endeavoring to construct a cabinet without the necessary materials. It must be extremely mortifying to this veteran politician to have to go around touting for supporters, who refuse to be tempted into his fold even by the inducements of exalted positions with correspondingly salaries. It would even appear from his despatches this morning that his temper is being ruffled in the process, and that he is endeavoring to relieve himself by repeating the old threadbare campaign slanders about the divisions in the opposition ranks into the ears of the Associated Press correspondent..

Mr. Beaven plaintively complains of the refusal of the prominent oppositionists to assist in foisting him into power. He is convinced, however, that Mr. Semlin, "if a free agent, would work for the interests of the country,"—Mr. Beaven's interests and the country's being most fortunately identical! It is really most distressing and Mr. Beaven would have all our sympathies had he ever had the smallest reason to count upon the support of the gentlemen who are so cruelly disappointing him. He is now apparently halting between two opinions. He is uncertain whether to take the only manly course", and go to the governor and tell him that he has not the support of the country, or whether to pack his cabinet with political outsiders and appeal to the country in the desperate hope that by some unforeseen freak of fortune he may be returned with a majority! Mr. Beaven's political hopes must be desperate indeed if he is willing to risk all on such an unlikely contingency. So desperate do those chances seem to us, that we shall be very much surprised if Mr. Beaven, after thinking it over, does not give up his task in disgust.

In Mr. Beaven's disappointed utterances the Colonist thinks it at last sees a gleam of light through the darkness that shrouds the demise of Turnerism, and says that from his own statement Mr. Beaven is bound to advise the recall of Mr. Turner. The Colonist has seen many of its most cherished illusions shattered in the last few weeks, and this newest bantling will have to go the way of its predecessors. The governor had very strong reasons for his action, or he never would have dismissed Mr. Turner so peremptorily, and it is surely futile to suppose that he will stultify himself and flout the people by recalling the man they have rejected.

With reference to the approaching prohibition plebiscite the finding of the English Royal commission on licensing will be of interest. The commission has held over 123 sittings, and has examined 260 witnesses. While the report of the commission has not yet been published the gist of the evidence of the principal witnesses is known. The evidence which will be of most interest to Canadians at this particular juncture is that of Mr. Rathbone, who formerly sat for many years in the House of Commons as a liberal. Satisfied when the last Gladstonian parliament met that the House of Commons would be called upon to legislate on the liquor question, and afraid that it would follow its frequent habit of legislating first and enquiring afterwards, Mr. Rathbone took a novel step. At his own expense he despatched a commission to America to report upon the results of prohibition there, and as the outcome of his independent inquiries, which he detailed, Mr. Rathbone testified to his conviction that prohibition, except in rural districts is a failure, and that by a stricter application of the laws already existing in England better results might be obtained. It would be interesting in view of the question now before the public, if the data from which Mr. Rathbone drew his conclusions could be published, but that is not possible until the commission submits its report. In the meantime even the unsupported dictum of an expert like Mr. Rathbone should of itself carry weight.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

A meeting of the Nelson branch of the National Council of Women of Canada was held yesterday afternoon in the Presbyterian church at which there was a large attendance of ladies. Mrs. J. Roderick Robertson presided and Mrs. J. Fred Hume acted as secretary. The committee who interviewed the city council regarding the establishment of a public library reported to the meeting, but pending a report from the mayor and aldermen no action was taken.

Miss Clanson, matron of the Kootenay Lake General Hospital addressed the meeting on the subject of district nursing, stating that the directors of the hospital were willing that two young ladies should receive professional training at the hospital.

A committee consisting of Mesdames Goepel, Stocks, McCulloch, Robson, Frost and Clarke, to be called the nursing committee was appointed to act in conjunction with the directors of the hospital in the matter. The trained nurses will be available for all the doctors of the city.

The executive committee of the Women's Council will meet on the second Friday of each month.

CROW'S NEST COMMISSION.

C. C. McCaul, Q. C., of Calgary, has arrived in Nelson after a trip over the Crow's Nest Pass railway. Mr. McCaul, accompanied by J. W. Wetmeier of St. Johns, N.B., and M. Mackenzie of McLeod, has been representing the interests of the Canadian Pacific railway in the recent investigation into the circumstances surrounding the decease of Fraser and Macdonald, who died it is alleged of diptheria while employed on the construction of the railway. R. C. Clute, Q. C., is the government commissioner, and L. W. Burpee is acting as his secretary. A large number of witnesses have been examined at different points along the line.

MURDER AT MOYIE.

Suspect Arrested and Brought to Nelson for Trial.

A telegram to The Miner from Kuskonook announces that a man named Puerio was murdered and robbed by an Italian named Antoine Brino at Moyie City on Sunday last. The alleged murderer was arrested at Kuskonook yesterday. Further particulars will be given in our next issue.

Later.—Further details are now to hand respecting the above crime. It appears that yesterday a mounted policeman rode up to Mr. G. S. Beer', the C. P. R. ticket agent, at Goat River, and told him that an Italian named supposed to be Antonio Brino, had stoned another Italian, Puerio, to death, and had subsequently robbed his victim of a sum estimated at $200 or $300. The constable also handed Mr. Beer a description of the supposed murderer asking him to give it to Provincial constable Wilson at Kuskonook for circulation.

On arriving at Kuskonook Mr. Beer saw a man answering to the description walking with several other Dagos. He immediately informed Constable Wilson who arrested the man. On searching him bank deposit slips to the amount of over $200 made out in the murdered man's name were discovered on his person, also several other articles supposed to belong to the deceased. The man at first gave a wrong name, but when examined by the help of an interpreter he acknowledged his name was Antonio Brino. He made a rambling and incoherent statement, denying all knowledge of the affair. The prisoner is quite a young man being apparently about 18 or 20 years of age, but he seems quite unconcerned at his position. Provincial Constable Wilson brought him into town last night on the C. P. R. steamer, and lodged him in the Provincial jail pending trial. He will probably be brought up tomorrow for his preliminary hearing.

GONE TO HELENA.

Some comment has been caused by the unexplained absence of R. Liddell, chief jailer at the Provincial jail. The representative of The Miner has obtained the following facts from Captain Fitzstubbs, warden of the jail.

It appears that last Sunday week, Liddell asked for and obtained three days leave of absence from the warden. On Wednesday night Captain Fitzstubbs received a telegram from him from Spokane, asking for an extension of his leave for two months. Captain Fitzstubbs wired him to return to duties at once. No reply was received to this. Last Saturday, George Partridge, the second jailer, received a telegram from Liddell dated Helena, Montana, asking him to collect his back pay and forward it to him at Helena. That was the last that was heard of him. George Partridge is now performing Liddell's duties, and T. Ryan has been engaged to fill the vacancy thus created.

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First Jailer	R. Liddell
Second Jailer	Geo. Partridge
Third Jailer	John McLaren
Senior Guard	R. Ince

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND—Matin 11 a.m.; Even Song, 7.30 p.m. every Sunday. Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month after Matins; on 2nd and 4th Sundays, at 8 a.m. Sunday School at 2.30 p.m. Rev. H. S. Akehurst, Rector. Cor Ward and Silica streets.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Services at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Sunday School at 2.30 p.m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 8 p.m.; Christian Endeavor Society meets every Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. R. Frew, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH—Corner Silica and Josephine Streets. Services at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sabbath School, 2.30 p.m.; Prayer meeting on Friday evening at 8 o'clock; Epworth League C. E., Tuesday at 8 a.m. Rev. John Robson, Pastor.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH—Mass at Nelson every Sunday at 8 and 10.30 a.m.; Benediction at 7.30 to 8 p.m. Rev. Father Ferland, Priest.

BAPTIST CHURCH — Services morning and evening at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.; Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 p.m.; Meetings are held in the school house. Strangers cordially welcomed. Rev. G. R. Welch, Pastor.

SALVATION ARMY—Services every evening at 8 o'clock in barracks on Victoria street. Adjutant Millner in charge.

LODGE MEETINGS.

NELSON LODGE, No. 23. A. F. & A. M. meets second Wednesday in each month. Visiting brethren invited.
G. L. LENNOX, Secretary.

I. O. O. F. Kootenay Lodge No. 16, meets every Monday night at their Hall, Kootenay street. Sojourning Odd Fellows cordially invited.
WM. HODSON, Secretary.

NELSON LODGE No. 25, K. of P., meets in Castle hall, McDonald block every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. All visiting knights cordially invited.
J. J. MALONE, C.C.
(820) GEO. PARTRIDGE, K. of R. and S.

NELSON LODGE, I. O. G. T. Meets in Castle Hall, McDonald Block, every Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting Templars cordially invited.
JOHN TELFORD, Chief Templar.
J. F. Jacobson Sec'y

NELSON'S QUEEN NO. 241 SONS OF ENGLAND, meets second and fourth Wednesday of each month at K. of P. Hall, MacDonald Block, cor. Vernon and Josephine streets. Visiting brethern cordially invited.
ERNEST KING, Worthy President.
CHAS. H. FARROW, Secretary.

COURT KOOTENAY, I.O.F., NO. 3138 meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday in each month in the K of P Hall. F W Swanell, C. D. S. C. R.; J J Green, C.R.: J. Purkiss, Secy.

NELSON LODGE, NO. 10 A.O.U.W., meets every Thursday in the I.O.O.F. hall. F W Swanell, M.W.: W Hodson, Rec.-Sec.; J. J Driscoll, Financier F. J Squire. Receiver and P. M. W.

NELSON L.O.L. No. 1692 meets in the McDonald block every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting members cordially invited. John Toye W.M.; F. J. Bradley, R.S.

GENERAL LOCAL NEWS.

EVENTS OF INTEREST IN AND AROUND NELSON.

Brief Mention of Happenings in the District During the Past Few Days.

A. J. Raymer of Rossland is in the city.

D. Reid, of the Crow's Nest Pass survey, is at the Queen's.

Mrs Fulton and son of Victoria, are registered at the Queen's.

W. N. Down and J. W. Astley, of Rossland, are in the city.

Geo. S. Clute, jr., Q. C., of Rossland, is registered at the Phair.

Mrs. and Miss Bennett of Slocan City, are registered at the Hume.

The steamer Illecillewaet will be withdrawn from the Arrowhead-Thomson Landing service on August 15th.

J. E. Jackson, Spokane, ore buyer for the Aurora smelter, arrived in the city last night and is registered at the Phair.

The Methodist Sunday school will hold its annual picnic today at Balfour. The excursion will doubtless be largely patronized.

Jacob Dover, jeweler, leaves next Tuesday for a purchasing trip to Toronto, Montreal, New York and other eastern Canadian and American cities.

An advertisement of the New Westminster annual exhibition will be found in another column. The royal city always makes the exhibition a success.

The Nelson brass band gave an open air concert from the balcony of the Madden hotel yesterday evening, which was greatly appreciated by a large audience.

A. McT. Campbell of Winnipeg, western manager for the Canada Life Assurance company, of which C. D. J. Christie is the local agent, is in the city in the interests of his company.

J. E. Mitchell, manager of the Charleston mine, near Kaslo, is in the city. Mr. Mitchell reports that development work is progressing favorably and the mine is showing up satisfactorily.

F. C. Fahey, Winnipeg; J. H. Sharples, New Denver; C. W. Ewart, New York; J. G. Macdonald, Whitewater; James Smith and W. F. Corage, Revelstoke; John Dean, Ymir, are registered at the Hume.

Most Worshipful Grand Master D. Wilson of the Masonic order in British Columbia, arrived in the city last night for the purpose of holding a special communication of the grand lodge, and to lay the corner stone of St. Saviour's church this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The names of the players for the Nelson baseball team who will compete at Marcus on Sunday next are: Houston, c.; Dolan, p.; Partridge, 1b.; Kennedy, 2b.; Campbell, 3b.; Smith, s. s.; Neelands, r. f.; Mills, l. f.; Wright, c. f.

Mr. W.F. Ashpitel left last night for Banff, where he will stay for a while before proceeding to the North West territories. This step has been rendered imperative by the state of his health, the doctor having ordered a change of air.

The Ymir group of shares, such as Dundees, Wild Horses, Sarah Lees and Kenneths, are firm and are selling fairly well in the London market. It is expected that there will be increased dealings in these shares as soon as peace is declared between the United States and Spain.

Lost—On Wednesday, a pocket book containing $40 in money and a bank cheque for $275, drawn on the bank of British Columbia. A reward of $20 is offered for recovery of same on being returned to David Fraser or Thomas Madden, at the Madden house.

Professor J. H. Lawrence will give a lecture tonight in the school house on "Love, courtship and marriage." A musical programme will be rendered, concluding with Byriama, consisting of comic, descriptive and and histrionic paintings. This is the professor's last night in Nelson and he should have a large audience. Admission 25 and 15 cents.

Dr. Forin left yesterday evening on the C. P. R. train and will be joined at Robson by P. McL. Forin, barrister of Rossland and at Revelstoke by His Honor Judge Forin. Together the three brothers will visit their former home at Belleville, Ontario, after which Dr. Forin will attend the meeting of the Dominion medical association at Quebec. They will return to Nelson about the middle of September.

A former resident of this city named Gardner has constructed a typesetting machine which it is claimed is far superior to any contrivance of the kind yet invented. It will be placed on the market shortly. A company of Chicago capitalists have offered him a sum running into millions for his patent rights. Gardner was formerly a telegraph lineman. He now resides in Minneapolis.—Winnipeg Free Press.

Stanley Hoffman, better known as "Billy Smith," was drowned on Wednesday evening in the Kootenay river, about three miles above its junction with the Columbia river. Hoffman was an axeman for the West Kootenay Power and Light company, and went in bathing at a point opposite the camp. He was in the water but a few minutes when he was seen to sink by W. Anderson, the surveyor in charge. It is supposed that it was either an eddy or cramps that caused his death as he was an expert swimmer.

Thorpe & Co. have arranged for the transportation and bottling of the Harrison hot springs water and in future the people of Nelson and other towns in the Kootenay will be able to secure the famous St. Alice natural mineral water as conveniently as the coast cities. During the eight years that Thorpe & Co. have had the sole agency for this water it has forged to the front and supplanted the older brands of natural mineral waters, and now it is preferred by all the clubs and leading hotels in Vancouver and Victoria to all other waters on the market.

The new Baptist church on Stanley street is about completed and will be opened for divine worship on Sunday, August 21, the dedicatory sermon being preached by Rev. R. W. Trotter of Victoria. The new church is an ornament to the city and a credit to the Baptist congregation in Nelson. A social will be held in the church on Monday evening. Special music will be rendered by the choir at the opening services and and a song service will be held in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. K. Kribbs was the contractor and J. C. Ewart architect, and the committee are well satisfied with the work of both gentlemen.

W. H. Keary, commissioner of the British Columbia provincial exhibition to be held at New Westminster, Oct. 5th to 13th inclusive, is in the city. Mr. Keary expresses the desire to receive samples of ore from the Kootenay and the Nelson district. Samples may be left at the Miner office at any time and will be properly labelled and forwarded to Mr. Keary. The New Westminster annual exhibition has the reputation of being the best exhibit of the products of the province held annually in British Columbia, and always attracts a large crowd. Single fare rates for the round trip have been arranged from all main line points.

BASEBALL GAME

And interesting and exciting game of baseball, which attracted a large crowd of spectators, was played yesterday afternoon on the grounds east of the Queen's hotel, between the bald heads and the kids.

The players for the bald heads were: Lemon, Reid, Stewart, Heath, Ryan, T. M. Ward, Galliher, Bigelow and Morris.

The juvenile team consisted of Bert Wallace, J. Wallace, McBeath, Hoag, Roberts, Avery, Rae and Lamont.

At the conclusion of the fifth innings the game was called off by umpire James Neelands, there being a dispute as to the score. The bald heads claimed that the score stood 37 to 36 in their favor, the kids claiming a reverse score.

Features of the game, which were very interesting to the spectators, were Bigelow's base running and Lemon's play on third base.

Another game for a prize and two pails of lemonade will be played on Saturday afternoon.

THE AMERICAN CUP

London, August 11.—Hon. Charles Russell, representing Sir Thomas Lipton, started today for Canada, whence he will proceed to New York in connection with the Lipton challenge.

New York, August 11.—The New York yacht club, at a special meeting tonight, unanimously voted to accept the challenge of the Royal Ulster yacht club to race for the America cup. A committee was selected to select the yacht which will represent the club, and to arrange the date and place of the race and the other details.

NEW LOCATIONS.

Nelson.

Aug. 4—

Black Jack—Salmo Consolidated Gold Mining & Development Co., on Sheep creek, adj. White Cloud.

I. X. L.—W. G. Robinson, on Rover creek, adj. Leap Year Ride, formerly Gertie.

Primrose—E. J. Mills, on side of Hall creek, 1½ mi w of Fern Mill, formerly Victoria.

Mystic—J. S. Hicks, at head of Nine Mile creek.

Aug. 5—

Majestic—A. R. Macdonald, at the head of Nine Mile creek, off Kootenay river.

Prescot—W. W. Merkley, at head of w fk Kokanee creek.

Granite—T. Wilson, at head of Granite creek, formerly San Juan.

Oregon—A. Cordiner, ¼ mi w of 49 creek, formerly Evening Bell.

Aug. 6—

F. F. Fraction—H. Holland, 3 mi s w of Ymir.

Parkdale—W. B. Pollard, n e side of Morning Mountain, formerly Alhambra.

Royal Victor—J. Rowell, 2 mi n e of Nelson, ¼ mi w of Anderson creek.

Aug. 8—

Nina G—J. Shuttleworth, on n fk of Salmon river, formerly Nugget.

Federal—S. Lefebine, J. Thibodeau, on w side of River creek, adj. Palestine.

Record—G. W. Willard, at head of Granite creek, formerly Homestake.

M. & M.—K. McEvoy, at head of Rest creek.

Blue Bell—J. G. Williams, 3½ mi n w of Arlington.

Denver—J. H. McDonald, 6 mi up Clearwater creek.

My Vest—J. Thompson, 1½ mi from head of Six Mile creek.

Helen—N. S. Livingstone, ½ mi s of Columbia river, adj Percy.

Peabody—E. Brooker, same, same.

Percy—P. H. Holland, same.

Blue Jacket—E. Baxter, at head of Cayuse creek, formerly Galveston.

Merrimac—T. V. Bell, same, formerly Desoto.

Copper King—Same. adj Merrimac

Maruba—J. Phillips, on s side of Anderson creek, formerly Georgey.

J. A. B.—W. Grieb, s fk of Porcupine creek, formerly Copper Belt.

Mammoth Copperopolis—F. Granthum, between Hidden and Porcupine creeks, formerly Shelton.

Aug. 9—

Baraska—J. Finlay, on s fk of Porcupine creek, adj Sister Marian.

J. M. H—D. E Grobe, same, adj. J. A. B., formerly Paquita.

Sister Marian — Same, formerly Olympia.

Copper King—C. A. Hanna, n fork of Salmon river, formerly Lytton No. 2

Sir William—G. Morris, n fk of Salmon, adj Dick Get There.

EMPLOYEES QUIT WORK

Men Engaged on Six Mile Wagon Road Object to Rise in Price of Board

A number of employees on the government wagon road, which is under construction up Six Mile creek, called at the Miner office on Wednesday and stated that the entire force employed on the construction had quit work. They stated that the cause of the strike was that the rate for board was raised from $5 to $7 per week. This, they claimed, was contrary to the agreement made with them which was that they should be paid $3 per day and have board at the rate of $5 per week. When the rate was raised the men quit work and came to the city to lay their case before the gold commissioner. They claim that the work was only started three days before the date of the provincial elections and only voters were employed.

The government engineer, Mr. A. E. Hodgins, was seen yesterday by a Miner reporter regarding the matter and stated that the reason the rates for board were raised on the men was that under the old rate the government boarding house could not be made to pay expenses, owing to the high rates charged for transporting supplies to the camp. The men employed, he claims, have been well treated and should not object to paying the additional rate.

Gold Commissioner Dennis is looking into the matter.

DROWNING ACCIDENT AT TRAIL

J. Robertson, who recently bought out the banking, insurance and real estate business of R. J. Bealey & Co. of Trail, and who was one of the most respected residents of the smelter city, was drowned in the Columbia river yesterday afternoon opposite Trail. Robertson and chief of provincial police, Captain Devitt, went out in a boat on the river to fish a short distance below the town. The boat got into a swift current and was overturned. Robertson clung to the side of the boat until he was exhausted and, letting go his grip, was carried away by the swift current. Devitt swam towards the shore and was rescued by a couple of men in a boat who had witnessed the accident, but he had a narrow escape and it took considerable time to restore him to consciousness. All efforts to recover the body of Mr. Robertson were, up to a late hour last night, unsuccessful.

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NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between J. S. McClelland and H. D. Ashcroft under the firm name of Ashcroft & McClelland is this day dissolved by mutual consent. J. S. McClelland retiring. H. D. Ashcroft still continues the business and is liable for all indebtedness from Aug. 1. All outstanding accounts must be paid to the firm of Ashcroft & McClelland on or before Aug. 15. And all accounts against the firm must be presented by that date.

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LOST IN A GREAT CITY

Lawyer A. C Galt of Rossland Disappears.

A NELSON TRAGEDY

The Police and Citizens Combine in the Sea ch—Exciting Developments Which Ensued.

About 11:30 on Wednesday night Messrs. Macdonald and Galt, the well known Rossland lawyers, were on their way down to the C. P. R. wharf intending to sleep on the steamer Nelson which leaves about 4:30 a. m. Not being quite sure of the way in the dark Mr. Macdonald went on in advance about 50 yards up the wharf, while Mr. Galt remained at the end. Presently Mr. Galt cried out "Are you coming, Mac?"

"Yes," was the answer, and Mr. Macdonald began to retrace his steps. He reached the end of the wharf but to his amazement Mr. Galt was nowhere to be seen! He shouted and made as careful an examination of the neighborhood as the darkness would allow, but without result.

The missing man had not gone to the depot, so his now thoroughly alarmed partner sped back to the Phair hotel to see if he had returned there. He had not. A hasty consultation decided that the man was either drowned or sandbagged or both. John Gibson, the courteous manager of that famous hostelry, instantly proferred his services. Jasper Phair was roused up with instructions to summon chief of the fire department Thompson and the fire boys, and in a brief space of time the entire police force of the city accompanied by a large body of citizens and the representative of The Miner went down to the scene of the tragedy, armed with lanterns and imbued one and all with great excitement and intense enthusiasm.

After a thorough and exhaustive scruting of the ground, tracks were discovered showing where the body of the unfortunate victim bad been dragged along. With the mingled tenacity and acumen of the Indian tracker of romance, the tracks were traced to the edge of the water. A boat was procured, and the peaceful waters of the mouth of Cottonwood creek were prodded and probed by the indefatigable searchers. The searchlight of the steamer was also requisitioned but without results.

The party then split up and the thick bushes in the vicinity were searched thoroughly. Seven hobos were discovered lurking in their intricacies, and were regarded with stern looks of angry suspicion, but in default of more conclusive evidence were allowed to depart, and so the search went on.

About 4:45 yesterday morning a band of pale, weary and bedraggled rescuers stood in anxious consultation near the beginning of the wharf, when suddenly a tall slight figure, clothed in brown tweeds, appeared in the distance carrying a valise. Closer inspection revealed the fact that it was no less a personage than the drowned and murdered man A. C. Galt. It then transpired that the learned gentleman, despairing of finding his way to the steamer in the dark, had quietly retraced his steps to the nearest hotel, the Hume, and had there passed the night. Thus ended an episode that will ever be memorable among the annals of crime and derring-do in the city of Nelson.

WHITEWATER NOTES.

Whitewater, Aug. 11.—At present Whitewater is one of the best mining camps in British Columbia as is evidenced by the number of men who arrive daily and succeed in getting work in the vicinity. About 100 men are employed at the Whitewater mine, 40 by the Whitewater Deep, 20 at the Northern Belle and 12 by the Charleston. The wages paid are scarcely to be excelled in any part of the world, Klondike excepted, being $3 to $3.50 per day in all the mines. The location of the town is not just what one would desire on account of the dried trunks of fallen timber and the stumps which are around and within the town rendering it more or less in danger of fire in such a season of heat as the present.

There are now two general stores each of which is doing a splendid business, and the hotels, of which the Whitewater is the principal, under the proprietorship of Mr. Martin, are always crowded.

The splendid new building on Avenue C is being fitted up in two divisions, one as a drug store by Mr. J. S. Patterson of Kuskonook and the other by the general store man J. J. Ullman.

YMIR NOTES.

Ymir, Aug. 11.—The Porto Rico mine operated by the Canadian Pacific Exploration company starts up this morning with a force of about 60 men. Word was sent to Ymir yesterday for all men wanting employment to go up to Porto Rico siding at once. Cyrus W. McArthur has the contract for erecting the buildings for the 10 stamp mill and concentrator. A. W. Riblet of Sandon has the contract for the 2500 foot bucket tramway. The Porto Rico besides being one of the richest is one of the best known properties round the camp, and big things are expected of it in the near future. Miss E. Green, teacher of the Ymir public schools, who has been in the city for the past week, the guest of Mrs. J. E. Annable, will leave on Saturday morning for home to open her school on Monday *morning.*

COMMISSIONER OGILVIE.

He Re-Enters the Yukon Without Any Set Plans.

Winnipeg, Aug. 10.—William Ogilvie, the new commissioner for the Yukon, is here today bound for Vancouver. He said he expected to be able to make Dawson in about a month from Montreal. Asked as to his programme Mr. Ogilvie stated that he had no set plans, but as to headquarters and regulations and other matters he would be governed by circumstances when he arrived. Last year he estimated between $10,000,000 and $20,000,000 worth of gold would be got out but is reported that there may be less than anticipated owing to lack of food and other reasons. For next year he estimates that the yield will be at least twice as large as this year. Mr. Ogilvie leaves for the west tomorrow evening.

The commissioner's party consists of Dr. Decow, of Montreal, medical superintendent; Wm. Lithgow, Halifax, accountant; Thos. Riley and B. F. Craig, engineers; A. D. Cameron, clerk; C. S. Finnie, clerk; John F. E. Brown, Toronto, secretary to the commissioner, and Mr. Paul Ogilvie, son of the commissioner, who will accompany the party only as far as Skagway. Dr. Decow is a brother of Mr. William Decow of the C. P. R. telegraphs, late of this city but now of Vancouver. He visited Winnipeg and Manitoba when the C. P. R. was being constructed. He calls attention to the fact that Klondike is not any more distant, nor is the climate any more terrible than Manitoba and its climate were in 1880. Until that country is opened up, he considers it will be impossible to say what kind of a place it will prove to live in. Dr. Decow goes out to supervise medical work in the police and military forces and also to take such measures as may seem necessary for the health of the community. He fancies that the headquarters of the government will be at Fort Selkirk and not at Dawson, this being a better location for a town and more central for a government post.

PORTO RICO SUCCESSES

General Miles Defeats a Spanish Force at Mayaguez.

Washington, August 11.—The war department late this afternoon received the following despatch:

Ponce, via Bermuda—To the secretary of war, Washington—The following message has been received from Schwan camp, near Hormigueres: The advance guard, including the cavalry of this command, while reconnoitering northwest of Rosa Rio river, near Hormigueres, developed a strong Spanish force which lay concealed in the hills north of Mayaguez. In a general engagement that followed, L. L. Byron, eighth infantry, my aide de camp, was wounded in the foot, and Private Fernberger, company D, eleventh infantry, and one other private were killed, and 14 enlisted men were wounded. It is reported that most of, if not the entire, Spanish garrison of Mayaguez and the surrounding country, consisting of 1000 regulars and 200 volunteers, took part in the engagement. We drove the enemy from their position, and it is believed inflicted very heavy loss. A wounded Spanish lieutenant was found in the field, and was brought into our lines. The conduct of the officers and men was beyond all praise. I propose to continue my march on Mayaguez at an early hour tomorrow.

(Signed) MILES.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL

Ottawa, August 10.—Chief Justice Strong's appointment as sole arbitrator in the disputed claim between the United States and Chili, reached the American consul general here today to be handed to the judge on his arrival from England.

Complaint has been made to the postoffice department respecting the neglect of certain postmasters to notify publishers when papers addressed to subscribers are remaining undelivered. A special clause has been provided for the purpose and postmasters who have been lax in the matter must give it their careful attention in the future.

The postoffice department has been notified that samples of tobacco for transmission by post to Great Britain can only consist of unmanufactured tobacco and must not exceed 4 ounces in weight or such package is subject on delivery to a custom charge of sixteen cents.

ENGLAND CHECKMATED.

London, Aug. 12.—The Pekin correspondent of the Times says:

"Baron Devick, the Belgian minister yesterday sent a despatch to the Tsung-Li-Yamen asserting that M. Payloff, the Russian charge d'affaires and M. Gard, the French minister had joined him urging the Tsung-Li-Yamen to disregard the attempt of the British minister, Sir Claude Macdonald, to prevent the ratification of the Pekin-Hankau contract."

It is confidently asserted that despite the British endeavor to obtain a revision of the contract, the imperial decree will issue forthwith its ratification. The unfriendly role of the Belgian minister throughout merits the strongest condemnation.

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