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DOMINION'S EASTERN GATEWAY JEALOUS OF WEST

RUMORED ASSASSINATION: CHAMBERLIN AND PANAMA: THE COUNCIL: THE OLD-TIMERS

E. J. CHAMBERLIN CORRECTS MONTREAL MIS-REPORTINGS ADVERSE TO PACIFIC COAST

(Special to Daily News.)
Vancouver, Aug. 20.—Declaring that the statements he made regarding the effect of the Panama canal on transcontinental railway traffic which were reported in the Montreal press and copied by newspapers on the Pacific coast are not correct and that in many cases he had been misquoted, E. J. Chamberlin, president of the Grand Trunk, made a clear statement of his position in the matter.
"My statement that I did not consider the Canadian railways would be interested in boat lines via the Panama canal is quite correct, but I remarked to the Montreal reporter that if the four transcontinental railways were

to establish steamship lines from Halifax or St. John to Vancouver or Prince Rupert it would be simply putting on lines to compete with all rail lines across the continent. This explanation, you will note, was not included in the Montreal reports.
"Furthermore, I did not say that in my opinion very little grain would go via the Pacific coast. On the other hand I did say that I thought a large amount of grain would go via the route, but before such an arrangement could be brought about there would have to be a radical change in the manner of handling grain from the prairie provinces."
Pantorium Pioneer Cleaners.
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There will be a meeting of the Gun Club tonight at 8 o'clock in the police court room. A full attendance of members and intending members is requested.

G. T. P. CHAIRMAN
AND PRESIDENT
ON THEIR WAY
A. W. Smithers, chairman of the G. T. P. in London, also President E. J. Chamberlin, and the other notables of the G. T. P. party will arrive here on Wednesday. They are now on their way north by the Prince George.

CITY OFFICIALS SHOULD NOT CALL ATTENTION EVEN IF THE COUNCIL IS THICK-HEADED

The much debated question of the exact time when the increase of salaries of the several city employees should take effect was finally decided last evening, by the city council after a somewhat lengthy and acrimonious discussion. The city clerk, who was, of course, interested with the other officials in the matter, contended that no less than four distinct stands had been taken in the last few months upon the matter.
It appeared that all of the city employees with the exception of Superintendent Matthews and his staff of the electric light department, had already drawn down an increase in excess of what was actually coming to them in the light of the final interpretation of the meaning of the bylaw. To the casual observer listening to the discussion and the impasse that seemed to have been brought about, Ald. Bullock-Webster's remark that even if the city

council were a parcel of thick-heads, he did not think it was up to a city official to parade the fact before the public, seemed perfectly justified.
The city clerk hastily replied that there was no intention to infer anything of the kind. He was merely trying to explain the apparent tangle that had existed in the matter of time when the raises of city salaries should go into effect. Ald. Bullock-Webster finally brought the matter to a close by putting a motion that all the contradictory motions be rescinded. This was carried. A further motion by Ald. Bullock-Webster that the council reconfirm the decision that the new schedule of the city hall staff should begin only after the final passing of the bylaw was carried.

The final arrangements for the banquet of the Prince Rupert pioneers to be held at the Hotel Premier on Saturday evening next are almost completed. That the affair will be an historic episode in the history of the city, and one not easily to be forgotten by that noble little army of hardy frontiersmen who are eligible to be present bids fair to be the case judging by the efforts of those

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who have the engineering of the affair and the success that seems assured them in their work. Almost 100 citizens have been rounded up, who can qualify, that is who have been practically continuous residents of Prince Rupert since 1908. Major George E. Gibson will occupy the chair and amongst the other gentlemen who will entertain with speeches reminiscent, retrospective and

prophetic will be the following: Bishop Du Vernet, Captain Fred Stork, A. J. Morris, W. P. Lynch, G. R. Naden and D. W. Morrissey. Altogether a thoroughly good time will be spent. It is intended before the speeches are made, that is, immediately following the banquet proper, to lay the foundations of a pioneer club to include all members of the community of the 1908 brand or earlier.

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THREE MILLION DOLLAR BABY BORN TO MRS. J. J. ASTOR WIFE OF DEAD MILLIONAIRE

New York, Aug. 20.—Weighing 7½ pounds, a "\$3,000,000 baby"—a boy—was born to Mrs. John Jacob Astor, at the Astoria mansion here on the 15th inst. The infant was named John Jacob Astor, after its father, who perished in the wreck of the White Star liner Titanic.
Will Strengthen Rivalry.
The arrival of the heir is expected to strengthen the rivalry which now exists between Mrs. Madeline Force Astor, mother of the late Mr. Astor, and Mrs. Ava Willing Astor, divorced wife of Colonel Astor and mother of Vincent Astor, chief beneficiary under the terms of the late multi-millionaire's will.

No Contest Over Will.
New York, Aug. 20.—That little John Jacob Astor, the five days old son of Mrs. Madeline Force Astor, widow of Colonel John Jacob Astor, a Titanic victim, will have to worry through life on the \$3,000,000 provided for him in his father's will, was indicated here today in a statement issued by Henry Gilder-sleeve, Mrs. Astor's attorney.
"Mrs. Astor," said the attorney, "has always expressed satisfaction over the provision of the antenuptial agreement, and also with her husband's will. The question of provision for the posthumous child has not been discussed, but a contest over the will is not probable."

DOUBTS THE ASSESSMENT SERIOUSLY

James Hampton has written to the city council expressing doubts regarding the equity of the city assessment, and citing instances of what he claims to be discrimination. He holds that section one owners have been discriminated against in comparison with section two owners. A committee consisting of Ald. Montgomery, Dybhan and Douglas has been appointed by the mayor to look into this though as the assessment roll is closed there is not much that can be done this year. Ald. Montgomery believes in publicity for this matter, according to the pre-election promises of the councilors, but Ald. Clayton is opposed to the whole investigation as useless in view of the rolls having been closed.

SUICIDE THOUGH HEIR TO FORTUNE

Boston, Aug. 20.—Leaping from the fourth storey window of a Boston hotel, Daniel Shields Gunning of New York, a grand nephew of the late Mrs. Leland Stanford, of California, who left him a fortune, is dead here today a suicide.

MAYOR AS ARBITRATOR NOT NEEDED

On request of Ald. Clayton in council last night the mayor gave a report on what he had done in regard to his mission as arbitrator in connection with the G. T. P. strike. He had tried to see Mr. Welch of the firm of Foley, Welch & Stewart. Failing in this he had wired to Mr. Vernon Smith who had replied that as far as the contractors were concerned no strike at all was recognized. Pressed for details regarding the telegrams that had passed, the mayor offered to produce these, but they were not actually called for by the council. It was admitted by him that Vernon Smith had certainly indicated an intention to develop from the eastern end of the line and let the Prince Rupert end wait if labor was lacking.

INDIANS ASK CITY FOR A BANDSTAND

If Prince Rupert cares to provide a proper bandstand the Mel-lakatl band will willingly come across once a week and give instrumental selections on their new and beautiful instruments. The band, which is practicing now to greet the Duke of Cornwall and compete with the other Indian bands of the district, has made the offer, asking only that a bandstand be built, and there has been some enquiry regarding location of the stand, and probable cost. The structure, it is believed, could be put up for about \$150, and a suitable site for it might be obtained on Sixth street and Second avenue by favor of the G. T. P. The matter, however, is still under consideration.

SYNDICATE TO SHEEP FARM NEAR RUPERT

A syndicate of well-known local business men has been formed in this city, who are going in for an entirely new line of enterprise, namely sheep raising. A large tract of land has been leased on an island not very far distant from Prince Rupert, where active operations are to commence almost immediately. The further details of this interesting enterprise will be available when the final arrangements have been completed.

BASEBALL SCORES
American League.
Detroit, 3; Boston, 4.
Other games postponed on account of rain.
National League.
New York, 3; St. Louis, 2.
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If its news, you'll find it in the Daily News.

LORD HERBERT GLADSTONE MAY TAKE HIS SEAT VERY SOON IN THE BRITISH CABINET



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GIRL TELLS QUEER STORY AT RINK

An incident of rather unusual nature is reported to have occurred at the skating rink last night, and has been the subject of comment this morning. A girl who had been skating went into the air for a few moments and sat down on a seat outside. While she was there some little noise was heard and two or three of the rink attendants and patrons were attracted. They found the girl lying on the ground, her watch at her feet a little way off. She complained of feeling ill and other girls re-

\$100 Bail Estreated.
In the case of the Chinaman, J. Hong Kee, charged with theft from the Dominion hotel, his bail of \$100 was estreated in the police court this morning upon his nonappearance when his case was called.
The C. P. R. S.S. Princess Sophia arrived in port last evening with a large crowd of Alaskan tourists making the round trip between Seattle and Skagway.

CALLIES TEAM FOR TONIGHT

The Callies, having accepted the challenge of the Former Champions, will put out the following team: Dunn, Martin, Robertson, J. H. Kelly, S. Currie, Stewart, Wiggins and McLean. Owing to the "hasbeens" having put out such a conglomeration of ex-internationals, it is expected the Callies will have to go some even to make a draw of this match. Kickoff at 7 p. m. Mr. Clapperton will act as referee.

AUCTION SALE.
\$1,000 stock of Carrigan & Miller to be sold regardless of cost, beginning Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Entire stock consists of kitchen utensils and dishes. Ladies specially invited to attend this sale.
THE WEATHER
For twenty-four hours ending 5 a. m., August 20: Barometer, 30.213; maximum temperature, 59; minimum temperature, 50.

PRINCE RUPERT DAILY NEWS TODAY
President Chamberlin corrects misstatements in Montreal press; declares wheat will pour westwards. San Francisco rumor announces murder of Sun Yat Sen provisional president of the Chinese Republic. Mayor's mission as strike arbitrator proves disappointing. Suspicion exists that G. T. P. may be developed from east. Ald. Bullock-Webster resents the city clerk's apparent implication that the council is thick-headed. Girl declares that she was struck on the head by a Chinaman, who tried to rob her. Police doubt story. Charges made that assessment is unequal. Mayor appoints committee to investigate. Personals, local items, G. T. P. party's arrival, interest in realty and government lot sale. Old timers' banquet.

PRINCE RUPERT THIS TIME LAST YEAR

Two million feet of lumber for G. T. P. snowshed was brought in on Canondelet and James Drummond. Railway commissioners withhold decision regarding application for station at Kitsumkalum. Bishop Du Vernet and Archdeacon Collison leave for London, Ont., to attend General Synod of Anglican church. Railway commissioners, who are through their labors, take trip around the harbor on the Evelyn as the guests of Dr. Tremayne. Arthur Little has midnight skirmish in night attire with marauder who had designs upon his chicken roost. G. T. P. severely censured by railway commission for filling Cameron Bay.

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