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## WHAT WILL HE DO NOW?

For a year or more now Premier Borden has been dreaming of an emergency which may overwhelm the British Empire in fury and disaster. For the same period of time he has been trying to sit between the two stools of Nationalism and Imperialism. He was furtively watching the lightning playing around the horizon and listening to the booming of the distant thunder, while at the same time he was carefully watching his Nationalist allies and listening to the boom of the growing tide of resentment against his naval acrobatics.

In despair he finally fled to the Atlantic coast to seek peace. Even there the naval ghost would not down, and he is reported to be in close cable communications with the British admiralty hoping to find some way by which he can get out of his self-imposed dilemma without following the common sense course proposed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Then came "the most unkindest cut of all." Winston Churchill cut the ground from under Mr. Borden's feet and left him derelict indeed when he declared in the British parliament on July 17th that he knew of nothing in the international situation necessitating an increase in the British naval program. And this, after Mr. Borden had intimated that the despairing British public were hurrying to get together three extra dread-

noughts to take the place of those he had proposed. It is small wonder that Mr. Borden is reported suffering from sleeplessness and the desire to put off meeting parliament till next year. There will be much to explain when he does face the representatives of the people. All this will be as nothing to the necessity of formulating some permanent policy which will not be a policy of permanent tribute, and yet hold his Nationalist allies.

## A NEW GUESSING COMPETITION.

Almost the entire newspaper community in Eastern Canada is engaged in a guessing contest concerning the rumor that Sir Hugh Graham, the owner of the Montreal Star, Conservative of the Conservative, and a leading Imperialist, is the chief backer of the new Montreal Telegraph, which is the old Witness under new ownership and new editorial management. The Telegraph confesses to being an out-and-out Liberal newspaper, and as such opposed to the Borden policy with reference to the defenses of the Empire, and in favor of the Liberal proposals. Instead of being independent as the old Witness was, it is frankly going straight in the face of the policy maintained by the Montreal Star. In spite of these facts, the rumor persists that Sir Hugh Graham is backing the Telegraph and is causing the newspapermen of Montreal and Toronto no end of food for thought and material for argument.

## MANY PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN FOR BEST MINERAL EXHIBITS

MANAGEMENT OF THE PRINCE RUPERT FAIR PURPOSE GIVING DOUBLE THE AMOUNT OFFERED BY THE BIG VANCOUVER EXHIBITION.

The Prince Rupert exhibition, to be held September 24th to 26th, has set a new pace in the liberality of its treatment in cash prizes for the mineral department of the fair. The management purpose giving double the amount offered by the big Vancouver exhibition, besides a wider variety of commercial minerals, coal, building stones, marble, clays, etc. The district prize amounts to \$50 and a diploma. Five dollar prizes are offered for the best displays of gold, silver, silver-lead, copper-gold and zinc ores. To this the Portland Canal Mine add a special \$10 prize for the largest exhibit of ore from any individual prospect or mine shown by bona fide owners. The prospectors have also been generously treated in three cash prizes of \$15, \$10 and \$5 for the best collection of district specimens. R. W. Cameron of Prince Rupert, to encourage an exhibit

of the black diamond, has offered the association a \$25 silver cup for the finest exhibit of coal. Diplomas and cash prizes of \$5 for first and \$3 for second will be awarded for the best displays of marble, brick, clay, lime, gravel, building stones and cement. Diplomas are also to be given for the best collection of concentrates and smelter products.

Word has been received by the fair management that district exhibits will be contributed by Atlin, Stewart, Kitselas, Hazelton and Queen Charlotte Islands, and keen rivalry already exists between the several sections as to who will land the district prize. Arrangements were made yesterday for the lease of a building during the fair to be used exclusively for the mineral displays, and this feature will appeal to thousands of visitors, both at home and on the outside.

## LUNATICS SAVE TWO WOMEN AND BABE FROM THE FLAMES

BAND OF FIFTEEN "TRUSTIES FIGHT BAD PRAIRIE FIRE BY DIGGING A HALF MILE TRENCH UNDER THE DIRECTION OF AN OFFICIAL.

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 2.—Working at a furious pace under a scorching sun, a crew of fifteen patients from the Steilacoom asylum, directed by Superintendent A. P. Calhoun, County Engineer Roy Thompson and the county commissioners today, saved the lives of two women and a babe and thousands of dollars' worth of property by digging a trench a half mile long across the path of the worst prairie fire that started in the vicinity of Tacoma this season.

The women and the babe were in a home threatened by the fire, praying at the time Dr. Calhoun approached in an automobile.

He dashed back to the lunatic asylum, marshalled a small army of "trusties" and rushed them back to the fire, which they

fought with wet sacks, trenching and backfiring. More than 100 acres of land was burned over in an hour and a half.

## CHANGE IN SERVICE

Alaska Cable System to Be in Postal Department.

There is every probability that within the next year the management of the Alaskan cable system will be changed from the signal service to the postal department. A bill will be introduced in the next session of congress, and the probabilities are that it will be carried, authorizing the post office department to take it over.

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ROUTE OF MACKENZIE EXPEDITION TO THE ARCTIC

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## EXPERIMENT A FAILURE

Government's Battleship Test of Alaska Coal.

There is every probability that the attempt on the part of the government to get enough Bering Lake coal to salt water for a battleship test will end in a failure. According to the officers of the Sampson, the government has spent close to \$60,000 thus far in the work, and have less than one hundred tons available for shipping at this time, and can get out not to exceed as much more before the freeze up. As it was estimated that eight hundred tons would be necessary to make the test, the amount which will be available will be totally inadequate.

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