

JURY AWARDS CITY ENGINEER ONE DOLLAR SALVE

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT IN FRANK COLLIERY --- TWO HUNDRED DEAD--MASON'S PARTING GAIETY

VISITING MASONS ENTERTAIN ON BOARD PRINCESS ALICE

BRILLIANT CONCERT TOOK PLACE IN HONOR OF THE LOCAL FRATERNITY--FRAME UP WIRELESS MES-SAGES WERE FEATURE OF EVENING

As the picnic to Digby Island was suddenly called off yesterday on account of the rain, the visiting Masons extended a hurried invitation to all the local fraternity with whom they could get in touch to attend a grand concert on board the Princess Alice. This was a most brilliant affair. It consisted of vocal and instrumental music, recitations and story telling and was a credit even to so prominent a body of people as the visitors were.

A special feature of the evening was the flashes of wireless supposed to have been received by the ever popular Wm. Astley addressed to many of the prominent men on board. The following is a reproduction of the "wireless" received:--

"Paris, France,
"June 19, '14.
"F. J. Burd,
"Prince Rupert, B.C.
"Am needing money awful bad; cut advertising rates (in two); Taylor got us on the run; sell paper for one cent; it was never worth half. Send me a thousand immediately. Will accept your resignation by wire.
"WALTER NICHOL,
"Vancouver, B.C.,
"June 19, '14.
"To William C. Dilmars,
"Prince Rupert, B.C.
"Do hurry home; little Billy has cut another tooth and I am anxious for daddy to see it.
"WIFIE,
"Victoria, B.C.,
"June 19, '14.
"To Stephen Jones,
"Prince Rupert, B.C.
"Understand you are officer Masonic Grand Lodge; W. C. T. U. of Victoria offers you congratulations and asks you accept nomination for Mayor 1915. If you accept we promise our support and will agree the Dominion Hotel shall sell liquor after hours.
"MARY BROWN,
"President,"
"London, Eng.,
"June 19, '14.
"To John Rudd,
"Prince Rupert,
"Action for Breach of Promise entered against you today; damages claimed ten thousand pounds--advise you marry the lady or bolt for China,
"Sir Edward Litchworth,"
"Vancouver, B.C.,
"June 19, '14.
"To James Stark,
"Prince Rupert,
"Have decided now you are Grand Master not to close out business entirely, have made great buy ladies furnishings, at

ONE LONELY DOLLAR DAMAGES FOR LIBEL

City Engineer Mason Got Modest Award for Injured Reputation

W. McG. Mason, city engineer was awarded \$1 damages in his libel suit against the Daily News. The jury returned at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and were out for two hours. The verdict was for one dollar as recompense for the damage done to the plaintiff's reputation by a letter which was published in the Daily News last January.

The claim was for \$10,000 damages and the plaintiff's counsel asked the jury to give substantial damages to show their disapprobation of the publication.

NEW HOTEL BAR CREDIT TO LOCAL FIRM

Everybody has been remarking about the up-to-date bar of the new Prince Rupert Hotel. It is not generally known however that all the work was done locally and that Messrs. Steen, Hebert & Co. put in all the sheet metal work. The inside of the bar is fitted up with sideboard and pigeon hole effects all in german silver. There are cavities for the reception of ice and cold water for cooling purposes. The general plan is the most modern in use in any of the large cities, but besides the utility the work is a piece of art.

Steen, Hebert & Co. have some of the best workmen to be had anywhere and can complete very successfully with the larger centres.

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HANDSOME YACHT TO VISIT PRINCE RUPERT

Portuguese Prince Will Come Here in Luxurious Pleasure Craft

News reached the city that Prince Ferdinand of Portugal, brother of the consort of ex-King Manuel will visit Prince Rupert this summer in his luxurious steam yacht Mekong.

The yacht left Shanghai on June 6 and is now at Yokohama. From Japan she will head for Alaska, cruising slowly, and come down the Coast to Rupert.

From here she will visit Puget Sound and then proceed to Panama, pass through the canal and proceed to New York.

Prince Ferdinand has been big game shooting in Indo-China and joined the yacht at Shanghai. The Mekong is a large pleasure craft of 1,000 tons displacement. She carries wireless telegraphy and also five quick-firing guns. She is commanded by an Englishman, Captain Morton, who has been in charge of her for two years.

MARTIN M. REYNOLDS DEAD IN VIRGINIA

Second Vice-president of the Grand Trunk Pacific Has Passed Away

Montreal, June 20.—Martin M. Reynolds, second vice-president of the Grand Trunk Pacific, died at Old Point Comfort, Virginia, on Wednesday.

Mr. Reynolds entered the Canadian railway service by way of the Central Vermont, one of the Grand Trunk subsidiaries. He was from February, 1892, to March, 1896, general auditor of the Central Vermont road. From March, 1896, to April 30, 1899, he was auditor for the receivers of the same road; and from May, 1899, to September 30, 1902, he was auditor of the Central Vermont Railway.

Mr. Reynolds then became connected with Mexican enterprises, first of all being comptroller of the National Road of Mexico from October 1, 1902, to April 13, 1904, while up to 1908 he was also comptroller of the Mexican International Road, and the Inter-oceanic Railway of Mexico.

He then returned to Montreal and became fifth vice-president of the Grand Trunk. He was later promoted to be third vice-president and on the death of the late President Hays, became second vice-president of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

GOOD PROGRESS ON CONSTRUCTION WORK

Railroad Beyond Smithers Will Soon Be Ready for Traffic

"Everything on the construction work has been going on fine since the first of June," said General Superintendent W. C. C. Mehan to The Daily News in speaking of the work on the unopened section of the G. T. P. Since the water in the Bulkley has gone down excellent progress has been made. Numerous crews are at work on the ballasting. Had there been no trouble with the high waters the road would have been in shape to open to Fort George about August 1st, but it will now be some time later.

The water in the Skeena just now is very high owing to the warm weather bringing the mountain snows down, but it is still a foot below high water mark and no trouble will be experienced unless it goes considerably higher.

Work trains can now operate fairly well over the whole line and several trains with machinery and equipment have already come through.

WILLENCE FOUND GUILTY

In the case of Rex vs. Wilence the jury found Wilence guilty of wrongfully securing transportation on the G. T. P., but not guilty of forgery. This is the least serious of the charges preferred against Wilence.

BRAVERY HONORED BY CANADIAN GOV'T.

Capt. Donald, of Prince George, Presented With Gold Watch

Capt. Donald, of the Prince George, was this morning presented with a gold watch in recognition of his bravery in rescuing a yacht and 38 passengers in dangerous waters. The presentation was made by H. S. Clements, M.P., on behalf of the Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

There were present as guests at the ceremony: The captain of the Estavan, Capt. Saunders of the marine depot and the officers and crew of the Prince George.

Mr. Clements in making the presentation said the Minister of Marine and Fisheries appreciated the brave deed in saving the yacht and her passengers. The G. T. P. captains were splendid men. The Government had seen fit to take two of them for Dominion service, Capt. Robertson and Capt. Saunders, and they were very efficient men. The Pacific Coast is recognized as being particularly difficult for navigators and the speaker often wondered if the public fully appreciated the good work of the captains on this coast, and realized the responsibility. He hoped the presentation would be an incentive to the crew to always do their duty.

The watch was suitably inscribed with a reference to the rescue made by Capt. Donald.

The captain made a brief and appreciative reply.

Wm. Manson, M.P.P., appreciated the honor conferred upon the captain and said the citizens joined in congratulations to him. He liked the plan of public recognition of deeds of valor.

Masons Send Wireless

The following wireless message was received today from the members of Grand Lodge which left here last night:--

"D. H. Morrison,
"Prince Rupert, B.C.
"Thanks for your kindness; party is delighted.
"Sgd. JAS. STARK,
"Grand Master."

First Anniversary

The Canadian Fraternity first anniversary meeting will be held in the Court House on Monday, June 22, at 8:30.

SECRETARY.

NEW DANCES

At the

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TO-NIGHT

Miss Sweepstone and Mr. Tweedale Will Present the Famous "MAZURKA DALLIANCE"

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JURY DECIDED THAT MCNEILL HAD NO CASE

Was Employed by Government and Not by Gillett

The jury in the McNeill vs. Gillett case after hearing a little of the evidence of the defence last evening, decided that McNeill the plaintiff was employed by the Government and not by Gillett.

L. W. Patmore for plaintiff; A. M. Manson for defendant.

The jury were: D. C. Stewart, foreman, C. T. Howard, W. M. Brown, E. D. Harris, James Hunter, E. Kissick, H. Hoffman, H. C. Breckenridge, D. C. Stewart.

The claim was for personal injury while plaintiff was in employ of defendant. Plaintiff was working on Delkallah Bridge. He fell off scaffold onto a raft and split knee cap, causing permanent injury. Defence claims he was not employed by Gillett, but by the Provincial Government.

M. J. McNeill was working on Masset wharf but work was not steady. When he left Prince Rupert he was to go to Masset wharf for the Dominion Government and then to Rose Spit wharf. When Masset wharf was finished, Gillett asked witness to work for him on Delkallah bridge. It was about May 22, 1913. Witness said he wrote the Dominion engineer stating he was going to work for Gillett if he got permission. He was paid \$5 a day. Witness described scaffolding and how it broke letting him fall. When he was laid up Gillett came to him and told him not to worry about wages or expenses as he would pay them. That was on June 5 about five days after the accident. He came to Rupert and was in the hospital about three weeks, and then at home three weeks. The knee is still stiff and prevents him doing heavy work or going up stairs. Witness said he received a \$50 check for wages from Gillett by mail. It was signed by Mr. Sandilands, Government Agent. Gillett offered him \$1,000 for recompense. He said he would put up a third of the amount, the Government a third and the insurance company a third. A letter from the insurance company to Gillett said they could not pay the policy as it was due to Gillett's faulty angle irons and negligence. Gillett remarked he thought he could not make a case of it.

In cross examination witness said Gillett left the Islands before the bridge work started. Ryan spoke to him about taking the job. Ryan was foreman. Have heard since work was being done by Provincial Government. He never knew of Provincial Government to pay checks for wages on work where contract was let. He went to work about the 25th and was injured about 31st. Witness put up the hook which broke. He did not see anything wrong with it. None of the other workmen mentioned to him that the hook was defective. No one of the workmen lately said there was a crack in it.

Dr. McNeill who attended the plaintiff explained the injury and said the second accident to the knee only prolonged the disability but had no different permanent effect than would have resulted from the first injury.

This injury as a rule causes a lot of pain and stiffness for many years.

Frank A. Ryan said he was foreman for Gillett on the Delkallah Bridge. Gillett had told him before he left the island that it was going to be government work but he did not mention it to the boys.

Norman McLennan said Gillett had employed him at Masset. At Delkallah the foreman had just put him to work. Three of the six hooks had broken at different times. He said to Gillett later that the hooks were always breaking.

Mr. Ray, another workman at

GAS EXPLOSION IN COLLIERY BRINGS DEATH TO HUNDREDS

DEAD NUMBER OVER 200--HILL CREST MINE NEAR FRANK SCENE OF DISASTER--ASSISTANCE IS BEING SENT FROM CALGARY

(Special to The Daily News)
Calgary, June 20.—Two hundred men are believed to have been trapped and killed as a result of an explosion in the Hill Crest Colliery Mines at Hill Crest, near Frank, Alberta, on the line of the Crow's Nest Railway. The accident occurred this morning.

The exact number of those lost cannot be ascertained yet. There is reason, however, to believe that the number may be increased rather than lessened.

About six hundred miners went into the mines before the explosion occurred. It is known that about four hundred escaped, but 200 are certain to be left. There is no hope for these men.

C.P.R. officials fitted up equipment for a relief train as soon as news was received of the disaster. Surgeons, nurses and a number of officials of the company, with a large amount of hospital supplies, left for the scene of the disaster.

A private message which reached here stated that dense clouds of black smoke continue to issue from the pit mouth. Government mine rescue cars, with trained rescue men, have departed from Blairmore for Hill Crest.

Up to noon fifty bodies only, it was reported, had been recovered, but as there were five or six hundred men at work below at the time of the explosion there is considerable ground for fearing that the death roll will reach higher figures than appear at present. Black smoke can be seen ever rising from the pit mouth.

It is believed the situation below is very serious. This is borne out by the statement already given out by C. P. R. officials that there will be 200 men who were not able to get out.

Wilence Case Again

The Wilence forged pass case on which the jury disagreed some days ago, came up for a second hearing this morning in the assize court.

The new evidence produced in the case was given by the prisoner who went into the witness box. He stated he had not seen the forged pass or used it. He had paid \$2 to Follis, a section foreman, to take him down to Smithers. Follis denied receiving any money.

The jury were given the case at noon.

Sockeye Season Opens

The sockeye fishing season opens Sunday night at 6 o'clock. Mr. Peter Wallace, the dean of the cannery men on the Skeena, and recognized as a great fish authority all along the coast, stated to the Daily News this morning that the weather had been exceptionally favorable and everything indicates that the cannerymen should have a good sockeye season. Spring salmon fishing has been very poor.

\$50 For Supplying Liquor

Constable Grady pulled off a smooth one on a white man who was buying whisky for an Indian yesterday. The constable saw Fred Larson and an Indian together in an hotel and followed them into the toilet. He was just in time to see Larson slip a quarter to the Indian.

In police court this morning Larson was fined \$50, which he paid, and Sam Cecil was fined \$25 for having the liquor, or thirty days in jail.

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the place, saw the accident. This closed the case for the plaintiff.

Mr. Manson asked that the case be dismissed, but His Lordship thought it better to put in the defence.

W. J. Gillett and E. Sandilands, the Government Agent, were called and testified to the work being carried out by the Government. The Government Agent paid the wages. There was considerable discussion between counsel as to the proceedings, but finally His Lordship submitted the question to the jury to decide whether they believed Mr. McNeill was employed by Mr. Gillett or the Government. The jury decided that the Government employed him.

F. AUGUSTUS HEINZE REPORTED TO BE DYING

Counsel W. T. Jerome Makes Statement in New York Court

New York, June 20.—F. Augustus Heinze, the copper magnate, is dying at his home in this city, according to a statement made in court today by his counsel, William Travers Jerome.

Mr. Jerome appeared in an attempt to reopen the case in which a judgment of \$275,000 was obtained against his client.

NATIONALISTS GET RIFLES

Large Quantities Landed on Connemara Coast Last Night

Dublin, June 20.—Large quantities of rifles and ammunition were landed during the night on the Connemara Coast, in the west of Ireland, by the Nationalist volunteers. The consignments were supposed to have been brought by mysterious vessels which had been cruising along the coast for a week, but had not replied to signals. The rifles were said to be of the latest American pattern.

Torpedo boats will patrol the coast to prevent further gun-running.

George Ade, long before he became famous, was once associated in a humble way with a theatre. He called one morning on the editor of a Sunday paper on a mission from a theatrical manager. Entering the editor's office he began, "I've brought you this manuscript—" He got no further then. The editor had glanced around and sized up the tall, timid youth as an amateur poet or novelist. "I see," he interrupted in an acid tone. "Well, just throw it in the waste-paper basket. I'm very busy just now and haven't got time to do it myself." George Ade obeyed his request calmly. Then he began again: "I have just come from the theatre and the manuscript I have thrown in the waste-paper basket is your drama, which the manager asked me to return to you with thanks. He suggested that the proper place for it was with the waste paper."

To Whom It May Concern

Mary Bird and George Melbourne or George Davis, who are running the B. C. Restaurant, have used by name in taking the restaurant from M. M. Stephens, also the electric light and other appurtenances, and I hereby repudiate any association with either of them.

Sgd: ALFRED TATTERSFIELD.