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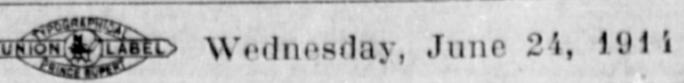
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The story of Bonnie Bel-air is the story of a deal by which Mr. W. T. Rodden, of Montreal, made a profit of many thousands by doing business with the Borden Government. It is a story which should be very satisfactory to Mr. Rodden but scarcely so satisfactory to the people of Canada.

Part of the story leaked out some time ago. The rest was told at a meeting of the Public Accounts Committee of the Commons a few days back.

The Bonnie Bel-air property lies not far from Montreal. The Bonnie Bel-air block, proper, consisting of eighty acres, was purchased by Mr. Rodden in May, 1911, for \$48,-000. In the spring of the following year, he purchased an adjoining property, the Mc-Intyre farm, which was 70 acres in size, for \$36,496 and another two acre lot for \$5,-000. The purchases were not cash transactions, not by a good deal, for the cash payment was small and the time for completing payment ran as far ahead as 1915. As a matter of fact, he did not pay one single dollar to the McIntyre estate until after he was paid for the property by the Dominion Government.

Mr. Rodden sold the prop-

in the spring of 1912, for CASH. He had negotiated for the purchase of the three lots for a total of \$89,996, payable on long terms, and he sold it to an obliging Government, through Hon. Sam Hughes, for \$180,000 hard cash. Testifying under oath before the Publie Accounts Committee, Mr. Rodden himself admitted that not a dollar had been paid the McIntyre people until after he received his fine fat profit from the Government. It was a very pretty transaction from the Rodden point of view.

On the witness stand, Mr. Rodden could not remember whether or not he had "arranged" with another Montreal man to have an offer made for the property just before it was sold to the Government. He could not remember in what bank he had placed the proceeds of the \$180,000 cash sale though he said that the money went to his personal use.

Another interesting feature in connection with the inves- the low range back of the tigation was supplied by the attitude of Hon. Sam Hughes, department the "deal" was by Fred Clark and Sam Bush. made. Throughout the en-

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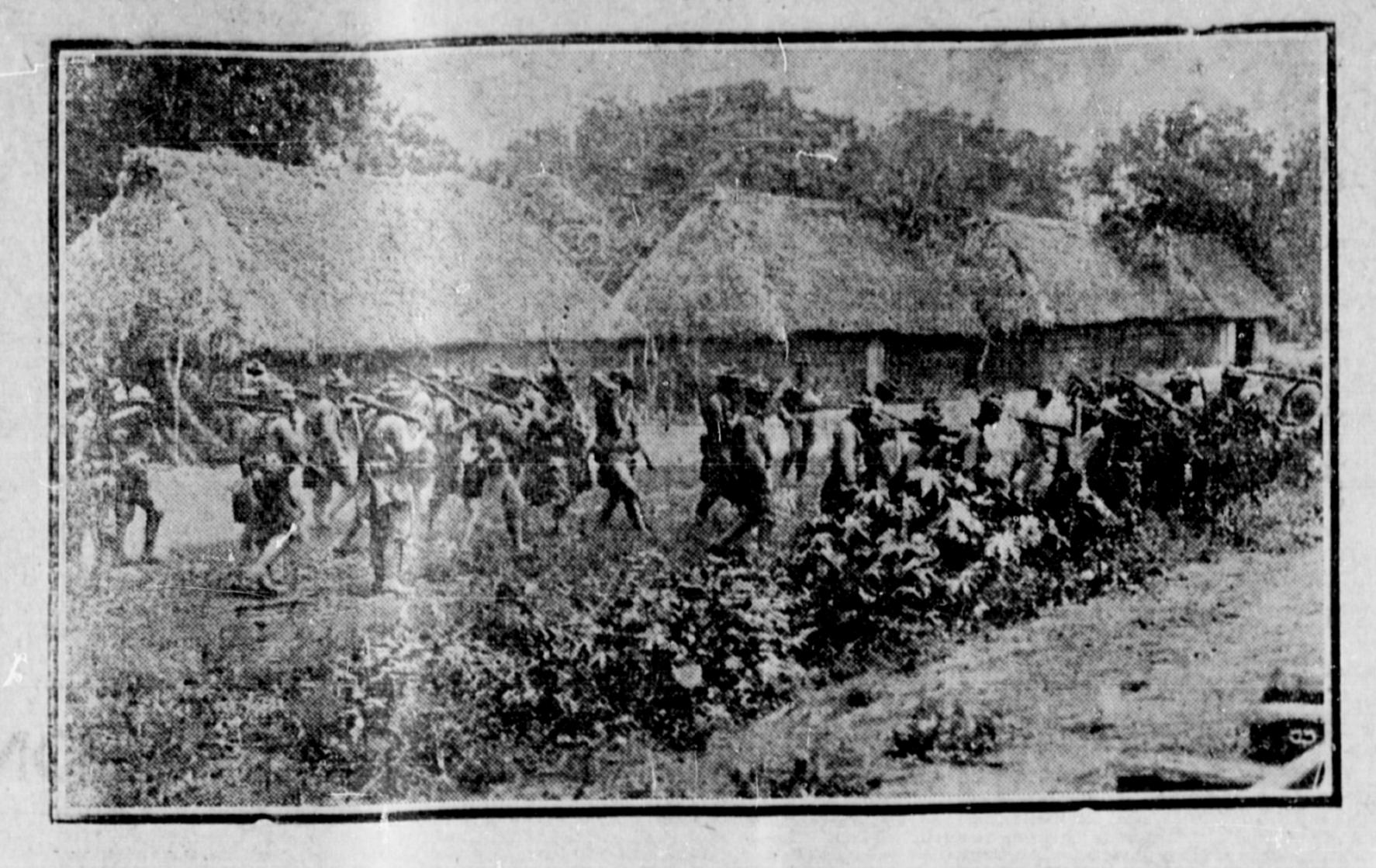
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TYPE OF HUT IN WHICH MEXICAN PEASANTS LIVE

erty to the Militia Department Searching party of United States troops going back to camp after searching the huts in vicinity for arms and ammunition

> not because of any assistance from Colonel Hughes that the story was told.

But nothing can wipe out Mr. Rodden purchased for \$89-500 on long terms, a piece of property which the Borden twelve months.

the piper.

#### Bulkley Valley Discoveries

A new strike has been made on Thompson farm, about fifteen the Minister through whose miles up the valley from Telkwa

Five claims were staked by the quiry the Minister was per- original locators, and quite a few sistent in breaking in with in- additional have been recorded by great, ground-flour chance left." traffic on the Panama railroad. terruptions when pointed other prospectors attracted by the strike.

> from Knockholt, a station on the G. T. P. about midway in the Columbia and especially o nthe Bulkley Valley, and is also about two miles from the main Government wagon road. The ore, copper sulphide, is plainly visible from two to ten feet in width.

Indications point to this sul- ter: phide ore carrying enough gold to make the property worth a considerable bit of development work, considering its nearness to transportation. - Smithers Tri.

### New G. T. P. Booklet

way has just issued a new edition of its booklet dealing with the acres, notably the Stuart river British Columbia."

tural acreage of its own for sale, ously rich north country, includbut its colonization and passen- ing the Peace River country to ger departments stand ready to the northeast and the Omineca assist the intending settler with mining district to the northwest. information and advice. This valley has farming lands.

trated, gives just the facts that timber. It has a most delight. the homeseeker is looking for. ful climate and scenery, which There is a great rush of settlers taken all together, will make it to just now into the rich agricul- the G. T. P. what the Kootenays tural areas in British Columbia, are to the C. P. R. newly opened up by the main line "That valley alone would supof the most modern transcontin- port dozens of towns if in older ental railway.

## questions were asked by members of the committee. It was CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA RICH IN NATURAL WEALTH

the main facts of the case. COUNTRY TRAVERSED BY G.T.P. HAS BOUNDLESS OPPOR-TUNITIES SAYS RESIDENT \_\_STUART RIVER VALLEY IS KINGDOM IN INSELF

Government bought from him "Ten years ago there were way has a town at the junction of a year late rfor \$180,000 cash. those who would tell you that the the Stuart with the Nechaco P.O. Box 439 The Government has obtained prairie provinces of western which will be one of the really for military purposes a piece Canada would never be a great large centres between your own of ground which is so low that country and that no great cities city and Prince Rupert. It has it is liable to be flooded every would rise within her borders. resources, rail and water transyear and the Government's They would tell you there was too portation, situation and everyfriend, Mr. Rodden, has ob- much frost in the country to thing needed to make a large tained a profit of \$90,000 after raise anything five seasons out centre. That's why I am going holding the property for only of six. Now even the doubting back and put every dollar I have Thomases have been convinced there, so that I will not miss the Mr. Rodden makes the money and the whole world smiles at and the people of Canada pay the very name of Saskatchewan did the first." or Alberta. I am frank to admit I was one who believed the stor- FIRST CASH RETURN ies at that time, or I would have come here myself. I wish now I had. However the chances are old not all gone, even here and west first cash returns to the United of here along the G. T. P. line in States for the hundreds of mil-Central British Columbia. Op- lions spent on the Panama canal portunity has hardly yet been was recorded today from collecscratched. I am there and I'm tions on barge traffic begun on Phone 300 going to stay. I'm not going to May 18, transporting cargoes bemiss what I believe is the one cause of the congestion of freight

an enthusiast on Central British per net ton. district building up around the new G. T. P. town of Stuart Riv-

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countries. At present the rail-

second Canadian opportunity as 1

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Washington, June 23.—The Thus spoke C. L. Poston, of They were mostly composed of Stuart River, B.C., at the Royal sugar from Hawaii. On that busi-The mineralized area lies about George Hotel, Edmonton, after ness the tolls in May amounted to six miles in an easterly direction his arrival from the west. He is \$7,356.12 on the basis of \$1.20 Phone 525 1st Ave., Manson Way

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