

## FATAL ACCIDENT OCCURS UP LINE THIS MORNING

### VALUABLE DOCUMENTS ARE DESTROYED AT VICTORIA

Fire Which Broke Out in the Hibben Building on Government Street Destroys all Manuscripts and Records of the Native Sons—Loss \$140,000

Victoria, Nov. 13.—A fire originating in an overheated furnace in the basement, gutted the four-storey building of the T. N. Hibben Co. on Government Street shortly before 6 o'clock last night. The loss is about \$140,000.

The stock of the company is valued at about \$140,000 and included the Christmas stock. The insurance was \$15,000.

The upper storeys included a number of offices, rooms of the Conservative Club and the Native Sons, in which were valuable manuscripts, photographs and records of the British Columbia pioneers, all of which were lost. This is the fourth fire in the building in four years.

Winnipeg, Nov. 13.—(Special)—The Duke of Connaught has consented to open the annual exhibition at Winnipeg next summer.

### MINERS HAVE LOST \$4,500,000 IN WAGES

President of Crows Nest Pass Coal Co. Says He Has No Objection to Miners Joining Union, but—

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Victoria, Nov. 13.—Ellas Rogers of Toronto, president of the Crows Nest Pass Coal Company, who is visiting here, says the strike which has prevailed for seven months in Fernie and Michel, has resulted in a loss of \$4,500,000 in wages to date.

He says he has no objection to the miners joining the union, but he demands that they be free agents to act as they choose.

Warm Bed Coverings—all kinds—Wallace's.

### WANT TAX RELIEF. Party of Churchmen Interview the Taxation Commission at Victoria.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)  
Victoria, Nov. 13.—At the final sitting of the Taxation Commission on Saturday Bishop MacDonald of the British Columbia Cathedral and various other clergymen, put forth a plea for the legislative relief of their property from municipal taxation.

### INDIANS IN TROUBLE.

"Hooch" Plays Havoc With Native Morals Over the Week-End.

Jim Auriol, an Indian lad, was this morning found guilty of having been drunk himself, and of supplying Eric Bates, another Indian, with liquor. He was fined \$25, with the alternative of twenty days. Jim said he got the liquor from Joe Corasco on the Princess May. It was in a flask with a gorgeous McIntosh tartan label. Police investigation revealed numerous other bottles in Jim's room, but these, he said, had been there before he came to the room. Bates was fined \$10 or ten days.

### BUILDS NEW HOME.

Residence for Indian Agent C. C. Perry to Go Up at Metlakatla.

Indian Agent C. C. Perry is having a new residence built at Metlakatla. Bert Greer is to do the building, and the preliminary stages were entered upon today. The residence will be a substantial one, in keeping with the needs of an Indian agency, and is expected to be complete in about six weeks.

### Blizzard in Manitoba.

St. Paul, Nov. 13.—Manitoba and the Middle West is in the grip of a blizzard. Five feet of snow has fallen.

### BONAR LAW WILL SUCCEED BALFOUR

Canadian Born Tariff Reformer Will Be Elected Today to Lead Unionist Party in Britain.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)  
London, Nov. 13.—At a meeting of the Unionist members, to be held in the Carlton Club tonight, Hon. Walter Long will propose and Austen Chamberlain will second the nomination of Andrew Bonar Law as the leader of the Unionist party in the House of Commons to succeed Hon. A. J. Balfour.

Bonar Law's election is assured. He is a Canadian, having been born in New Brunswick fifty-three years ago. He is an advanced tariff reformer.

### GOT PAST THE CUSTOMS.

B. C. Lumbermen Score a Point in Tariff War as Result of Protest at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Nov. 13.—A complaint made by a delegation of British Columbia lumbermen, that American lumber is entering Canada free of duty when not entitled to, has been investigated by the customs board, who find that certain products of United States mill not entitled to free entry have been passed by customs officials.

### Sloan Suit Club Winners

Club 13—F. W. Dowling  
Club 14—F. Knott  
Club 15—Phil. Hannifin  
Club 16—Walter Owen  
Club 17—Geo. Frizzell

### WANTS CLEARANCE PAPERS. Owners of the Sealer Pesawha Are Likely to Get a Disappointment.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)  
Victoria, Nov. 13.—An application has been made for the clearance of the sealing schooner Pesawha. As the new treaty forbidding sealing for the next fifteen years comes into effect on December 15, it is likely to be denied.

### STOOD FOR FAIR PLAY.

Alderman George Kerr Seconded a Motion of Alderman Douglas Last Week.

In connection with recent debate in the City Council over the award of the trunk sewer bylaw advertising, to which the News was not invited to tender mention was not made in our columns of the fact that Alderman Kerr seconded the motion of Alderman Douglas, that the advertising be divided between the three local newspapers. In justice to the stand for fair play taken by Alderman Kerr on the occasion, the News makes special mention of the matter.

### LINER IS WRECKED OFF JAPANESE COAST

Steamer Minnesota Is Ashore 400 Miles South of Yokohama—Feared That Her Plight Is Serious.

Tokio, Nov. 13.—The steamer Minnesota of the Great Northern line has gone ashore near the Island Shikoku, 400 miles south of Yokohama. It is feared that her plight is serious.

Wireless communication with the liner was suddenly broken off before details of the mishap could be ascertained.

Ladies' and Children's "Monarch Knit" Sweaters—Wallace's.

### TO APPROACH COUNCIL FOR CITY BAND FUNDS

Successful Meeting of Bandsmen and Those Interested Held Yesterday—Will Petition Council Tonight for \$500—City Representation Discussed

Active steps are being taken to organize a regular city band in Prince Rupert. The Prince Rupert orchestra has done excellent work on several notable occasions, but with every Indian village boasting of an instrumental band, Prince Rupert will get busy along lines to secure a city band worth having. And this is being done.

Tonight the City Council will be approached for a grant of \$500 towards the purchase of instruments, and later, as the action of the city fathers may direct, arrangements will possibly be made for the representation of the City Council officially upon the band executive. This subject came up for considerable discussion at the meeting of the prospective bandsmen and those interested, which was held yesterday afternoon in the police court room. At this meeting, which was very well attended, Mr. Godson was appointed president (pro tem) and Lee Baker secretary. Names were taken in support of a petition to the City Council for the funds requested, all those signing being experienced instrumentalists willing to spend time in practices for the work of the band without fee, and to serve in all other ways to further the success of the plan.

### "CACHE RIFLING A CRIME" SAYS JUDGE YOUNG TODAY

Suspended Sentence, However, in Case of Steve Sweitzer Who Has Seventeen Steppots in His Camp—"Must be Watched," Says the Judge

Steve Sweitzer, accused of rifling a cache on the trail beyond Stewart, in the Bear River country, was found technically guilty of taking a rubber tarpaulin not his own from the cache, but was let go on suspended sentence by Judge Young this morning, as it was by no means clear that he had been really guilty of the serious offence of stealing with felonious intent from the cache. His explanation was that a drenching rain compelled him to take the tarpaulin, which was covering only some cooking utensils. He did not take any of the other things in the cache.

Judge Young laid very strong emphasis on the seriousness of the offence of cache-rifling in this northern country, where men's lives depend often on their finding again supplies left on the trail for their return trip. "Do not by any means suppose that I am letting this man go on suspended sentence because I think the charge of cache-rifling a trivial matter," said the judge. "I see many here in court whom I know to be men from Stewart, who know more about trail-law and the customs of the northern country than most. Let them impress on all whom it may concern that I personally know a little about the customs of the trail, and I do not consider cache-rifling a light offence. Any one found guilty of it would be most severely sentenced by me, at all events."

The accused was ordered to replace the rubber tarpaulin taken with one similar or \$5 within three weeks, and warned that any further suspicion against him in future might result in his serving a long sentence.

Two amusing little aspects of the case came out in court. It was claimed that mice might have eaten or stolen some of the grub alleged to have been stolen by the accused. "Pooh!" said W. E. Fisher, for Howard Porter, the complainant. "Mice don't eat frying pans."

"I am putting you on suspended sentence," said Judge Young to the accused, "because evidence shows that you have seventeen steppots in your camp, and I think a man who has seventeen steppots ought to be watched." (Laughter.)

### PALESTINE IS SUFFERING FROM MISRULE OF THE TURK

So Declares Rev. F. W. Kerr in His Address on His Recent Trip Through the Holy Land—Land is Full of Evidences of its Past Greatness

A country of grave Turkish misrule and lawlessness, a country of ruins of past splendor, but above all a country of great memory and inspiration is Palestine, according to Rev. F. W. Kerr, who last night lectured to the Presbyterian congregation on his trip to the Holy Land. Rev. Mr. Kerr had unusual opportunity for coming into touch with the real life of Palestine. He was one of a small party of four students—one from Harvard, one from Yale, one from Basle, Switzerland, and himself, from Manitoba College—who, under Prof. Kent, made a journey. They avoided as far as possible the tourist routes, and in an extended visit traversed the whole length of Palestine, and followed the recorded wanderings of Jesus from Bethany to Calvary.

The splendid ruins, bringing into vivid contrast the glory of the past with the poverty and misery of the present, especially impressed the lecturer. When he caught his first glimpse of the Sea of Galilee it was deserted. Not a sail gleaned on its bosom. Only a few ruined villages were to be seen on its banks. It was a contrast from the busy scenes in the days of Jesus. Today, Palestine has less than 300,000 people. Then it had half as many as the population as the Dominion of Canada. Magnificent pillars still standing on broad streets are all that tell of the ten great cities, with their temples and aqueducts and great arenas that Herod the Builder founded.

Some striking incidents were narrated by Mr. Kerr in illustration of the condition of misrule that exists under the Turks. The Jew in Palestine, he said, is not to be recognised by the virile, aggressive people of Scriptural days, nor by the virile, aggressive types who are known in America and Canada. The Jew at Jerusalem is poverty stricken and leprous, a picture of grief and woe.

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### TERRIBLE ACCIDENT AT MILE 44 TODAY

One Man, Charlie Burger, a Swede, Was Instantly Killed by Explosion While Cleaning Out a Blast Hole—Max Satich is Badly Injured—Hurried in to City

A sad tragedy occurred early this morning at Mile 44 where the big tunnel is being constructed. While engaged in cleaning out a blast hole an unexploded charge of powder went off killing one of the men, Charles Burger, and badly injuring several others. One of the men is now at the hospital having his injuries attended to.

WAS KILLED INSTANTLY  
Burger who is a powder man received the full force of the blast and was instantly killed by the flying rock. Of his two companions, one, Satich, the man now in the hospital, had his leg broken, and the other was injured about the hands.

DEAD MAN A SWEDE  
Supt. W. McInnes, who is in charge of the contract, immediately had a special train sent for and accompanied the injured men into town. Burger is said to be a Swede and Satich a Bulgarian. Satich's injuries are being looked after by Dr. Eggert.

ON SPECIAL TRAIN  
Immediately after the accident a special train was secured and the injured man and the dead body of Burger were placed on board and hurried into town. The injured man was rushed with all speed to the hospital.

### TURKS REPULSED AT TRIPOLI AFTER AN ALL DAY FIGHT

Tripoli, Nov. 12—Strong forces of Turkish Arabs supported by artillery today delivered a determined attack on the Italians all along the line between Hamidich and Boumeliana, but were repulsed.

Beginning in early morning with some serious skirmishes, the fighting about noon took on the character of a general action. As usual the Turks displayed desperate courage, but were unable to withstand the tremendous combined fire from the trenches, the field artillery and the guns of the armored cruiser, Carlo Alberto, which lay at anchor in the roadstead.

While the Italians were attacking the fort at Hamidich, which had been stormed on the previous night, they were suddenly taken on the flank by a large force of Arabs hidden in some palm and olive groves. Heavy losses were sustained by the Italians before the enemy were beaten off.

### POPULATION OF NANKING MASSACRED BY SOLDIERS

Imperial Chinese Troops Break Loose and Attack Inhabitants—Snake-Like Procession of Humanity is Fleeing for Safety—City is in Ruins

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Nanking, Nov. 13.—Nanking is desolate tonight. Fully a thousand of its inhabitants lie massacred, and the business houses and dwellings are all looted or burned. Seventy thousand persons have fled from the city. Down the railway from the city a great, snake-like line of humanity is struggling in search of safety. It was the hand of the Manchus that brought this devastation. While the Republicans were in camp awaiting reinforcements and ammunition, the Manchus began the work of carnage. Men, women and children were alike slaughtered.

Pekin, Nov. 13.—Again all is quiet within the capitol at Tientsin today. There is no sign of the revolutionary advance that has been expected for days. In Pekin, those around the throne are engaged in trying to end the revolution. Today there seems to be some foundation for the hope that the government will be able to regain the allegiance of the general in charge at Sao Tien.

Another shipment Northway's Ladies' Suits, \$25 to \$35—Wallace's.

### LOOKS A WHITE MAN.

Fred Dudward, Indian Chief's Son, Charged With Liquor Trouble Has Thoroughbred Pedigree but—

With all the appearance of a white man, and speaking excellent English, Fred Dudward, son of the chief of the Port Simpson Tsimpsians, went into various hotels on Saturday and was freely supplied with the liquor he ordered.

Asked if he was not a full-blooded Indian, he replied that he was supposed to be one, but considered himself a halfbreed when he ordered liquor. Appearances being so strongly in favor of the latter idea, Dudward got off with the usual D & D fine, \$5 or seven days.

### Aviation Caps—Wallace's.

Forty Doctors Admitted.  
Victoria, Nov. 13.—(Special)—As a result of recent legislation, forty doctors will be admitted to practise in British Columbia.

Pantorium Pioneer Cleaners, Phone 4.

### THE WEST IS SUFFERING FROM THE INTENSE COLD

Terrible Tornado Sweeps Over Middle West States and a Blizzard in Manitoba—Traffic is All Tied up in the Kootenay District

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Seattle, Nov. 13.—Despatches this morning from Illinois, Wisconsin and Missouri tell of a terrible storm that is sweeping over the face of the Middle West. Terrible havoc is being wrought, to life as well as to property, by the hurricane.

Nine definite instances of death from the storm have been reported, and many others are referred to where the particulars are not given. Following the course of the tornado, the hospitals are full of injured persons who have suffered.

### Cold in Kootenay.

Nelson, Nov. 13.—The Kootenay district is experiencing the coldest weather in ten years. All traffic has been demoralized by the intense frost and heavy snowfall.

### JOY! OH, JOY!

Seattle Assures Us This Is the Coolest Wave for Twenty Years at Least.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Seattle, Nov. 13.—That the present cold wave is the coldest at this time of the year since the establishment of the weather bureau, twenty

year ago, is the statement made by the official weather reporter here.

### A Doll Baby.

Wingham, Ont., Nov. 13.—(Special)—The smallest boy ever born in Huron County has been left by the stork at the home of Ernest Ancell and wife. The boy weighs one and a quarter pounds. His hands are no larger than a man's thumb nail. Aside from his diminutiveness he is a normal, healthy child.

### GERMANS ANGRY WITH FRANCE AND BRITAIN

At the Opening of the Reichstag, the Franco-German Agreement Was Soundly Condemned in Consequence.

Berlin, Nov. 13.—Hostility toward the chancellor and disapproval of the Franco-German agreement was the dominant note in the Reichstag on Saturday. Many speakers voiced their indignation against Great Britain and gave it as their opinion that the agreement would bring Germany one step nearer to France in matters of friendship.