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DUKE OF CONNAUGHT TO VISIT RUPERT SEPT. 23

NAAS RIVER INDIANS ONLY DESIRED TO QUARANTINE

Old Chief's Alarm at Wrong Idea That Smallpox Was Raging on the Coast Led to Indian Resistance to Incoming White Men

Within the past month there have been disquieting rumors filtering into the city from the Naas River valley in regard to the alleged hostile attitude of the Indians there towards the incoming of white settlers. In view of these accounts, some of which went so far as to state that the Indians had threatened white men with guns and driven them off from the banks of the river above the canyon, in fear of their lives.

Official Investigation
To investigate this state of affairs Sergeant "Pat" Philipson has been on a tour through the district. He returned yesterday, bringing reassuring news to all the many settlers who are about to take their departure into the fertile and promising Naas River country.

Smallpox Scare.
It appears that there was really some fairly strong opposition on the part of the Indians to the incoming of white men, and also to going up river of the coast Indians, but the opposition to these people has not arisen as a result of any desire on the part of the Indians to resist their occupying the land, but as a result of a distorted idea of the recent quarantining of the C.P.R. Princess Beatrice, because of the suspected presence on board of her of a smallpox patient.

Rifle Quarantine
An old Indian chief up there got hold of this story when he was down at the coast, and carried back with him to his own district a regular fiery cross about it. He declared that the dread disease was raging all along the coast, and that his people ought on no account to admit anybody, Indian or white man, from the direction of the sea. As a primitive precaution against the spread of infection, the keeping of strangers at their distance at the rifle's point is excellent, no doubt, but in this case there was no infection. The Indians, however, as Sergt. Philipson knows, have a terrible real reason to fear smallpox brought in by strangers. There was a

time not so very long ago when their tribe was all but decimated by the disease which they utterly failed to cure or stamp out by themselves.

Certified Germ Proof
White men coming up the Naas were advised to return by their guides, and told to get some kind of certificate from the nearest doctor that they had no smallpox germs about them. This was all the Indians required to satisfy them that the incomers would bring them no harm. But some coast Indians going up the Naas with a quantity of herring spawn which they intended to barter with the up-river Indians for Oolachans were forced angrily back, and lost all their herring spawn which spoiled. Apparently it is easier for the white man armed with a medical certificate of freedom from infection to get into the Naas district than for a coast Indian, but the difficulty is practically at an end now, and there should be no trouble for incoming settlers from the Indians at all events.

THE HILDITCH CASE DISMISSED

Magistrate Carss Finds Evidence Against Former Chairman of Board of Works Unsufticient to Make Charge Stick.

This morning the celebrated case of the city versus John H. Hilditch came up in the Police Court, adjourned from Saturday.

Magistrate Carss had thought it over meantime, and the eloquence of the defendant had evidently impressed him. The case was dismissed.

Congratulations have been showered by those interested upon John Hilditch, who maintained that he had done more than he need have done for the city over fixing the lane behind the new post office, and making the sidewalk passable.

The council's wholesale attack on the contractor has been met by the imperturbable serenity of the magistrate, who holds that a sidewalk which the city Engineer admits was "never safe" can hardly be made dangerous by a contractor.

Prince Rupert's leading hotel—Savoy.

Duncan Ross Here
Amongst the arrivals in the city this morning was Duncan Ross, who is here on business.

Presbyterian Social Evening Tonight.

All the young people of the Presbyterian church are gathering for a good social evening tonight. The Bethany Girls are providing an evening of games, with a short programme. All young people are cordially invited. Refreshments will be served. No admission fee. The address of Mr. Code on "Socialism" has been postponed for one week.

PRINCE RUPERT TWENTY MINUTES AGO

Jack Hilditch, K.C.
Tourists, By George!
Green Enough—The new city hall.
Waking Up—Section Two.
Connaught Coming—Court Curtseys.
"On the Trail of the Truant," Principal Hunter's new story
Prince Rupert's prominent Amateur artists have their pictures taken.

ROYALTY FOR RUPERT

Duke of Connaught's Visit Now Definitely Arranged—Party Will be Here September 23rd.

Ottawa, April 24—The Duke of Connaught and party will arrive in Vancouver on Sept. 23, returning to Victoria on the 28th, for four days' visit. His Royal Highness will leave Vancouver October 2nd, and will visit points in the interior.

C.N.R. STRIKE TROUBLE

Men are for the Most Part Peaceable Now Along the Line

(Special to Daily News.)
Vancouver, April 24—The chief of the provincial police, who has just returned here states that ease reigns along the line of the Canadian Northern Railway. Many strikers have been arrested, several pleading guilty when charged with unlawful assembly, etc.

THE WEATHER.

For twenty-four hours ending 5 a.m. April 24: Bar., 30.024; Max., 51.0; Min., 35.0.

BASEBALL SCORES

April 23rd, 1912
Coast
Vernon 0; San Francisco 3.
Portland-Oakland; rain.
Los Angeles 1; Sacramento 1.
American
St. Louis 3; Detroit.
Boston 2; Washington 6.
Cleveland 4; Chicago 7.
Philadelphia 0; New York 3.
National
Chicago 3; Pittsburg 5.
Boston 0; Brooklyn 7.
St. Louis 1; Cincinnati 4.
For a quick lunch, Royal Cafe.

WELCOME NEW DEPARTURE WILL BE "AMATEUR NIGHT"

Prince Rupert Now to Have Its Own Local Company of Vaudeville Entertainers Performing Regularly—First Night at Opera House Friday

A bright and welcome new departure in the local theatrical world is about to be inaugurated at the Westholme Theatre. In conjunction with several of the cleverest and most enthusiastic amateurs in Prince Rupert, the management has arranged to hold an "Amateur Night" if possible once a week.

The programme will take the form of a vaudeville entertainment. Songs, dances, instrumental music, with short humorous sketches, will be put on, in conjunction with one or two of the most popular moving pictures being shown. There will be two performances each evening, and the ordinary prices will prevail.

There is abundant first rate talent available in Prince Rupert, and every effort will be made to draw upon all possible sources of entertaining ability for those Amateur nights, which will certainly become an immensely popular feature in the city. Excellent are the picture shows, their patrons frequently feel the need for the variety of the real

five entertainer in the foot-lights' glow, and as every one of the entertainers taking part in this new feature will be personally known to Prince Rupert audiences the fun is certain to be lively and the encouragement from pit and balcony should be in itself a feature of the show. This is going to be a first quality attraction worth the money and more.

The first performance will be on the coming Friday, that is April 26th, and it is the intention of the Amateurs to put on a fresh lively show regularly once a week, excepting only when the Westholme Theatre is occupied by a professional company. When that is the case the Amateurs will be busier than ever, preparing some more elaborate and stupendous stunt with which to paralyse with delight their patrons in the Westholme.

That Prince Rupert will jump in and give its enterprising amateur vaudeville company the heartiest of encouragement is certain. There are all kinds of good wishes for their good luck and success ready right now for realization in the applause of bumper houses, and Friday's performance is eagerly looked forward to.

WANTED THEIR MONEY'S WORTH

Audience Sat Tight in Picture Show While Building Blazed—Determined to See Entrancing Photo Film.

New York April 22—Instead of becoming panic stricken when a haze of smoke filled the auditorium and flames circled the loft, an audience in the 8th Avenue moving picture theatre, sat tight tonight and demanded its money's worth. When evidences of fire in the building became too pronounced to go unheeded the operator of the picture machine, after displaying part of an exciting western film, turned off the electric lights in the metal compartment in the front of the theatre and hurried to the street while the lady pianist played a march, thinking the people would immediately leave in an orderly manner. They did not budge.

Refused to Leave
"Show the rest of the film," shouted a boy in the back of the theatre. The cry was taken up by others. Even when the manager shouted to the spectators that a fire was in progress beneath the roof of the building and that the fire engines were coming, he was met by the cry "Let us see the rest of the film and we will go!"

The police finally had to drive the determined audience from the theatre building before the firemen who arrived to fight the flames could get to work.

Very large stock of general hardware. Sole agents for Sherwin & Williams paints, at Howe & McNulty's.

BRITAIN'S AIRSHIP PLANS

Demand for Trained Aviators for the British Army

London, April 23--Details were issued last night in regard to Great Britain's aviation scheme. The plan calls for 364 trained flyers for the army and forty at the beginning for the navy. Not more than sixty of these flyers, however, will be ordered this year. Provision is made for 84 aeroplanes for the army and 12 aeroplanes and hydro-aeroplanes for the navy. About one-half of the machines will be bought in Great Britain with a view of encouraging the industry.

TRUE WESTERN SPIRIT

Miss Lillian Mangold, Popular Competitor in Big Contest Visits Rupert

Amongst the passengers who arrived by the Prince George this morning is Miss Lillian Mangold one of the contestants in the "Soo" voting contest which is attracting so much attention in Vancouver and district at present. Miss Manville, after securing, with winsome personality, the support of a host of citizens of Vancouver, has with real western Canadian pluck set out to interest Prince Rupert too, in this keenly run contest in which she is determined to achieve a victory over a phalanx of rivals. That Prince Rupert will gladly lend a helping hand is making Miss Mangold's success a certainty goes without saying.

THIS INTERESTS MAYOR--WHAT?

Incidents from the Latest Real Detective Story--The Capture of Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, the famous Fugitive.

Detective Wallace's meeting with Dr. Beattie Nesbitt was rather amusing. The Toronto sleuth walked along and when he heard the big doctor he held out his hand, saying in the tone of surprise, "Well Doctor?" "You have the better of me," said Nesbitt trying to pass on.

"Oh no. You are Dr. Beattie Nesbitt," said Wallace, cornering him.

"Oh, no, no, no," exclaimed the fugitive from Canada, and then a cold sweat came out in big drops on his brow.

Detectives Cahill and Barren closed in on him and the man who had evaded the limits of the law for nearly two years, was at last a prisoner.

Wallace says Nesbitt refused to give him any account of his wanderings since he left Toronto. His few statements are contradictory. He said he had been three months in Chicago and later he made it a year.

Choicest liquors and cigars—Savoy.
Pantorium Pioneer Cleaners. Phone 4.

MOST MOURNFUL CARGO WILL BE LANDED AT HALIFAX, N.S.

Floating Morgue Mackay Bennett Still at Her Sad Task of Salvaging the Pitiful Flotsam of the Titanic Disaster---White Star Company Sparing No Expense for the Dead Though Charged With the Loss of the Living

(Special to Daily News.)
Washington, April 24—Like the missing horse shoe nail that cost the monarch his kingdom, failure to provide binoculars or spyglasses for the lookouts on the Titanic was one contributing cause of the great ship's loss, and with it the loss of 1600 lives.

Two witnesses before the Senate investigation today agreed to this. They were Frederick Fleet, lookout on liner, and Major Peuchen, Toronto, who was among the rescued passengers. Fleet acknowledged that had he been supplied with a pair of glasses he would have seen the berg in time to avoid the collision. The White Star company had refused his request for glasses prior to the Titanic's departure from Southampton on her fatal voyage.

"White Starve?"

This statement rather bears out the seafarers' nickname for the White Star Line on account of its alleged reputation for looking after the passengers fairly well, but stinting the crew of all except the barest necessities for the working of the ship and for their own support. "The White Starve Line" says the sailor men with experience of Transatlantic conditions. The line having the best reputation

for well found ships is of course the Cunard, made famous in many ways, but in this sense singled out by Rudyard Kipling in his ballad of the Deep Sea-Going Engineer.

A Ghastly Cargo

Halifax, April 24—Preparations are being completed by the agents of the White Star Line for the reception of the sad cargo of the morgue-ship Mackay-Bennett, when she reaches here with the bodies of victims of the Titanic disaster. This will probably not be until Friday, possibly not before Saturday, as the bodies are reported to be floating north-easterly in the gulf stream. All the bodies will be held here for the second identification and will then be sent wherever relatives or friends request. Some of the bodies of third class passengers will be buried here. No word of steamers passing Titanic wreckage was received today.

Vice-President Kelly, of the Grand Trunk will arrive tomorrow, and hopes to be able to identify the body of the late C. M. Hays among those recovered by the Mackay-Bennett cable ship. Elaborate preparations have been made to display the bodies and so facilitate the work of identification.

NO NEW TEACHER NEEDED UNTIL THE FALL

School Board at Meeting Yesterday Decided to Postpone Engagement Until After Holidays---Parents are Warned

Probably another assistant teacher will not be engaged for Prince Rupert public school until after the summer holidays. There was a meeting of the school board yesterday called for the purpose of deciding this matter, and the decision was come to that as there is only a very slight increase in the number of pupils in the lower forms, and the upper forms can be handled by the staff as at present, it will be unnecessary to engage further help until after the vacation. Probably had it been possible to secure sufficiently trained services more easily to add to the present staff, an effort would have been made to secure another teacher, but the scarcity of competent teachers continues to be considerable.

A matter which has been causing annoyance to the principal in connection with the maintenance of regularity in the attendance of pupils is the fact that parents are apparently refusing to give written excuses for the

SECTION 2 IMPROVEMENTS

A meeting is called at the City Police Station, Wednesday evening, April 24th, at 8.30 p.m., to consider the advisability of important improvements at the western end of the city. All owning property in Section Two or west of 7th Street, in section one, are urged to attend.

absent of certain pupils.

As authorized by the Board to announce to parents that after this any pupil not bringing a written excuse for absence is liable to suspension from school attendance until the proper authority is presented.

Drainage of the ground about the school premises was a matter considered fairly closed by the Board yesterday afternoon, in view of the approach of the warm weather. There is a good deal of surface water soaking through the soil in that neighborhood, and the possibility of its vapors producing ill effects on the pupils was considered. All the ground within jurisdiction of the school authorities will have speedy attention, though the matter had meantime to be laid over.

For Sale—Four lots on Park Ave. Can be sold singly or en bloc. Harry W. Birch, 2nd St. 2i

Everything for the launch or boat at Howe & McNulty's, 2nd Avenue.