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## GENERAL STRIKE OF SAILORS CALLED FOR JUNE 18

### CAPT. SMITH FOUND DEAD IN ROOM AT KNOX HOTEL

Was Well Known as Jailer at the Provincial Prison---Medical Examination Shows Death Was Due to Heart Failure---Has Son in Melbourne, Australia, Whom He Intended Visiting

Captain Smith of the City Police Department was found dead in bed this morning in his room at the New Knox Hotel. He died of heart failure. Dr. Reddie examined the body today, and with his certificate to this effect there will be no need to hold an inquest. Government Agent McMullin went over to the hotel this morning while Chief Vickers was there. Captain Smith who acted as jailer at the Provincial Prison used by the city was apparently in good health up to last night. He was a man well over fifty years of age, and had had a varied experience all over the world as a seafaring man in charge of large

sailing vessels and steamships. Born in England, the Captain had a more intimate connection with Australia than with the old country. His nearest known relative is a son who is believed to be engaged in the hardware business in Melbourne, Australia. Only the other day while looking over some newspapers which he had received by last mail from his son, Captain Smith mentioned that he intended to return to Australia before long, if some investments of his in this city turned out profitable. While he was quite well known to a number of the citizens the Captain had never talked much about his personal affairs to anyone, and his

circle of friends is widely scattered; many of them being men in command of ships sailing the seven seas. Captain Smith was a member of the Masonic order and though he was not connected in any active way with the Prince Rupert Masonic Lodge, Mr. J. Christiansen, and Mr. M. M. Stephens are making arrangements for a funeral with Masonic rites. Messrs. Hayner Bros. are in charge of the other funeral arrangements, and deceased's personal affairs will be looked after by Chief Vickers. News of the Captain's sudden death came as a shock to many who had seen him in apparent good health over the week end.

### C.P.R. MAY TAKE A WHARF OVER

Rumor That Foley Welch & Stewart Dock Will Come into Their Hands.

There are active rumors going round the waterfront, and in shipping circles that the Foley, Welch & Stewart wharf is to be taken over in September by the C. P. R. who will repile and replank portions of it, and use it as their permanent home on the waterfront. At present they have reciprocal relations with the G. T. P., who use the C. P. R. wharf at Vancouver. Asked if he had received any intimation of the proposed change, Mr. J. G. McNab, the local agent of the C. P. R., said he had heard nothing about it, and was inclined to think it was merely a rumor.

### DESPATCH FROM GEO. LEEK

Describes the Review on the Plains of Abraham—Glad to Leave Quebec.

(Special to the Daily News)  
Quebec, June 2nd.

Tomorrow we leave Quebec for the trip across the ocean, and I for one will be glad. We have had a lot of hard work here in camp, and the food has been nothing to boast of. A few of the men went home, and a few more were sent home as inefficient, but the remainder are as fine a body of men as will be seen in the whole Coronation procession.

The troops included both mounted and dismounted divisions, made a fine showing and large crowds of people assembled to witness the parade through the streets and the review on the Plains. The troops arrived from the camp at St. Joseph de Levis in the morning and assembled on the Terrace, whence they marched out to the Plains. There they were minutely inspected by Lieut.-Col. F. L. Lessard, C. B., A. D. C., Adjutant General, Lieut. Col. H. McLean, commander of the contingent, and other officers. There was a large gathering of leading citizens on the Plains to witness the review. Among those present were Lieutenant-Governor and Lady Langelier. The contingent was put through a number of evolutions including the march past, all of which were performed in good style.

I am writing this late at night. In a few hours we will be marching down to the ferry at St. Joseph, to embark on the Empress for England. By the time you receive this, we will probably have arrived there.

Yours truly,  
GEORGE LEEK

(News of the safe arrival of the Canadian contingent was cabled to the Daily News, and appeared in Saturday's edition.—Ed.)

### Coal for Govt. Boats

The S.S. Cetriana came in yesterday with 120 tons of steam coal for Messrs. Rogers & Black to be stores here for the supply of the Government vessels which call here. The Cetriana went on to the Naas River, and thence returned south.

### Princess Royal In

Looking very spick and span the C. P. R. "Princess Royal" came steaming up the harbor at 2 o'clock this afternoon, for her first northern trip of the season. She made good time on her northern run, and got in several hours before she was expected.

### MESSAGE FROM THE DEAD SENT BY HOMER WOOD

Man Who Shot at Alex. Mathieson at the Fish Plant on Saturday Had Previously Written Letter Announcing His Intention to Kill Mathieson and Then Commit Suicide

Homer Wood who attempted to take his own life after firing several shots at Alex Mathieson at the Cold Storage Plant on Saturday afternoon, is recovering from his wound at the General Hospital. He was suffering severely from shock though Dr. Tremayne did not anticipate any immediate risk to his life when he landed at the wharf and was conveyed to the hospital.

### Under Supervision

Wood is of course under supervision while an inmate of the hospital, and as soon as he is sufficiently recovered he will be charged with attempted murder and suicide. Undoubtedly the

trouble arose over a woman, and there is very clear evidence that the act was premeditated. Wood was intensely jealous of his wife who resides in San Francisco. That this jealousy was the cause of his reckless attempt is proved by the wording of a letter found about him, which he had intended to post.

### "Message from the Dead"

The letter is hastily scrawled on paper headed with Homer Wood's business bill head. It is addressed to Mrs. Homer Wood, 139 Twelfth Ave., near Lake St., San Francisco, and runs as follows: "Eileen,—This is a message from

the dead, for I am just going to kill Alex Mathieson, and then myself. Let this be a lesson to you. Give the baby to the old man. That is best.

"Homer."

Wood purchased the revolver used with ammunition, from the Prince Rupert Hardware Co., on Friday night saying that he wanted to scare intruders away from his premises. He appeared quite reasonable and responsible then, but is said to have been under the influence of drink when the shots were fired.

Evidence that the men had been on unfriendly relations for some little time will be produced.

### TWO POPULAR MEN WILL RACE

Fire Chief McInnis and Jack Beatty are Rivals for a 220 Flat Race.

Excitement is aroused in athletic circles in the city today by the whisper that Fire Chief McInnis has offered to give Jack Beatty a ten yard handicap in 220 yards and beat him.

Both men have won laurels in Flat Racing. Jack Beatty is fresh from his victory on Empire Day, and Fire Chief McInnis was among the fleetest men in the fastest horse reel team in Winnipeg.

Similar in build and weight, the men would make a splendid pair of rivals in a Flat Race, and the rumor that Jack Beatty is ready to reverse the offered handicap in favor of Mr. McInnis and run the race on Dominion Day is readily believed.

So far no formal challenge has

been issued by either man, but admirers of both are expecting them to make the test of their prowess as sprinters by actual contest.

### ELECTION DAY IN MEXICO

Successor to Porfirio Diaz to be Chosen in October

Mexico City, June 12.—By an official decree issued yesterday by Provisional President De La Barra, a special presidential election was called. Electors will be chosen October 1, and these will elect the successor to Porfirio Diaz, Sunday, October 15.

Governors are instructed to define and publicly announce, prior to June 30, electoral districts in their states and territories, using the census of 1910.

Mrs. Humble will not receive on Wednesday of this week nor again this season.

### AN EXCURSION TO STEWART

S.S. Prince George Inaugurates Reduced Rate for the Sunday to Monday Trip.

Cheap excursion rates are now available to Stewart by the G. T. P. steamer Prince George. For \$9 instead of \$13 as formerly the Sunday morning to Monday morning excursion up the Portland Canal can be enjoyed. This service has been inaugurated to benefit business men and Prince Rupert people who wish to see Stewart the district during the summer at small cost yet in the most enjoyable way possible, from the promenade decks of the palatial Prince George. The schedule allows of course for a stay in Stewart long enough for business or merely inspection of the city.

### J. F. Ritchie Returns

J. Fred Ritchie returned from Stewart by the Camosun yesterday. Mr. Ritchie has spent some time at Stewart since his return from the south as he has considerable interest in mining and other property there.

### BUSY STEWART IS THRIVING

Week End Spent There by J. H. Rogers Gives Him Impression of Brisk Progress and Prosperity.

On his return from Stewart yesterday by the S.S. Camosun, J. H. Rogers mentions that there are excellent signs of brisk progress up there just now. Very rapid strides are being made with the street grading. Of course the problem there is far less formidable than that of Prince Rupert's rock work.

Rapid progress is also being made on the railway to Bitter Creek. It is expected that the line will be at Bitter Creek in about nine or ten days now, and trains will be running to and from there this summer.

Apparently business is also pretty brisk in Stewart. Mr. Rogers spent only the week end there, but accounts of the merchants whom he met were rosy, and the indications were all in favor of good business.

### LOOK FOR BIG PROGRESS IN G. T. P. CONSTRUCTION

There are Lots of Men Available, and an Attack Will be Made on the Mountain Section From Both Ends This Summer—Mr. Schrieber Coming to Prince Rupert

(Special to the Daily News) Ottawa, June 12.—It is announced that great progress may be looked for in the construction of the G. T. P. main line through the mountains this summer. There is an abundance of men available for labor on the Alberta side of the mountains and prospects are good for a large supply on the Pacific side.

### Attack From Both Sides

It is expected that before operations are held up by the arrival of winter the line will be driven far into the mountains from both sides, and the ends will be brought closely together that the following summer the gap can be spanned, thus completing the western through line from Winnipeg to Prince Rupert.

### Mr. Schrieber Coming

Mr. Collingwood Schrieber will leave Ottawa for Prince Rupert on June 15 to inspect the work done so far. After going over the Pacific end he will go to Edmonton and go over the eastern end as

far as operations have been carried on. Good progress is being made with the National Transcontinental in the east. Some portions of the line east of Winnipeg are ready for freight. That portion from Winnipeg to Superior Junction has been operated all winter.

### Get Quebec Line

The National Transcontinental Commission are about to hand over to the Grand Trunk Pacific for operation a 320-mile stretch from Quebec bridge to Mont Achenne. This stretch will have a heavy lumber, pulpwood and pulp traffic to handle from St. Maurice. Negotiations are going on for the transfer of the section between Moncton and Plaster Rock to the Grand Trunk Pacific for operation but it looks as if this would not be done until next autumn. Good progress has been made with construction all the way between Levis and Moncton, but there are a couple of big bridges to be put in which will hold back the transfer of the Maritime section for some little time.

### LACROSSE GAMES

Montreal Beat Shamrocks and Toronto Beat Cornwalls

(Canadian Press Despatch) Cornwall, Ont., June 12.—The Cornwall Lacrosse team got away to a bad start on Saturday being defeated by the Torontos to the tune of eight goals to nil.

Montreal—In the Montreal and Shamrocks Lacrosse game, nine to two was notched in favor of the Montreal team.

### PAINT MERGER ANNOUNCED

Montreal, June 12.—A big paint merger to include in the Canadian business of the Sherwin-Williams Company, the Canada Paint Company and a number of other concerns is announced. The capital will be \$4,000,000 common and \$3,000,000 preferred. It may be offered at 95 and 20 per cent of the common stock issue.

### REVISION COURT AND G.T.P. LANDS

Loopholes Left in Case the Rate Payers do not Approve the Assessment Agreement.

No reduction in assessment have been granted on any of the Grand Trunk Development Company's lots by the Court of Revision. The appeals against the assessment of those parcels of land which the city is acquiring have been laid over so that in the event of the rate payers not approving the agreement these parcels of land will still remain assessable against the Development Company. The appeals against the Railway Company's lands were also allowed to stand over so that in the event of the agreement not being ratified the company will still have the right to appeal against the valuation placed upon the railway lands.

### TWO ROADS ARE RACING FOR TETE JAUNE CACHE

G. T. P. Has Slight Lead Over the C. N. R.—Steel is Laid to Within Sixty-Five Miles of the Yellowhead Pass—Roads Parallel Each Other

"Steel is at present laid to 65 Alberta, which means 65 miles from the Yellowhead, while grading is being actively pushed throughout and will be completed to the Cache in August. And it will not be surprising if steel reaches the Cache by November." This is the report of John Macdonnell who recently visited the construction camps of the G. T. P. and the C. N. R. in the mountains.

The two roads are today running a race for the coveted honor of being the first to reach Tete Jaune Cache.

The Canadian Northern parallels almost entirely the line of the G. T. P. west from Edmonton, up to the Yellowhead Pass and down to the Cache. One advantage the Canadian Northern has over the transcontinental in point of economy is that they are utilizing the abandoned camps and wagon roads of the Grand Trunk railway for base of operations in the immediate rear of active work conducted by their rival company. In other words they are dogging the big

company, and if the Canadian Northern is not at the Cache as soon as the Grand Trunk, they will be there shortly after.

After the Cache is reached both roads will ruminate in opposite directions—one down the Thompson and the other down the Fraser river to Fort George and on to its Pacific terminus at Prince Rupert.

### End of Season Sale

For three days we will offer what is left of our Spring Millinery goods at ridiculously small prices to clear. We aim to have all new goods for each season. For prices see our window.—Hamlin & Co., Exchange Block.

### Where to Go

EMPRESS THEATRE, Second Ave., Pictures and Music, 7.30 p.m.  
MAJESTIC THEATRE, Third Ave., Pictures and songs, 7.30 p.m.  
PHENIX THEATRE, Second Avenue, Pictures and music, 7.30 p.m.  
AUDITORIUM, Sixth Avenue; Roller Skating, 8 p.m.





