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Daily News on Daily Doings

VISIT OF THE G. T. P. PRESIDENT.

Prince Rupert greets President E. J. Chamberlin cordially on his first visit to the city in his new role of heavy responsibility. Prince Rupert reposes a good deal of confidence in the President of the G. T. P., and while realizing that this is but one end of a mighty system under his supervision, is ever alert to the fact that the trend of Dominion development is westward and that the western terminal of the G. T. P. is correspondingly important. Upon President Chamberlin's appreciation of the paramount need in Prince Rupert for a swift, steady and determined campaign of railway development much of the immediate prosperity of Prince Rupert depends. Prince Rupert's citizens are striving to do their part in developing the city and the resources of its surroundings, which mean rich revenue for the railway. That President Chamberlin will do his determined best to speed the railway's progress is Prince Rupert's demand of him.

A GREAT NATION DISGRACED.

It is to the credit of United States journalism that many of the leading newspapers refuse to support Congress in its callous repudiation of the nation's obligation in the matter of the Panama Canal tolls. The New York Times says plainly that the nation is disgraced. The Chicago Tribune thinks "the spirit of the debate and vote in the Senate was deplorable and should be counteracted by intelligent opinion." The dispute, it declares, is one that the United States is "morally pledged before the world to refer to judicial decision." Failure to agree to such a reference would, it says, convict the American people of "palpable hypocrisy." Plain talk of this character may induce the politicians to modify their views as to the popularity of the course

upon which, on the eve of an election, they have embarked. The outspoken indignation of the newspaper shows also that the immoral doctrine of "My country, right or wrong" is no longer held in universal respect.

BANDSTAND WOULD BENEFIT.

Both the Metlakatla Indian band, with their new silver instruments, and the embryo city band would certainly appreciate the building by the city of a simple bandstand somewhere centrally. In view of the visit of the Duke of Connaught possibly a point might be strained by the civic administration and an inexpensive structure run up so that the bands may practice with the encouragement of a real audience and the substantial countenance of the City Council to inspire them. A band playing on the street level is at a disadvantage. Any mendicant array of musicians can have that sort of stance, but even little villages have usually better bandstands. The offer of the Metlakatla Indians is worth considering.

THE APPROACHING REDISTRIBUTION.

According to the British North America Act, a Dominion census must be taken every ten years, in the year ending with 1, and after the census is complete there must be a redistribution of the Dominion constituencies, based upon the census figures, the population of Quebec being divided by 65 in order to determine the unit of representation, the representation of each province in the Dominion House of Commons being adjusted accordingly, and each province being divided up into the requisite number of electoral districts. The fifth Dominion census was duly taken last year, and presumably the Redistribution Act will be brought before Parliament at the next session.

RUMORED CHANGES IN THE CABINET IN GREAT BRITAIN END PRESENT REGIME SOON

London, Aug. 21.—With the adjournment of Parliament for a brief session there has been a recurrence of the rumors of cabinet reshuffling that are always revived at the close of a session. On previous occasions the vacation has been used as the opportunity for many important changes, but it is not likely that there will be much alteration this year. This is doubtless due to

the belief that the end of the present Liberal administration is not far off. Of the speculations of the cabinet changes which have recently filled the newspapers, the most brilliant is that Hon. Neil Primrose, the brilliant son of the Earl of Rosebery, is likely to get a government position. Members of all parties in the House recognize him as thoroughly worthy of advancement.

POLICE OF NEW YORK AID ARRESTED LIEUTENANT IN GREAT GRAFT CASE

New York, Aug. 20.—A police fund of \$50,000 is being raised for the defense of Charles Becker, the police lieutenant charged with instigating the murder of Herman Rosenthal, according to information in the hands of District Attorney Whitman tonight.

The money is being collected, it is said, by the so-called system which, aside from the murder case, is to be the subject of a sure investigation by the district attorney as to its corrupt alliance between the "system" and the gambling fraternity, founded on graft and blackmail.

The information came to the prosecutor today in connection with the arraignment of Becker to answer the indictment against

him. During five hours of legal procedure, which included the withdrawal by Becker of his plea of "not guilty" for the purpose of offering motions to invalidate the indictment, the prisoner was represented by three lawyers, one of whom entered the cases and mysteriously withdrew, while the status of the other two seemed doubtful in their own minds when the proceedings were over. It was said that the lawyers engaged by Becker were not satisfactory to the collectors of the defense fund, who, the district attorney heard, have practically engaged a prominent criminal lawyer to defend the lieutenant, superseding the prisoner's own personal counsel.

NO BEAR PIT FOR CITY SINCE CITY CAN'T BEAR THE COST; A DEER MAY NOT BE TOO DEAR

It is to be feared that one of the attractions of a metropolitan city, the possession of bear pit, with real live bears, to which the beaming father and mother accompanied by a string of youngsters of varying length can proceed on a bright Sunday afternoon and view with various feelings of awe and amusement, is for the time being to be denied the people of Prince Rupert.

The Minister of Finance, Alderman Douglas, with whom the Council generally seemed to accord, stated at last night's meeting of the Council that in the present state of the city's finances and in view of the multifarious calls upon the civic purse the

cost of providing a suitable doocile for bruin, and the expense of packing grub regularly up to the park on Acropolis Hill was more than the city could stand at present.

Whether or not the three bears that the city has in sight as the nucleus of a zoological garden view the matter with the same feelings of regret as do the people of Prince Rupert is a matter of conjecture. Alderman Bullock-Webster, by way of offering some slight solace in the matter, stated that the city might run to the expense of another deer. If the deer has any sense it will do some running, too.

PITIFUL CASE OF STARVATION AND NEGLECT

Swan River, Man., Aug. 20.—A distressful case of want and suffering has just been brought to light at Alpine, a Swedish settlement, in the Duck Mountains, 34 miles southwest of here. Mr. and Mrs. Findley, of Durban, which is twelve miles from Alpine, heard of a woman in distress in a lonely homestead on the mountain. They went to investigate and found a Swede woman sick in bed and starving to death, with a baby fifteen months old crawling around. The child could not walk, and was clothed only in a small shirt, and was very dirty. It had crawled in and out of the house at will, often sleeping outside the door. The mother was in a pitiable condition, a veritable skeleton. There was no money in the house and only dry bread to eat. The woman has been sick since February last. It appears that her husband had deserted her, as no one seems to know his whereabouts. Mrs. Findley immediately took charge of the woman and the child. They brought the mother to the Swan River hospital.

Something Doing Then.

W. Gore is suffering from a broken nose, the result of a kick from a horse when the animal was attacked by a bunch of hounds.—Interior News.

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