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MEXICAN TROUBLES CONTINUE SLIGHT HOPE FOR PEACE

REBEL ACTIVITY BOTH IN THE NORTH AND SOUTH CONTINUES—ZAPATA DEVASTATES THE COUNTRY—ATTACKED BY MILITARY TRAIN.

(Special to The Daily News.)
Mexico City, Feb. 25.—The hope for immediate peace in Mexico seems to be very slight. The rebel activity in the north has greatly increased and the government's efforts to enter into arrangements with the followers of Zapata, one of the leaders in the south, have failed. The latter today continued his devastation of the country, burning and

raiding. The rebels were attacked for two hours by a government military train.

Third Earl Nelson Dead.

London, Feb. 25.—Horatio Nelson, a descendant of the celebrated Admiral Nelson, died today.

New goods from east just arrived. Miss L. Kuster. 46-48

WANT DUTY ON APPLES MATERIALLY INCREASED

BRITISH COLUMBIA FRUIT GROWERS' ASSN. URGE THAT DUTY BE INCREASED FROM THIRTEEN TO THIRTY-FIVE CENTS.

(Special to The Daily News.)
Ottawa, Feb. 25.—That the duty on American apples be increased from thirteen to thirty-five cents per box and that the tariff marks act be enforced against them as rigorously and effectively as against Canadian apples is the recommendation made by W. S. Fagge of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association. "We have all the elements of a crisis at the present

time unless we get assistance. Fruit-growing in British Columbia is in a perilous state," he said.

Millinery Opening Demers'

Friday and Saturday this week. 48-50

Many tempting bargains still left at the bankrupt dry goods sale in the Hughes store. 48

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE IS SLATED FOR SENATE

W. H. HAYWARD, OF COWICHAN WILL SUCCEED HIM—OTHER CHANGES ARE TALKED OF

Victoria, Feb. 21.—Before the sitting of the House there will be a new Minister of Agriculture in British Columbia. Hon. George Ellison has not been satisfactory to the province, and it appears now that he is not entirely satisfactory to the president of the government. A certain at least that he is being slated for one of the new senatorial vacancies, and already Mr. W. H. Hayward, member for Cowichan, who will succeed him, is undertaking his duties in the House.

Some Other Changes

There are other changes talked of in the cabinet. With the exception of Prime Minister McBride, Mr. Bowser and Dr. Young it is generally realized that there is a woeful lack of ability among the ministers. Mr. Bowser, who is the brains of the outfit, apparently realizes this himself, and as it is becoming evident that at the next election the administration will have to fight for his life, Mr. Bowser naturally wishes to have strong men behind him.

The difficulty he has to face is that in the present house he is unable to find them. There are many men of average ability in the legislature, but no one who has the initiative or courage to challenge the dictum of his leader.

WILL NAME NEW COUNTRY GEORGE THE FIFTH LAND

NEW LAND DISCOVERED BY DR. MAWSON IN THE SOUTH POLAR REGIONS—EXPLORER ASKS KING FOR PERMISSION TO USE HIS NAME.

Melbourne, Feb. 25.—The new land discovered by Dr. Mawson in the south polar regions is to be named George the Fifth Land. The explorer sent a message to the King asking permission to so name the land. The new territory lies between Victoria Land and Adeline Land.

Just arrived, spring stock of millinery. Miss L. Kuster. 46-48

Wanted—Man to work in photo Department. Previous experience not essential. McRae Bros., Ltd. 47-49

Visitor from Kitsumkalum.

Mr. F. Bohler, one of the pioneer settlers of the Kitsumkalum Valley, spent a few days in the city this week on business. Mr. Bohler is well known in Prince Rupert, having supplied the local market with garden truck and small fruits for several seasons. He has been located at Kitsumkalum for the past nine years. Mr. Bohler says that the coming season promises to be one of much activity in that section.

Pantorium Pioneer Cleaners. Phone 4.

EX-ALD. H. DOUGLAS BACK IN RUPERT

Says That Many Business Men in Lower Coast Cities Knock Prince Rupert

Ex-Alderman Hamilton Douglas returned this morning on the Prince Rupert from a few weeks' vacation in the south. Most of the time was spent in Seattle, in which city his wife and two grown up sons reside. The late finance minister looks remarkably fit after his pleasant change and is all smiles at the pleasure of finding himself back in Prince Rupert again. Mr. Douglas states that the way many of the business men in the lower coast cities endeavor to knock Prince Rupert is a crying shame. The worthy ex-alderman, when the occasion offered, did his utmost to counteract the many erroneous impressions created in the minds of possible investors and others through these libellous statements.

WILL RESIDE IN RUPERT PERMANENTLY

Increased Business of His Company in Northern B. C. Necessitates Permanent Residence Here.

Among the passengers from the south this morning by the Prince Rupert was Mrs. Alexander Steven with her two little daughters and accompanied by her sister, Miss Greig. Mr. Alexander Steven, who is manager of The Canadian Home Investment Co., Ltd., has decided to reside in Prince Rupert for an indefinite period with his family. This we understand was not Mr. Steven's intention at first but on account of the phenomenal growth of the business of his Company throughout Northern British Columbia during the past six months it has made it necessary for the Company to have a resident manager in this city and also to increase their local staff. There is not the slightest doubt but that the Canadian Home Investment Company can claim to have no small share in the rapid development of Western Canada. Within the short period of twenty months this Company has loaned over \$263,000 and at the present time no less than \$3,000 per day is being loaned to their Contract holders.

The very latest in spring millinery. Miss L. Kuster. 46-48

CONSERVATIVES ELECTED FOR YUKON COUNCIL

Bye-Elections for North and South Dawson Result in Election of Two Conservatives.

Dawson, Feb. 25.—In the bye-elections today to fill the vacant seats in the Yukon Council caused by the resignation of the former members, Messrs. E. R. Pearce and R. A. McLennan, both Conservatives, were elected for North and South Dawson. The former representatives were A. H. Smith, Conservative, and Jas. Murphy, Liberal.

Loyal Order of Moose.

A regular meeting will be held in the K. of P. Hall Thursday, the 27th inst., at 8 o'clock. 48-49 I. D. MEIKLE, Secy.

Mr. Frank S. Evans, managing director of the Prince Rupert Fish and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., arrived in the city this morning on the Prince Rupert. Mr. Evans who has been in London, England, for some months on business connected with the company, was met in Vancouver by Mr. Frank A. Ellis, who has been acting as manager of the company during the former's absence. Mr. Ellis returned this morning also.

MORLEY ELECTED MAYOR OF VICTORIA

Mix-Up in Capital City Has Now Been Cleared Up—City Was Without a Mayor.

(Special to The Daily News.)
Victoria, Feb. 25.—The recent mix-up in the mayoralty situation in this city was today cleared up by the election of A. J. Morley. The city has been in the rather unusual position of having no mayor.

BELLA COOLA HAS TELEGRAPH LINE

Communication is Now Established With the Outside World—Connects with Cariboo Line

The telegraph line between Bella Coola and 150 Mile House, Cariboo Road, is now open for public business. The first public message was despatched from Bella Coola to Vancouver at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, since when business has been brisk. Courier.

Social Dance

In the K. of P. Hall, Saturday night. Music by the Westholme orchestra. All are welcome. Gentlemen \$1.00, Ladies Free. 51

MANY PASSENGERS ARRIVE FROM SOUTH

A Large Number of Local People Came in from the South This Morning After a Few Weeks' Absence.

The Prince Rupert arrived on schedule time this morning from Vancouver with a large passenger list and a heavy cargo of freight. Amongst the saloon list were the following:

George Carroll, John Bidart, Tony Locketti, A. J. Otterson, G. W. Otterson, F. E. Pooler and wife, A. Bate, King Kelley, Lulu Laird, Jesse Josephs, Andrew Johnson, F. R. Rondy, Anton Stark, H. Douglas, H. W. Tooker, C. J. Gillingham, Ethel Gillingham, L. D. Fulton, John Nicholson, F. E. Willitt, R. W. Rogers, G. D. Williams, Andrew Holmes, A. G. Holmes, S. Stewart, R. Juniper, W. Franklin, W. Sugden, W. S. Lucas, G. O. Hudson, B. Tyson, Miss E. Neil, A. Godfrey, A. Mattishaw, R. Hastie, W. Dalgleish, R. Dalfelder, W. J. Bedbetter, Jas. Burroughs, D. W. Pratt and wife, N. Simon, J. Stein, Mr. Ducane, J. Weeks, T. F. Heaslip, C. Schaeffer, W. McGuire, A. Blair, A. Matthews, H. Thorwund, J. Standahl, A. L. Wick, S. Redalen, J. L. Hopkins, G. W. Maynard, E. Barger, G. W. Mackay, A. Bilsend, G. Powell, W. Johnston, J. T. Hastie, Mrs. Maxwell, John Dillon, T. Thompson, S. S. Jarvis, Dr. Ewing, W. G. Harris and wife, Miss Greig, Mrs. Alex. Steven, O. Ormond, L. Banks, J. Cottenden, W. Elliot, R. Wilson, H. Dawson, J. Fishwick, C. Coombs, J. Hart, J. Steele, G. W. Robb, Mrs. W. A. Ferguson, Mrs. L. Asterberg and 2 children, H. D. Long, E. G. Baxter, T. S. Steedman and wife, C. Newitt, John Manson, Mrs. T. B. Reed, C. Swanson, R. E. Paget, C. Johnston, H. Baldwin, J. P. Thorkildson, L. Toulia, M. Morrison, E. B. Reeves, H. T. Refstrap, H. Goetz, F. G. Dawson, M. Koenigsburg, W. S. Crux, F. S. Evans, F. A. Ellis, P. J. Moran, H. McDaniels, E. Corner.

New P. M. for Dawson.

I. J. Hartman, postmaster at Dawson for the past thirteen years, has resigned and will be succeeded by Alexander McCarter, a well known jeweller of Dawson. The transfer will likely be made as soon as an inspector can reach Dawson from the outside.

BROTHERHOOD WINS THIRD BALL GAME

Men's Own Go Down to Defeat by Score of 35 to 21—Not Up to Previous Games.

The third game of indoor baseball this season at the skating rink was witnessed last night by a large gathering of spectators. The contesting teams were the Brotherhood Cubs and the Men's Own the latter being defeated by the score of 35 to 21. The game was not up to the standard of either of the previous games as the score would indicate. Nevertheless the spectators were provided with a good evening's amusement. The lineup was as follows:

Brotherhood. Men's Own.
Rogers.....Catcher.....Scott
Vance.....Pitcher.....Smith
Tepoorten.....1st Base.....Garde
Weber.....2nd Base.....Weisslog
Ives.....3rd Base.....Blythe
Smith.....Field.....MacDaniels
Brooks.....Field.....Sherman

MANY DIFFICULTIES AT SHAWATLANS

Dolphins Carried Away by the Strong Current—Consulting Engineer Returned to City This Morning.

Mr. C. G. Ducane, who was retained some weeks ago by the city council to consult with city engineer Mason in connection with the laying of the water pipe across Shawatlans Passage, arrived in the city this morning. Mr. Ducane, who was here for some little time a short while ago, will now give his assistance in the final stages of the work. In connection with this a good deal of trouble is being experienced in getting the piling driven for the dolphins that are necessary for holding the scows in place in the Passage while the pipes are being laid. The exceptionally strong current that runs there with the ebb and flow of the tide and the nature of the ground in which the piles are being attempted to be driven makes this an extremely difficult task. Mr. Ducane upon leaving for the South the last time was not aware that the difficulties to be surmounted would be as great as they are. Several dolphins placed yesterday were carried away by the current last night, notwithstanding that they were driven fifteen feet and more into the ground.

DECLINES TO COMMENT ON MEXICAN AFFAIRS

Porfirio Diaz, Now in Egypt, Says He Is Quite Aloof.

Cairo, Egypt, Feb. 25.—The statement published in the United States that Porfirio Diaz, the former dictator of Mexico, had returned to Cairo from his trip up the Nile is without foundation. General Diaz, who is still on the Nile, replied today to a telegraphic enquiry with the following despatch:

"Luxor, Feb. 22.—I feel I cannot express any opinion on the Mexican situation. My absolute aloofness from the policies of my country precludes me from doing it."

PORFIRIO DIAZ.
The proprietor of the hotel at which he stays in Cairo is in constant communication with General Diaz, and declares he has not heard any expression of his intention of making an early return to Mexico.

Tomorrow sees the final clean-up of the Hughes bankrupt dry goods sale. Everything will be cleared out regardless of cost. 48

No skating for the public at rink tonight. 48

CONTRACTORS AND MEN FOR PORT EDWARD POWER PLANT

THIRTY SKILLED MECHANICS ARRIVED THIS MORNING TO START WORK ON FOUNDATION OF PORT EDWARD PLANT.

Every day fresh evidences of the great activity that will prevail all over this section of the province this coming year is apparent. This morning there arrived on the Prince Rupert Messrs Purdy & Henderson, contractors of Vancouver, who are to build the cement foundations and superstructure of the Prince Rupert Hydro-Electric Power plant at Port Edward. Accompanying the contractors are thirty skilled mechanics, many of whom have been in the employ of the firm a number of years. The party will remain in the city for a day or two, guests at the Premier Hotel, before going to the scene of their future operations. The addition of these men to the working staff of the company will bring the strength up to one hundred.

HUNDRED THOUSAND FOR GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

PROVINCIAL ESTIMATES INCLUDE LARGE AMOUNT FOR PRINCE RUPERT—\$35,000 FOR MORSE CREEK BRIDGE.

Victoria, Feb. 25.—The estimates brought down yesterday in the Legislature are exceedingly liberal for Skeena district. The appropriations for roads and trails in that district is \$403,000 out of a total of \$9,657,600 for the province.

In addition to this there are appropriations for bridges in the district which amount to \$100,000, a decided increase over last year.

Provision is made for the establishment of three ferries on the Upper Skeena river at an expenditure of \$4,500 each. These are in addition to the aid to hospitals, schools, agricultural associations and for the civil service salaries and \$35,000 for the Morse Creek bridge, and \$100,000 for the provincial government buildings on Market Place.

MUCH ACTIVITY EVIDENT IN FISHING INDUSTRY

PREPARATIONS ARE NOW BEING MADE BY FISHERMEN FOR A BUSY SEASON—RUN OF SPRING SALMON WILL BE LARGE.

Already there are signs that this is going to be a banner year in the fishing industry. This at any rate must be the deductions to be arrived at when one hears of the preparations being made on all sides to handle the business this coming season. The Rupert Marine Iron Works have recently sold three Frisco Standard engines to be installed in boats to be used in the fishing business this Summer. One of these of 20 horse power is for a boss Jap fisherman who works for the B. C. Packers Association at their cannery at Naas Harbor. George Ness a well known fisherman of Prince Rupert has purchased a 5 horse power engine, as has also Mr. Matthew Johnston of Port Simpson. The latter reports that there is every indication of there being a phenomenally early and prolific run of Spring salmon this year. Already they are catching them in great numbers on trolls. The herring run this Spring which was greater than was ever known before, is now over, every one of the myriads of little fish having left the harbor. Several hundred tons of the latter were put up this season for halibut bait and domestic use. The Crippen Boneless Herring Co., Ltd., will account for quite a large amount of the catch set aside for domestic use. In this connection it is worthy of note that an excellent picture of Mr. Crippen's exhibit at the pure food congress that has been lately held in Vancouver is to be found in last week's number of the Vancouver Saturday Evening Sun.

MADERO'S BROTHER SHOT AND KILLED

Word Has Been Received at Mexico City of the Shooting of Emilio Madero at North Monterey.

(Special to The Daily News.)
Mexico City, Feb. 25.—Emilio Madero, brother of the late ex-President Madero, was shot and killed at North Monterey according to information received here.

CITY BAND FOR PRINCE RUPERT

Enthusiastic Meeting Held Last Sunday—Permanent Quarters to Be Acquired.

At a meeting, called by Mr. Al. Prescott of the Westholme Orchestra, at the theatre last Sunday, for the purpose of forming a city band, there were seventeen local musicians present. An organization was formed, and Mr. Prescott was unanimously appointed leader. Quarters will be immediately procured for the purpose of band practices, which will also be available at all times, for the use of the members who may desire to do so. It was considered most encouraging to see such a large turn out at the organizing meeting on Sunday, and everything looks favorable for Prince Rupert having a city band, in the near future, that will hold its own with any in the province.