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SCUTARI PUZZLE VERY PERPLEXING.

All the powers remain agreed that Scutari must be evacuated, and the difficulty the British foreign minister is contending with is how to reconcile their different views of the methods by which the evacuation can best be obtained. Germany and Italy are both pledged to support Austria, though both would prefer concerted separate action and are counselling patience. If Austria's patience is exhausted Italy will probably decide to take a hand with her, for Italy's interests in Albania are as vital as Austria's and she cannot allow her ally to act alone. France and Russia are with Great Britain agreed about the eventual evacuation of Scutari, but Russia is particularly averse to coercive action until all other means have proven unavailing and the other two powers of the triple entente take a similar line.

In the meantime, it is suggested, a middle course out of the difficulty may be found. This would consist in giving more active form to the blockade by the international fleet off the Montenegrin coast, which has hitherto excited merriment on the part of King Nicholas' subjects, and in landing from the fleet a detachment to seize Antavari and Dulcingo, so as to show Montenegro that Europe is in earnest about Scutari. Such a step it is argued would satisfy Austria that the European concert is not playing her false and induce her to consent not to take separate action for ten or twelve days, during which Montenegro might come to her senses, and also have an opportunity of settling the terms of compensation which King Nicholas requires for abandoning Scutari.

TENDER SYMPATHY FOR THE DUCHESS

Two years ago the people of Canada would have felt a sympathetic and loyal interest in the dangerous illness of the Duchess of Connaught. Since Her Royal Highness has lived in this country, visited much of it and become known to many of the people, the sympathy and interest are more personal and intimate. In some way millions of people who never see, or only see at a distance a lady in the position of the wife of the governor-general, are able to form a fair estimate of her character and disposition. The people of Canada learned to appreciate the charm, kindliness and goodness of the Duchess of Connaught during her too short stay in this country, and their thoughts are with her and her family in this time of trial and trouble.

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PACIFIC TRADE ROUTE MUST BE PROTECTED BY DOMINIONS

NEW ZEALAND MINISTER SAYS CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND HAVE THAT DUTY TO ATTEND TO AT ONCE

Montreal, May 1—In an impressive speech delivered before the Canadian Club today, Colonel Allen, Minister of Finance and Defence in the New Zealand government, dealt with the broad issues of imperial defence, making more especial reference to the movements in his own country in that direction. The speech was very warmly received.

To himself as a New Zealander passing through Canada, said the speaker, it seemed strange that Canadians should be divided into easterners and westerners, and that when national problems faced the country they would find distinctions between the two.

"I am speaking," he said "from a non-partizan standpoint and it would be wrong of me to do other wise.

"I do not know what is in your minds and I shall not try to make out. I am concerned with a much larger question, if one day you will stand by us. Can we, gentlemen of Canada, depend on you? I can give you and the empire as a whole, this assurance, that we shall be prepared to stand by the empire. We already have taken one step in that direction and we shall be ready to do it again if the mother country finds it necessary to ask for further help."

Col. Allen went on to speak of the importance of preserving the British supremacy in the Pacific and to protect trade in that ocean.

"We cannot alone in New Zealand and Australia," he said, "protect the Pacific. The trade routes must be kept open if the empire is to stand. They are the bonds of empire and we are determined, so far as possible, to make the necessary sacrifices to keep them open."

STEWART NOTES

An official announcement is made that on May 1st a customs office will be opened at Anyox (Granby Bay.

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The apparatus of the fire department was changed from sleighs to wheels at the Tuesday meeting of the members.

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Mrs. White, wife of the superintendent at the Portland Canal tunnel, left on the Thursday boat to visit her people in Spokane.

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Some spectacular snowslides have been witnessed during the week on Mt. Gladstone, to the east of the town, across Bear River.

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Jack Anderson returned the first of the week from an extended trip to the foot of Meziaden Lake and eastward up the Naas River.

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Spring has arrived. This week snow drops were up and in flower and tulips are six inches out of the ground in the garden of Mining Recorder John Conway. Swallows also returned the first of the week.

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Nurse Burpee wired the hospital board stating that she would accept the position offered her and would reach Stewart on the 8th of May. Meanwhile the hospital will have a thorough spring cleaning and everything put in shape for its reopening.

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Gordon Runkle, who is heavily interested in land locations in the Naas River valley, left for his holdings on Sunday, accompanied by Charley Miller. He will first inspect some twenty sections up the Hanna and Cotton creeks, afterward journeying south to the White River holdings. He represents Boston capital.

Caused by Engine Spark.

Moosejaw, Sask., April 29.—Suspicion points to the fact that the big fire which raged through the Blue Mountains for the past two weeks was due to a spark from a C. P. R. locomotive. The fire was traced back for fifty miles to a place where it started beside the C. P. R. track, and whence it branched out fan shape for many miles in all directions.

WON'T CHANGE NAME OF OLD FORT GEORGE

Provincial Government Declines to Consent to Grand Trunk Pacific's Request

Victoria, May 1—Attorney-General Bowser has advised the Grand Trunk Pacific Land Co. that the consent of the government of British Columbia will not be given to the application for recognition of the new G. T. P. townsite on the old Indian reserve at the junction of the Fraser and Nechaco rivers as Prince George, the established name of this identical section being Fort George, a name bestowed by Simon Fraser a century ago and possessing both historical and geographical fixity and value.

The postmaster-general of Canada has taken a similar view of the application and declined to grant recognition to Prince George as designating the location of a federal post office.

Besides mischievously and unnecessarily disturbing an historic name, it is felt that to change the designation of Fort George would necessitate much expense in the correction of maps, would work inconvenience and confusion among investors and others interested the world over, and might very possibly operate most unjustly to owners in townsites established and developed within the area generally so entitled. As to the authority of the attorney-general to veto the name selected by the townsite company, Hon. Mr. Bowser says that it is unchallengeably complete as contained within the covers of the Land Registry Act.

Municipal Foundry.

Calgary, April 29. — Calgary will probably establish a municipal foundry, on account of the excessive price that the city is compelled to pay for castings and iron work. The undertaking was favorably considered by the new industries committee of the city council today.

Lord Alfred Douglas Case.

London, April 29.—Lord Alfred Douglas was indicted yesterday for criminally libelling his father-in-law, Colonel Custance. He gave an undertaking to the recorder not to repeat the offence, and was bound over to appear for sentence when called upon.

WILL MOTOR UP TO THE ALASKA LINE

Well Known Writer to Follow Telegraph Line from Ashcroft to Alaska Frontier.

Vancouver, May 1.—A motor trip from San Francisco north through the Coast States and British Columbia to the Alaska boundary line in the vicinity of Skagway is the ambitious undertaking which Mr. E. Alexander Powell, F. R. G. S., globe trotter, war correspondent and magazine writer will attempt in July and August. The visitor, who recently returned from the Balkans, where he represented the Review of Reviews, will be accompanied by Mrs. Powell. He called on Mr. J. T. Phelan, superintendent of Yukon telegraphs, today in order to obtain information respecting the best available route through Northern British Columbia.

Mr. Powell will write a series of descriptive articles of his long trip for Sunset, a Pacific Coast monthly, and these later will be published by Scribners in book form under the title "The End of the Trail." His itinerary will include a ride from this city to Ashcroft, thence over the Cariboo road to Quesnel and on to Fort George, thence westward to Hazelton and northward into the hinterland via Telegraph Creek. Mr. Powell has already covered the country from Douglas, Arizona, via Death Valley, to San Francisco.

ALL READY TO OPEN THE WHALING SEASON

Four Whalers Arrive at Their Stations at Rose Harbor and Naden Harbor.

After holding out for higher wages for some time, the seamen and firemen of the whaling steamers have come to a compromise with the Canadian North Pacific Fisheries, Ltd. The strikers have been granted an increase in their wages and they should make good money this season.

The whalers William Grant and Brown will operate out of Rose Harbor and the Black and Blue out of Naden Harbor. The whalers arrived at their stations on the Queen Charlottes last week.

It is a question at the present time as to what the coming season holds in store for the whalers. Some reports say that there are few whale, while others say that there are just as many mammals in British Columbia waters as there ever were. It will not be long before it can be estimated what the prospects are.

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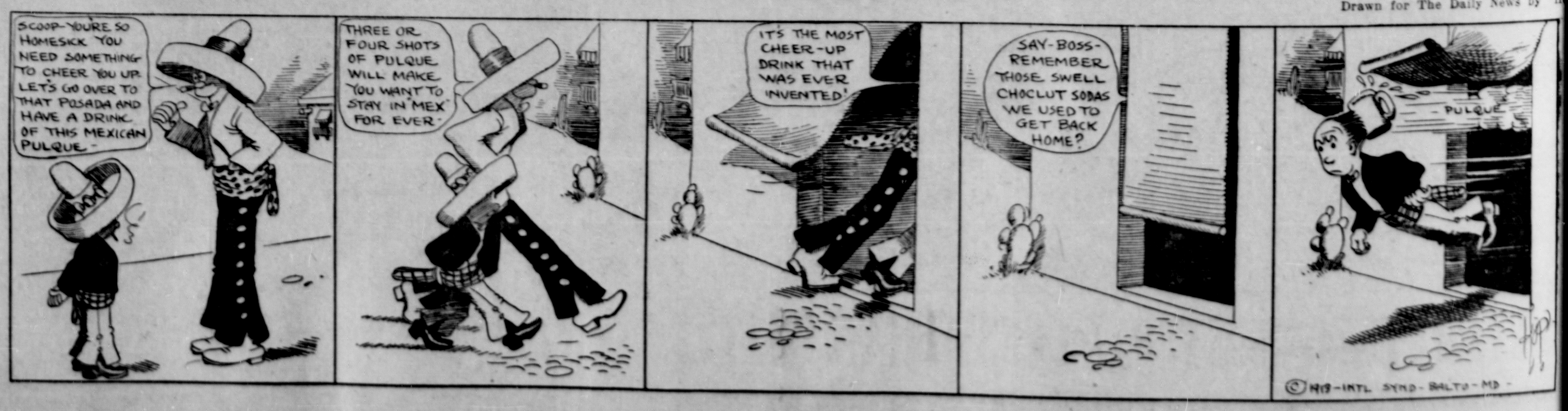
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