

A LOSS OF MILLIONS TO THE SALMON INDUSTRY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

C.N.R. Construction in Fraser River Blocks Ascent of Big Fish—Inquiry Will Be Held.

Ottawa, Oct. 30.—A loss of many millions of dollars to the British Columbia salmon fishing industry and probably the total disappearance of the famous "big run" of salmon every four years, is one of the startling and unexpected results of the construction of the new Canadian Northern transcontinental through the Fraser river basin. The loss is apparently irreparable. Capitalized it means to the Pacific coast fishing industry American and Canadian, in Puget Sound and on the Fraser river, possibly half as much as the whole C.N.R. transcontinental has cost to construct.

At August last at the time of the big salmon quadrennial run of salmon up the Fraser river to the spawning grounds, it was discovered that millions of salmon were being jammed back from further ascent of the river beyond the narrow pass at Hell's Gate, where C.N.R. construction combined with unusually high water on the Fraser, had altered the currents and eddies in the river from previous years. The fish were unable to go up against the current and reach their usual spawning grounds. The blasting and filling operations for the C.N.R. along the edge of the river at this point had so altered the current that the salmon could not take advantage of the cross-currents and eddies of preceding years to make headway against the abnormally swift flow of water. In consequence millions of the big four-year-old fish tumbled back or died without spawning. Efforts were promptly made by the provincial fisheries authorities to restore normal conditions and part of the C.N.R. construction work was hastily demolished. A comparatively small number of salmon go through to the spawning grounds but the number was nothing like the total of the usual "big run year." It was equal only to the normal of the three "off years."

The result will be that four years hence, when the salmon spawned this year come back to maturity to spawn, the run will be only the usual normal run of the past three years. The recurrence of the "big run" every four years depends of course, on the spawning being equally maintained. This year, which was a "big year," the salmon came up the river in the expected number and the total catch was an immense one. But the number of fish spawning fell far below the normal big run year in 1911, will, therefore, according to the fears of the fisheries experts, prove to be a comparative failure. And, consequently, too, four years after that and for every fourth succeeding year the same conditions will apply. The difference in the value of the catch between the "big year" and the "off year" is at least \$4,000,000 or \$5,000,000.

As a result, there will, henceforth, be no "big year." It may be that a similar blockade of salmon was caused when the C.P.R. was built through the Fraser river canyon and in this way the explanation of the mystery of the recurring three year periods of comparatively small runs. An alienating of the currents on the fourth year after the C.P.R. was constructed may have followed a change in the railway line at the point of blockade. Thus the fish might have got all through to the spawning beds with the result that four years later there would be a similar big run.

In order to prevent a similar blockade of salmon in the Fraser river near Hell's Gate next year, runways for the fish are now being made and currents

are being directed so as to give the fish an opportunity to "tack" upstream at the places now made impassable through the narrowing or the straightening of the narrows by the C.N.R. work. The total cost of the remedial measures now under way will be probably nearly \$250,000. An effort may be made by the government to make the C. N. R. pay for this expenditure.

MEN IN THEIR PRIME

Census Expert Refutes Accusation About Waning Abilities.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Charges that a man in past his prime at 40 years have been hurled back in the teeth of critics by Dr. Cressy L. Wilbur, chief statistician of the Census Bureau. It isn't so, says Dr. Wilbur. And he ought to know, for he himself is 48 years old.

The statistician indignantly denies many of the assertions made with reference to the value of men who have passed the fortieth milestone and whose hair is growing scant and somewhat gray.

"Some alarmist figures and statements," he says, "have recently been published on the alleged authority of the Census Bureau's mortality statistics which are, in fact, entirely unwarranted by the data contained in the government report."

The government scientist insists that men of 40 can and do "come back" and that their commercial and industrial value is not impaired at that age. He cites mortality figures to bolster his contentions.

PROTEST SEAMEN'S BILL

Impossible To Handle Traffic Under Its Provisions.

Chicago, Oct. 30.—Charges that the LaFollette Seamen's bill would make it impossible to handle passenger traffic on lake steamships were made yesterday at a meeting of the Lake Michigan Steamship Lines. The steamship men contended that it would be impossible to comply with the provisions of the bill demanding lifeboat provisions for every passenger and members of the crew. The provision that each lifeboat must be manned by two able seamen would result in an expense that would be prohibitive, they said. On steamships, like the larger excursion boats, nearly two hundred lifeboats would be necessary, according to the law. This would entail four hundred able seamen to the exclusion of most of the passengers.

A meeting of the Association of Lake Passenger Steamship Lines will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, to adopt a plan for fighting the La Follette bill.

UNEARLY NERO'S PALACE

Buildings of Imperial and Republican Epochs At Rome.

Rome, Oct. 30.—Prof. Boni, who is carrying out excavations in the ruins of the Palatine Hill, has located the imperial palace of Nero and Caligula (Caius Caesar) and also that of Domitian, of a slightly later period, the foundation of the imperial throne being uncovered.

The excavators have come upon seven houses of the republican epoch, a complicated network of pipes and drains and several circular rooms cut in the Tufa stone, and lined with plaster to prevent dampness.

Would Appoint a Woman.

Chicago, Oct. 30.—A woman for chief of police of Chicago is being considered seriously by Mayor Harrison, according to a story to-day.

The mayor has not made known his choice for successor to Chief McWeeny, resigned, but Mrs. Gertrude Howe Britton looks large in the mayor's canvas of the field, it is said. The mayor declined to discuss the matter.

Mrs. Britton is a woman of independent means, who has been prominent as a social worker. She is familiar with police work, is a member of the police examining board of the civil service commission and lectures in the public schools.

Not long ago Mayor Harrison appointed the policewomen for special service, including censorship of dancing in public halls. They were instructed to-day to report to Major Funkhouser, second assistant deputy of police, to receive instructions.

At the recent elections in Mexico Huerta's emissaries practically held guns at the heads of voters compelling them to vote for Huerta's men or stay away from the polls.

A SPLENDID MAN

Joseph E. Willard, Ambassador To Spain.



Scion of one of the proudest families of the old dominion, Joseph E. Willard, of Richmond, has become the first ambassador to Spain.

Willard is an old line democrat who leaped from the Virginia legislature to the lieutenant-governorship. He was with Fitzhugh Lee in Cuba, and has since made a feature of anti-corporation work. He is heavily interested in hotel and similar properties in Washington and Virginia, and is one of the progressive business men of his state. Willard landed the Madrid post as the result of manoeuvring of his old friend, Flood of Virginia, who secured caucus approval of legislation to raise the location at Madrid to the rank of an embassy. Willard's salary as ambassador is \$17,500 a year. A long string of clubs, including a hunt club, a Jekyll Island club, and the aristocratic Metropolitan at Washington, will miss him during the Wilson administration.

MORE HINDUS COMING

Those Ordered Deported Have Appealed To Ottawa.

Victoria, B.C., Oct. 30.—The immigration authorities here have been given to understand that there are many more Hindus coming to the coast on the next in-bound steamer, the Seattle Maru. Steps will be taken to see that none but those complying strictly with the regulations of the immigration act will be permitted to enter. The Seattle Maru should reach port Thursday. The thirty-nine Hindus arriving on the Panama Maru, who have been ordered deported by the immigration board, have appealed to Ottawa through their lawyers. In accordance with the Immigration act sufficient funds being posted providing for their maintenance here.

Name To Siberia By Wireless.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 30.—The first commercial message handled by wireless, between America and Asia, was transmitted yesterday, from the United States army signal corps station at Nome, Alaska, to the Russian government station at Anadyr, Siberia. It was a Russian government message from St. Petersburg, addressed to Commander Wilkitzky, discoverer of the large body of land in the Arctic.

Whistling Swan Bagged.

Ayr, Ont., Oct. 30.—A very rare prize was bagged a few days ago by William Tiddell, a local hunter, in the shape of a fine specimen of whistling swan. The bird measured seven feet from tip to tip and was in fine condition, being very fat and having beautiful white plumage. It is very seldom this species of bird is seen in Ontario, its chief haunts being in the Mississippi Valley and along the Atlantic coast.

Shirley Manor, near Bradford, England, the house mentioned in Charlotte Brontë's novel, "Shirley," was set on fire by militant suffragettes, and partly burned.

AT THE GRAND

To-night "The Quaker Girl" Will Be Seen.

The one "un-Americanized musical comedy" in the way a famous New York reviewer described "The Quaker Girl" which comes to the Grand to-night. The big musical comedy will be presented here exactly as it was presented for one year at the Park Theatre, New York, with Victor Morley in the principal male role. Eighty-six picked singers are in the company which comes and goes in state by special train and carries enough scenic embellishments to stage two ordinary musical shows. The history of "The Quaker Girl" is pretty generally known by this time; but for those who have not heard of its ocean to ocean fame, it might be explained that the piece was originally produced by George Edwards in London and appeared there for over two years while another company was sent to Paris where it scored an equal hit. The late Henry B. Harris was the fortunate manager to secure the American rights and he produced the musical comedy absolutely unchanged, but with an American cast as a year ago at the Park Theatre, New York.

"The Shepherd of the Hills."

If you want to meet Sammy Lane and know all about her sweet, love, her thrilling life among those good and bad folk of the Ozarks—if you want to know about the man who would not fight for her, and also about the man who risked his life for her dear soul—if you want to know about Sammy's father, Jim Lane, the old Bald Knobber, Uncle Ike, the Postmaster at the Forks, with his "Ba Thundas," "Preachin' Bill," "A-sayin' things as good as David Harum," "Wash Gibbs" and the old "Shepherd"—and all the rest of the people who lived among the Hills, you can find it all in "The Shepherd of the Hills," the dramatization of Harold Bell Wright's novel, which comes to the Grand on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bargain matinee and night.

PADEREWSKI'S LIBEL SUIT

Objects To Being Classed With Any Other Pianist.

London, Oct. 30.—Ignace Paderewski, who is now fulfilling engagements in America, is the plaintiff in a libel suit, the hearing of which was begun in the high court here.

Paderewski objects to another musician being classed with him as "one of the greatest pianoforte players in the world." The defendant is Arthur Russell, a London concert agent. Paderewski says he has been injured in his credit and reputation by the action of Mr. Russell, who early this year billed an artist named Egon Petri in the terms "and as an artist whose playing can be classed with that of Paderewski."

Counsel informed the court that Paderewski had called from America saying he was unable to be present, to give evidence in person. Paderewski, it was added, objected to being associated with any other artist. The case was adjourned.

NO HEREDITARY GOVERNOR

Suggestion Was Bright Idea of Young Journalist.

London, Oct. 30.—The suggestion that the Duke of Connaught should become hereditary governor-general of Canada, as suggested by the Times, has not been received seriously, and is regarded merely as "the bright idea of some young journalist."

The Daily Mail correspondent says: "I have authority for stating that the suggestion is regretted both by the court and the government." Lord Strathcona, when interviewed, declined to discuss any statement based on the vaguest of rumors. But with regard to the possible succession of Prince Arthur of Connaught, he said that if this ever was proposed and accepted, Canada would surely welcome the prince and his bride, as they had already welcomed the Duke and Duchess of Connaught.

A great elm tree on Johnson street, above the first Baptist church, is being laid low to permit of the erection of a residence for D. A. Shaw. The tree is probably 150 years old.

Sir Ernest H. Shackleton announces his intention to start on another Antarctic expedition in 1914. Some Christians much rather discuss righteous wrath than tell of the Lord's mercy.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

100,000 CARS IN UNITED STATES AS YEAR'S ORDERS

\$10,000,000 Company—Chartered Under C.N.R. Name To Deal In Real Estate—Ex-President New Haven Believed To Have Made \$50,000 Profit.

Ottawa, Oct. 29.—The Canadian Northern Town Properties company, Ltd., has been incorporated by letters patent with \$10,000,000 capital and head offices in Toronto. The company is empowered to hold and develop city lots, farm lands, mineral or fruit lands, townships, grazing lands or other real estate or real property, to lay out streets, build houses, furnish gas and power and to lend money to customers and others having dealings with the company.

McEwen Sells Holdings.

Boston, Mass., Oct. 24.—President McEwen has sold all but one hundred shares of the 1,500 shares of New Haven stock which he owned while he was president of the system. He sold out after he had led according to the Boston news bureau, but his profits are not known. He sold out for more than \$100 a share, and his profits are guessed to be at least \$50,000.

The Building of Cars.

Montreal, Oct. 29.—A despatch from the United States that car-builders believe that no more than 100,000 cars will be bought by the railways this year, against 225,000 last year.

The output of cars in Canada this year will have shown exactly the opposite result, and will doubtless create a new high record, which, it is generally considered, is likely to stand for a couple of years.

Carriage Co. Has Good Year.

Montreal, Oct. 29.—An interest close to the Carriage Factories, Limited, points out that the company has had a "good year," and, while there has been a slight falling off in the volume of business done as compared with last year, still the profits will be well up to those of the previous year, owing to the benefit of better organization.

It is also stated that the company is in a stronger financial position, there having been a substantial reduction in loans from banks.

Bonds Over the Counter.

Montreal, Oct. 29.—Mayor Rudolph Blankenburg, of Philadelphia, announces that the \$2,200,000 thirty-year 4 per cent bonds authorized by the Philadelphia City Council, on October 3rd, will be offered at par, on public subscription, beginning next Monday.

Bad For Steel Company.

Toronto, Oct. 29.—Notwithstanding the fact that a section of opinion appears to favor the continuance of the dividend on Dominion Steel Corporation, the feeling here is becoming more pronounced that the dividend will be or should be suspended.

115,000,000 Lbs. of Rubber.

Washington, Oct. 29.—One hundred and thirteen million pounds of India rubber were imported into the United States during the year ended June 30, 1913.

This sets a new record in rubber imports, topping by three million pounds the imports for 1912. The value of the 1913 importations were \$101,000,000 against \$105,000,000 in 1912, the average price this year being 79c per pound, against 84c. in 1912, and \$1.06 in 1911.

Financial Notes.

There has been a large oversubscription for the \$10,000,000 of Chicago and Northwestern subsidiary five per cent bonds. From July 1st to date, the C.N.R. gross earnings were \$7,527,700. During same period last year, they were \$6,803,500, an increase of \$724,200.

The Beers Consolidated Mines, Ltd., net income for year ended June 30th \$15,000,000, gain of \$4,000,000. Of additional earnings \$1,000,000 was paid in dividends and balance added to general reserve.

The Hudson Bay company to-day made the announcement that they

propose to make an expenditure of twenty million dollars in connection with the development of the far north of Canada.

A net of \$1,500,000 means that the American Ice Co., will show this year the second largest net earnings in its history, exceeded only by the fiscal year, 1906. This result has been attained with ice prices greatly below those of 1906.

An increase of over \$25,000,000 in deposits with the Canadian chartered banks in Canada is the feature of the statement for September which was given out at Ottawa yesterday afternoon.

The Boston News Bureau estimates November dividend and interest disbursements payable in Boston at \$3,906,061, compared with \$7,928,200 in November a year ago and \$6,151,800 two years ago.

The net earnings of the Rirdon Pulp and Paper company for the first eight months of the present year, after deducting depreciation, etc., have been sufficient to cover the whole year's charges for debenture interest, amounting to \$30,000, and preference dividends totalling \$70,000.

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