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DIONNE QUINTUPLETS SCORE HIT WITH THE KING AND QUEEN

The Dionne quintuplets, dressed in their prettiest clothes and wide-eyed with amazement at seeing the outside world for the first time, were taken to Toronto aboard their special seven-car train "Quintland" to meet the King and Queen. They curtsied to the Queen without toppling over, then hugged and kissed both the King and Queen, gave them their autographs and pictures, and then the King and Queen talked to them for 19 minutes, after which the Queen remarked "they are the most beautiful children I ever have seen." Their majesties also met the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliva Dionne, Dr. Alan Ray Dafeo, the physician who became world famous with the birth of the babies, and three nurses who helped take the little girls to Toronto.

Each child, Marie, Cecile, Emilie, Annette and Yvonne, was dressed in a little long court dress of organza, with a white poke bonnet tied under the chin and falling back from the head, accentuating their brown hair. They wore mesh mittens tied with little ribbons, patent leather slippers and white socks. Their long dresses just permitted the toes of their shiny new slippers to be seen, and their little bonnets bobbed on their shoulders as they walked.

Queen Elizabeth presented each of the little girls with little white coats which she had brought from London.

Surprise Visit To Legislature

Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn of Ontario had arranged that after the children met and talked to the Queen and King - they should make a surprise appearance before 700 of the province's notables in the legislative chamber. In the chamber the speaker of the house, James A. Clark, garbed in a long black robe and wearing a tricorne hat, announced:

"Ladies and gentlemen, you have seen the King and Queen. Now you will see five queens, the world's darlings."

He said that Dr. Dafeo had asked the assembly to remain seated and silent. No applause or demonstration, please. The Quints would just pass thru the chamber and must not be frightened. Then they came in a charming procession, Papa and Mama with two between them, then the three nurses each with a quint by the hand. They looked around at all the people in as much wonder and amazement as did those whose eyes centered upon them.

On this occasion the little girls saw Dr. Dafeo for the first time in a top hat. "Voila Una Chapeau" (that's some hat) quipped Yvonne. The blue naval uniform of the King was a big attraction for Cecile and she wanted to feel the brass buttons and medals.

MINERS MUST DO ANNUAL ASSESSMENT WORK BEFORE JULY 1.

Prospectors have until July 1 to do \$100 of development work on their claims. If this is not done, claims in Alaska are subject to outright forfeiture.

Requirement for performance of the \$100 worth of labor on mining claims as annual assessment work was written into the 1872 mining laws as a means of establishing the good faith of the prospectors and promoting the development of the mineral resources of the country.

John Osseward, disbursing agent for the FERA, has raised the question of the legality of disbursing Matanuska funds for the benefit of Walter G. Pippel and John Stahler, settlers who have refused to join in the colony's co-operative marketing plan. To a person sitting on the side lines it appears, in Pippel's case particularly, that the one colonist who is in danger of repaying the government, is being persecuted - plenty. Pippel is said to have made \$10,000 to \$12,000 by marketing independently.

Skagway is preparing a "days of '98" potlatch to entertain the members of the National Editorial Association when they visit Skagway on June 25th. The male population are cultivating beards for the event, a fac simile of Soapy Smith will greet the editors while his gang makes the welkin ring with artillery.

Tom Sobel's cabin near Hope, burned to the ground this week. He was away at work. Forest Service workers drove a bulldozer across country and thru heavy snow and saved a pile of lumber which was stacked alongside the cabin.

Mink kittens are daily arrivals at both the Williams and the Christiansen mink farms. How many have arrived is not known as they are born in the dark nest boxes and not disturbed for feeding or counting, under three weeks.

Rhubarb sauce and pies are now on the family bill of fare in Moose Pass, bear roasts, tender fire-weed greens and wild onions.

Late report is that the Interior is suffering for rain. Mines are greatly hampered by lack of water and some of the river boats are plowing thru mud. This section needs rain - having been treated with mere showers so far.

Mrs. E. L. Robbins will be hostess at the next meeting of the Sewing Club on Wednesday, June 21.