

AWFUL SCENES IN 'QUAKE ZONE

ARMY OF GHOULS PREY UPON DEAD

Forty Thousand Corpses Lie Unburied, a Menace to Public Health.

Messina, Jan. 11.—The search for the buried victims of Italy's great earthquake continues...

On Saturday night a terrific tempest, accompanied by quake shocks arose...

The disinfecting of the city is progressing rapidly. Two depositaries, connected by ferry boats, have been established...

The survivors of the city fathers will meet on January 15th to elect officials to replace those dead...

General Mazza, in his report to the Premier yesterday, said that the recovery of valuables stolen from the ruins was progressing satisfactorily...

The American consulate, where the stores from the relief ship Bayern are being distributed, was besieged all day yesterday by a crowd of hungry refugees...

General Mazza, who is in supreme command here, thanked Ambassador Griscom warmly for the humanity and initiative of his countrymen...

The American fleet, which arrived here on Saturday morning, left at Saturday night. Admiral Sperry's last act before leaving was to send a launch with burial party to convey the body of Mrs. A. J. Ogston...

Rome, Jan. 11.—The Corriere Italia publishes an interview to-day with Gen. Mazza, dealing especially with the looting of the earthquake zone...

What especially preoccupies me is the succession of thefts since the first day of the disaster. Hundreds of native and foreign malefactors have poured into the devastated district...

The other night a group of peasants, who wanted to enter the city with evident motives of theft, fired against three carabinieri, wounding one seriously...

In order to clear the city of criminals my programme is to allow no one to enter the city except those whose interests make it absolutely necessary, and to them I will give an escort of sailors and soldiers to guard against any harm to public or private property...

"Above all it is necessary to obviate the danger of an epidemic. The 40,000 corpses, which are now putrefying under the debris, are a menace to public health. The greatest possible number of bodies will be exhumed and buried."

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NO ABATEMENT IN OREGON COLD WAVE

(Special to the Times.) Portland, Ore., Jan. 11.—The Oregon cold wave has lasted exactly a week and shows no sign of abatement...

FRANCE REVERTS TO GUILLOTINE

MOB CRIES OUT IN MAD THIRST FOR VENGEANCE

Horrible Features of First Executions Since Abolition of Capital Punishment.

Bethune, Calais, France, Jan. 11.—The first inflictions of capital punishment in France for a number of years past were witnessed in this town to-day, when four murderers were decapitated by the guillotine...

The record of crime against the four men was a large one. Working together they formed a band which had terrorized northern France and southern Belgium for several years...

As the condemned men were led out of prison, cries of vengeance arose from the assembled crowd, and as the knife fell four times in a rapid succession, the people present did not hesitate to evidence their satisfaction...

The French parliament, recently passed a resolution in favor of the retention of the death penalty in France, and the cabinet a fortnight ago decided to carry out the parliament's ruling...

The executions were carried out rather quickly, yet the multitude from the town and the surrounding country, which gathered that night, was most impatient, and upon the appearance of the condemned men began yelling for instant death...

The effect upon the crowd was the most horrible feature of the execution. As the condemned men marched defiantly towards the steps of the platform, cries of rage broke from the crowd, which endeavored to break through the lines of soldiers...

The men brutally repulsed a priest who sought to console them. The troops, immediately after the execution dispersed the crowd, and ended what was regarded by the spectators as a degrading spectacle...

Anglo-American Waterways' Treaty. Approval of Canada and Newfoundland Sought by Colonial Office.

London, Jan. 11.—The foreign office is awaiting the opinion of Canada and Newfoundland on the drafts of the waterways and fisheries treaties agreed to by United States Secretary of State Root and Ambassador Bryce...

While not willing to express an opinion with regard to this subject, it is understood that the foreign office officials think that the draft of this treaty is one that might be accepted very willingly by Canada...

In fact, on the principle that a commission should be appointed, the governments are agreed that the only differences arising in the matter is how the agreement shall be carried out...

The draft of the fisheries treaty has only just been forwarded to the colonial office, although the colonies are being consulted which the colonies are being consulted...

The waterways draft agreement is very technical, but its chief point is the establishment of a commission to deal with the water divisions between Canada and the United States...

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THE PUZZLED DANCERS.

A. J. M.—What is this, Lewis—a Psalm or a Reel?

STREET RAILWAY WILL SELL OUT TO WINNIPEG

Deal Involving \$12,000,000 in Contemplation—Prairie Capital's Municipal Activity.

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 11.—Impressed by the earnestness of the citizens on the power question, the letting of tenders for the development of municipal power amounting to a million dollars, and the go-ahead policy of the new city council, the Winnipeg Street Railway Company has signified its willingness to sell out to a trade committee...

The valuation is believed to be twelve millions.

CONDEMNNS PANAMA CANAL

French Engineer May Address New York Chamber of Commerce on Subject.

Paris, Jan. 11.—Bunau-Varilla, a French engineer, who has freely criticized the Isthmus Canal construction, has called to Gustav Schwab, of New York, expressing his readiness to go to that city, should the chamber of commerce endorse Mr. Schwab's proposal that he address that body on the Panama Canal...

\$100,000 FIRE LOSS.

Stone Block at Taber, Alta., Is Entirely Gutted.

(Special to the Times.) Taber, Alta., Jan. 11.—The Taber Trading Company's store, W. Douglas, owner, a stone block, which contained the post office and the Eastern Township Bank, was destroyed by fire on Saturday night. The Douglas losses are \$100,000. The total loss is \$100,000.

INDEMNITY FOR SEIZED PROVINCES

Turkey Reported to Have Rejected Austria's Offer of Compensation.

Constantinople, Jan. 11.—It is reported here that the council of ministers has decided to reject the offer of Austria to pay Turkey 2,500,000 Turkish pounds (\$10,000,000) as an indemnity for the annexation of the provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina. France is informed.

Paris, Jan. 11.—Count Von Khvevnhuller, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador, has officially informed Foreign Minister Pichon of the offer of his government of 2,500,000 pounds, Turkish, to Turkey in settlement of the question of the annexation by his government of the provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

ILL-ASSORTED PAIR. Sexagenarian Lothario Is Tamed and Feathered by Thameside Residents.

Thamesville, Ont., Jan. 11.—A sixty-year-old Lothario named Owens, who has been living with a twenty-year-old girl here, was taken from his house, given a coat of tar and feathers and told to "skidoo." He went to Detroit.

DIAZ AT BULL FIGHT. Proceeds of Entertainment to Go to Italian Earthquake Sufferers.

Mexico City, Jan. 11.—President Diaz and his cabinet yesterday attended a bull fight given for the benefit of the Italian earthquake sufferers. Five thousand dollars in gold was added to the Mexico relief fund.

C. P. R. PURCHASES WINNIPEG TRIBUNE

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 11.—It is stated here to-day that C. P. R. interests have bought the Tribune, a newspaper here which in future will issue two editions daily and receive the Associated Press service, which is not taken now by any of the Winnipeg papers. The new editor will be Victor Odum, of Vancouver.

R. Richardson, the present editor, retires from the Tribune this month.

LIBERAL RALLY AT NANAIMO

JOHN OLIVER WILL ADDRESS ELECTORS

Preparing for the Bye-election in the Coal City Tomorrow.

The bye-election in Nanaimo will be held to-morrow so that little time is given for the conduct of the campaign, the nominations taking place only on Saturday. The bye-election was made necessary through the resignation of J. H. Hawthornthwaite to contest the Dominion seat against Ralph Smith. His defeat allowed him to again contest the seat for the local legislature. While no representative of the McBride government has been placed in the field against the Socialist, C. H. Barker has been nominated in the Liberal interests. To-night a grand rally is being held in the Liberal interests in the opera house, Nanaimo. John Oliver, M. P., is to be present, and H. C. Brewster, M. P., is to have spoken also. He missed the train this morning however and will therefore not be present. In Revelstoke, when Hon. Thomas Taylor goes back for election, after being sworn in a member of the government, the Liberals will put no candidate in the seat. The Socialists, however, have nominated N. H. Considine, so that an election is necessary. The election will take place next Saturday, the 16th.

LADY TO TRAMP 8,000 MILES THROUGH AFRICA

Wilds Have No Terror for Miss Mansfield — Expects to Meet Roosevelt.

London, Jan. 11.—Miss Charlotte Mansfield, an adventurous young authoress, sailed for Capetown on Saturday with the intention of starting on a lonely tramp, of 8,000 miles toward the Cape. Two thousand miles of the journey will be through the wilds of central Africa. Miss Mansfield's only escort will be thirty native carriers. At Nairobi she expects to meet President Roosevelt.

Miss Mansfield is an athletic young woman, and, although she has never been in Africa before, the journey, she says, has no terrors for her. She says she has tramped alone in several of the out-of-way districts of Europe. She is a good shot, and expects to supply herself with fresh meat with her rifle. Otherwise her party will rely upon the resources of the country, corn, rice, measles and fruit.

BRITISH CAPITAL FOR LAKE SUPERIOR PLANT

Old Land Syndicate Takes Over Great Enterprise—Will Invest Millions.

(Special to the Times.) Toronto, Ont., Jan. 11.—The great enterprise of the Lake Superior corporation at Sault Ste. Marie has been taken over by a British syndicate, which will invest millions in the development of the plant. The transfer is of immense importance to Ontario and to Canada as a whole.

TAFT'S CABINET POLICY. Augusta, Ga., Jan. 11.—Beyond the reiteration of the announcement that Philander C. Knox will be secretary of state and Frank Hitchcock postmaster general in his cabinet, President-elect Taft has determined that no other cabinet appointments shall be known until March 4th. To make this determination effective, he will deny all cabinet rumors, predictions or announcements from any source or quarter whatsoever.

DEATH OF AMERICAN DUCHESS.

Dorking, England, Jan. 11.—The Dowager Duchess of Marlborough, who was Mrs. Louise Hamersley, of New York city, is dead.

SKATING FATALITIES IN EASTERN CANADA

(Special to the Times.) Parry Sound, Ont., Jan. 11.—Elli Gibson, the son of a turnkey, here, and Jessie Robertson were drowned while skating on Sunday. Tragedy of Heroism. Owen Sound, Ont., Jan. 11.—Robert Hammond was drowned after having saved the life of a girl with whom he was skating.

CANDIDATES ARE NOMINATED EVERY OFFICE IS BEING CONTESTED

List of Those Who Seek Suffrages of the People Next Thursday.

William W. Northcott, returning officer, at noon to-day read the writs for the election of mayor, aldermen and school trustees in the police court at the city hall, and received nominations up till 2 p. m.

When the nominations closed there were two candidates for mayor, three for aldermen in Ward 1, four in Ward 2, four in Ward 3, three in Ward 4, and four in Ward 5.

Seven nominations were received for the three vacancies on the board of school trustees, among which were two of the three retiring trustees, George Jay and Walter E. Staneland. Mr. Jay had decided to retire but at the very earnest solicitation of his friends he at last consented to again run. The third retiring trustee, Henry F. Bishop, was nominated for alderman in Ward 2.

The complete nominations are as follows: FOR MAYOR. Alfred J. Morley, 866 Heywood street, retired citizen—Proposer, Geo. McCandless; seconder, John W. Morris. Dr. Lewis Hall, 502 Catherine street, dental surgeon—Proposer, Cuyler A. Holland; seconder, Ernest A. Hall, M. D.

FOR ALDERMEN. Ward 1. William C. Stewart, 744 Hill street, real estate dealer—Proposer, Wm. B. Deaville; seconder, A. J. Bechtel. William James Mable, 223 Russell street, carriage builder—Proposer, Jas. McFarlane; seconder, D. G. McEwen. Henry Norman, 628 Hillside avenue, carpenter—Proposer, W. S. Chambers; seconder, H. F. Bishop.

Ward 2. Henry F. Bishop, freight and ticket agent—Proposer, L. Goodman; seconder, W. S. Chambers. W. H. Russell Humber, 610 Gorge road, manager brick works—Proposer, Richard Hall; seconder, Thos. W. Paterson. John Meston, 100 North Park street, carriage builder—Proposer, Geo. A. Porter; seconder, Wm. R. Hick. Edward Bragg, 1157 Fisguard street, contractor—Proposer, Jas. Baker; seconder, Robert Dinsdale.

Ward 3. W. F. Fullerton, 1342 Pembroke street, carpenter and joiner—Proposer, Wm. J. Rennie; seconder, Alfred Clement. Edward F. Geiger, 717 Queen's avenue, master plumber—Proposer, J. E. Wilson; seconder, F. A. Jackson. Alexander Stewart, 145 North Park street, monument dealer—Proposer, F. A. Pauline; seconder, Jos. E. Wilson. Wm. A. Gleason, 1448 Vining street, contractor—Proposer, Albert J. Pineo; seconder, Frank Andrews.

Ward 4. Wm. Geo. Winterburn, 1637 Oak Bay avenue, consulting engineer—Proposer, G. H. Barnard; seconder, H. Galloway. Percy A. Raymond, 816 Linden avenue, manager—Proposer, L. Goodman; seconder, Wm. T. Williams. Angus McKeown, 1305 Yates street, manufacturer—Proposer, D. Spencer; seconder, Frank W. Grant.

Ward 5. Anton Henderson, 522 Rupert street, retired manager—Proposer, W. J. Pendray; seconder, John Parker. John A. Turner, 1029 Yates street, broker—Proposer, J. H. McGregor; seconder, Wm. Christie. T. N. Hibben, Victoria, B. C., stationer—Proposer, H. J. Scott; seconder, John A. Hall. Albert Geo. Sargison, 233 Menzies street, journalist—Proposer, Thos. B. Macabe; seconder, A. E. Sargison.

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES. Patrick W. Dempster, 1707 Blanchard street, blacksmith; proposer, R. Sinclair; seconder, Geo. A. Porter. Walter E. Staneland, 1721 Richmond avenue, manufacturer—Proposer, Ernest A. Hall; seconder, R. B. McMicking. George Jay, Elford street, barrister-at-law—Proposer, Fred Norris; seconder, L. Goodman. Leonard Tait, business manager—Proposer, John R. Collier; seconder, John Fullerton. Walter Walker, 1192 Fort street, coal merchant—Proposer, Thos. Shotbolt; seconder, L. Goodacre. Adams Edwards, 635 Yates street, merchant—Proposer, Thomas Gough; seconder, L. Goodacre. Wm. McKay, 816 Government street, stonecutter—Proposer, T. Gough; seconder, T. Lyditt.

CIVIC BOARD OF CONTROL FAVORED SYSTEM SUCCESSFUL IN OTHER CITIES

Necessity for Open Meetings of Committees of Council Emphasized.

The proposition put before the city council by Mayor Hall, looking to the creation of a board of control here, appears to be meeting with a good deal of favor, especially coming at a time when citizens are voting complaints about the way some of the civic public works are carried out.

A feature of this form of administration which, evidently appeals to the ratepayer is that it provides a sort of general management over all the civic business which members of a city council, however hard-working and faithful, have not the time to exercise. The result is the same, whether a board of control or of commissioners is chosen. In the latter case, as in Edmonton, the management is in the hands of salaried servants of the council, appointed by it, who see that its orders are properly carried out. A board of control is analogous to a cabinet, in that the people elect its members, who sit and vote in council and exercise a considerable influence in the deliberations and legislation of the larger body. Like an executive council, too, its powers are very wide but its supervision of business is closer and more detailed.

The board of control idea, as followed in Canada, is copied largely from Toronto, where it has been a great success. Several Ontario cities have adopted it, Ottawa being the latest, and in the west Winnipeg is now under its first board. These bodies are elected by the people, the controllers sitting in council on an equality with the aldermen. In Toronto the board consists of four controllers, exclusive of the mayor, who is chairman. A requisite qualification for office is at least two years' previous service in the council either as mayor or alderman. Every member of the present board is experienced in municipal affairs. Controller Spence, for instance, who left office this year having been connected with the council for some twelve or fifteen years. There are the usual committees of council, dealing with the several departments of municipal service, but all reports from them pass through the hands of the board of control, and that body can refuse its approval to any recommendations and strike these out before passing the reports on to council. The estimates from all the departments come before the board for final revision and the tax rate is struck by it. The council has, of course, a two-thirds veto on the board, but it is rarely that this majority can be mustered against any of its proposals. The board meets every second day, but frequently its sessions are daily. Meeting at half-past nine or ten it generally has business enough to keep it until one o'clock and often an afternoon sitting is necessary. It is in constant communication with all the departmental heads, and the members go out and see works in progress or projected, when this is considered useful. The meetings of the board are public and the ratepayers are kept thoroughly acquainted with all the details of their own business. In Edmonton civic affairs are administered by commissioners. There are five of these in addition to the mayor, and the trio conduct all the civic business. The city council acts in a legislative capacity and decides what shall be done; the commissioners see that this is done efficiently and economically. There is more work for them in the Alberta capital than officials of any other city of the same size have, as there municipal ownership has gone farther. The city, in addition to the ordinary services performed for its citizens by a municipality, owns and operates the lighting plant, the telephone system and the street car line. One of the commissioners is a financial man, and is in charge of the inside work at the city hall, being virtually city clerk and treasurer. The other is commissioner of works and has the oversight of all the civic operations outside. There is a city engineer and each department—water, light, telephone, street railway—is under a superintendent. The city is fortunate at the present time in having excellent men in its employ as commissioners and superintendents. With all the heads of departments the council keeps closely in touch. There are no committees of council; the whole body sits in committee, in public, every Monday evening and the following evening sits in council. More publicity in regard to Victoria's civic affairs is advocated by many ratepayers and even by some aldermen. It is whispered that although the council is, on the eve of a civic election, investigating allegations of want of harmony among civic officials and lack of system in carrying on street works the aldermen have not suddenly become aware of these allegations, any more than they have been in ignorance of specific complaints. These things have been talked over at the streets, bridges and sewers committee, with some warmth at times, it is rumored, but the public have not been aware of that. Had they been so, through open meetings, it is doubtful whether matters would have drifted on as they have done. A report is made to council weekly, of course, of the matters upon which the committee has made orders or come to council.

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