

OFFER CANNOT BE HELD OPEN

B. C. ELECTRIC WANT
REPLY BY JULY 20

Agreement for Reduction of
Lighting Rates Has Been
Long Pending.

The city council will have to hurry up if the citizens are not to lose the opportunity of securing a reduction of lighting and power rates from the B. C. Electric Railway Company. After lying unacknowledged and untouched on the table of the council for three months the agreement was taken up a fortnight ago and discussed by the aldermen. A few changes were made at the suggestion of the city barrister and the draft sent on to Vancouver for consideration by the directors.

On Monday a letter from A. T. Goward, local manager of the company, was read, agreeing to all the amendments but one. A fair draft of the agreement as the company is willing to have it go through was enclosed and in regard to this Mr. Goward said that if it was not acceptable negotiations must cease. He trusted that the city would be able to give the company a definite answer before Tuesday next, July 20th, on which date the company's proposals will have to be regrettably withdrawn, if not accepted before that date.

It was decided that the draft be sent on to the city barrister for an opinion, and that it be dealt with on Thursday evening at a special meeting.

A quantity of lumber and other material left after the completion of Smith's Hill reservoir was suggested by the water commissioner to be sold. Ald. Turner and Ald. Bishop insisted on getting a report on the present condition of the reservoir and its leakage before acting on this suggestion.

A resolution to that effect was passed. Ald. Henderson stated that the waterworks expert intended taking the aldermen round to the reservoirs work.

New tenders for paving Wharf street were received from H. W. E. Carnavan and from M. Sabine and D. S. Stevens, and referred to a committee consisting of the mayor, Ald. Turner, Ald. Henderson, city engineer and purchasing agent. The tenders were itemized but no totals were given.

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ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Helena, Mont., July 13.—During a scuffle for the possession of a revolver with which he had threatened to kill his girl stenographer, Fred Schegelmilch, of Boston, Mass., was Sunday shot and instantly killed and yesterday a coroner's jury exonerated the young woman from all blame.

The fatal accident occurred at Salmon, Idaho, where Schegelmilch was giving a party. It is stated he became jealous because of the attention of the young woman was paying to other men and pulled a revolver from his pocket, at the same time threatening her. She then drew a pistol and fired, hitting him in the chest. He was taken to the hospital but died before he could be removed. He was a well-known character here from Boston. He was superintendent of the Bohannon Bar Placer Mining Company at Salmon.

REDUCES PROPOSED TAX ON CORPORATIONS

Placed at One Per Cent. as Result of Conference in
Tariff Bill.

Washington, D. C., July 13.—At a conference at the White House yesterday, it was definitely decided that the rate to be levied under the new corporation tax shall be reduced from two to one per cent, and in re-drafting the measure to meet various objections that have been raised, due consideration shall be given to the demands of the mutual life insurance companies whose income would be seriously affected by the tax in its original form.

President Taft is in daily consultation with the tariff conference. He told several of his callers yesterday that he is finding the conference conciliatory and he is hopeful that a satisfactory measure will be presented to him for his signature. The conference report should be available, according to the president's information, by the end of next week.

As to the mutual insurance companies, it is stated that the redrafted bill will provide that portion of the income may be deducted before the tax on moneys available for dividend is assessed. It will be so arranged that the tax will fall upon stockholders' profits, and not upon the income of the company.

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ADVERTISEMENTS RESOURCES.

Cherries and Soil From Whatcom County, Wash., Distributed at Fair.

Seattle, Wash., July 13.—Clover is the official emblem at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition to-day. It is symbolic of Whatcom County, one of the leading dairying counties in the Puget Sound basin. The programme included speeches and music in the Washington state building, after which 10,000 souvenir postal cards, bearing a four leaf clover and a picture of Ella Higginson, an author whose works on Puget Sound and Alaska have had wide circulation, were distributed. Samples of luscious cherries grown in the Fernside valley also were distributed. The Young Men's Commercial Club of Bellingham distributed novel souvenirs in the shape of samples of the fertile Whatcom County soil.

To encourage visitors to the fair to visit Bellingham and see the great salmon canneries, the citizens of Bellingham gave away passes to the visitors gallery of the Pacific American fisheries.

The exercises began at 1:30 and were held in the Washington building. Henry M. White, of Bellingham, presided. Refreshments were served to visitors in the green room.

WOMAN TOOK POISON.

Verdict of Coroner's Jury Which Investigated Seattle Tragedy.

Seattle, Wash., July 13.—Dragged from a First Avenue cafe, where she had been drinking, Bessie Fire was beaten and kicked into partial insensibility by her husband, James F. Foster, of Fire, as he is sometimes called, and after the beating, the unfortunate woman sought to end all her troubles by drinking bichloride of mercury dissolved in water.

These are the facts that the coroner's inquest brought forth yesterday, and on these findings the jury decided on a recommendation that Foster suffer some of the penalty attached to the crime.

Foster refused to testify at the inquest, stating that he was too nervous, but he has retained counsel and will put up a fight.

The assault upon the woman and her subsequent suicide took place in the Olympia apartment house Friday night.

"The case where my wife was allowed to drink unstrained with strange men was the cause of it all," said James F. Fire to-day. "I warned Bess about just such places as the scenic cafe. 'I don't remember of beating her, but I just wanted her not to go back to that place.'"

MICA MINING.

The Big Bend Will Be Scene of Activity.

Revelstoke, July 13.—The Big Bend promises to be one of the most important fields of mica mining in the world. The pegmatite dykes which traverse the heart of the Selkirk in that country are estimated to amount to 40 miles in high grade, and it is only a matter of development and transportation to establish a great industry in mica mining.

Moodie, of Calgary, has gone in from Golden with nine men to do development work on the holdings of his company.

Messrs. Fred Anderson and J. Moore, who came in from Golden, state that they have a deal on for their mica properties on Mica creek, of which Potlatch creek is a tributary.

SUSPECTED MURDERER TAKEN AFTER FIGHT

Prisoner Protests His Innocence but Refuses to Tell of Movements.

Everett, Wash., July 13.—Fighting desperately for his freedom, John Kovick, suspected of being the man who murdered Mrs. Brons, near Wilkeson, last week, has been captured near Lowell. The suspected man had been hiding in the woods near Lowell and had bought his meals at the home of John McStott. After eating, he always returned to the woods. McStott, becoming suspicious, notified the officers, who searched in vain for the man. When they took their departure the suspect went to McStott's home and threatened revenge. He and his brother-in-law, after a fight in which Mrs. McStott's father and a stick of stove wood figured, captured him. Kovick protests his innocence, but refuses to talk about himself.

MURDER AND SUICIDE BY REJECTED LOVER

Man Shoots Sixteen-Year-Old Girl and Then Ends Own Life.

Livingston, Mont., July 13.—Crazed because of a rejected love, a 16-year-old daughter of a rancher residing near Fridley, would not return his love, John Roach, aged 40, shot the girl to death yesterday. Roach called her to him when she was within a few paces of him, emptied the contents of a shotgun into the girl's breast. Roach then turned the gun upon himself, dying instantly.

Gordon Halkett, Inspector of light-houses, who came down from Prince Rupert Monday and was taken to St. Joseph's hospital, is slowly improving. Mr. Halkett was injured in an explosion of carbide gas at Skidegate a short time ago.

There are close upon one hundred and thirty holders of titles of long-standing nobility who are not members of the House of Lords, and are being thought of as holders of titles of nobility of Scotland or Ireland only.

REPRESENTATIVE WOMEN WELCOMED

RECEPTION GIVEN AT
GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Citizens Given Opportunity to
Meet Delegates to Toronto
Congress.

The reception held at Government House on Monday in honor of the visiting delegates from the Women's International Council was a very brilliant function. There were eighty-five foreign visitors present, and a large representation of Victoria's leading citizens.

The visiting delegates present included the following: British—Miss Creighton, Miss Amy Beevor, Miss Blackie, Miss Dendy, Miss M. Blackie, Miss Allos Younger, Miss Williams, Miss Morrison and Mrs. C. Robinson, Miss Stillwell, Miss Withington, Miss Tolmie, Miss Wilkinson, Miss Kilduff, Mrs. J. H. Stewart, Miss M. M. Fullerton, and Mrs. W. Chambers. Hon. H. F. May, C.M.G., and Mrs. May, Miss Fawcett, Mrs. J. Stewart, Miss Murtin, Mrs. and Miss F. Roberts, Mrs. and Mrs. Rebbeck, Mr. and Mrs. W. Broderick, Mrs. Rowbottom, Mr. and Mrs. Trewatha James, Mrs. R. A. Brown, Mrs. Bone, Mrs. Sayward, Miss Olive Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Sampson, Miss M. Evans, Dr. and Mrs. Hardman, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Palmer, Mrs. Goodacre, Miss Leeming, Miss Margaret Leitch, Dr. and Mrs. Rammler, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McKelvie.

Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Dunsmuir received in the beautiful state drawing room which was much admired by many of the foreign guests, and many comments were made on the charming sweet peas and ferns with which it was so artistically decorated.

Mrs. Dunsmuir was very handsomely gowned in a light blue gown with diamond ornaments. In the ball room, where an orchestra played throughout the evening, people from many lands made themselves acquainted with each other, finding many common points of interest. Among the visitors were many very charming women, all distinguishable by a badge bearing their name and the country they represented. All the foreign ladies spoke English with more or less fluency, and were most willing to talk of the different branches of work in which they were specially interested. Many expressed regret that their stay in Vancouver and Victoria was necessarily so short.

A pretty compliment was paid Dr. Solomon, the corresponding secretary of the international convention, by Mrs. G. H. Barnard, who presented her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Frau Stritt, president of the National Council of Women of Germany, was presented with a similar tribute by Mrs. Fitzgibbon, while to Mrs. Willows, the corresponding secretary of the Women of Canada, a bouquet was presented by the Local Council of Women of Victoria.

In the absence of Premier McBride, Hon. F. J. Fulton officially welcomed the visitors to the province of British Columbia. Mayor Hall, in his official capacity, gave them the freedom of the city of Victoria, and regretted that their stay here was to be so short one.

In reply, Frau Dr. Solomon expressed the pleasure of the visitors at the cordial welcome given them, and regretted that Victoria was the last Canadian city which they would have the pleasure of visiting. She then went on to say that to most of them, Canada had formerly been merely a place on the map, but in the future it would always be a land whose many of them had enjoyed the most delightful trip of their lives.

Miss Anderson, of London, England, a charmingly outspoken young lady, expressed herself in favor of women in suffrage, but not to the point of going behind the prison bars on account of it. "It is bound to come in good time, like every other reform," was her optimistic assumption.

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