

TROOPS AMBUSHED BY MEXICAN REBELS

Commander of Federal Force Reported to Have Lost Hundred Men

San Jose, Mexico, Jan. 28.—Colonel Dorante, of the federal troops, lost 100 men and the revolutionists two men when his soldiers were led into an insurrector trap near Ojinaga, according to news reaching here.

Seeking Recruits. Huachuca Ariz., Jan. 28.—A Mexican recruiting officer was reported yesterday visiting towns in this vicinity, endeavoring to get recruits for the Mexican army. Cowboys along the border are said to be in sympathy with the insurrection and are willing to join them if well paid.

A former Arizona ranger has offered to organize 100 men for service in Sonora, it is reported.

At Aru Prieta and south of them rebels were reported active. It was said that 500 cases of 30-30 rifle cartridges have been sold here within the last six weeks.

Madrid has planned to push his campaign in Sonora, seizing all ports of entry, establishing a new republic and seek recognition from the United States, it is reported.

TRANSCONTINENTAL CONTRACTS.

Commissioners Reduce Awards of Engineers by Half a Million Dollars.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Jan. 28.—Half a million approximately is to be deducted from contracts on the Eastern division of the National Transcontinental Railway in respect to over-classification and allowances for over-break. This is the effect of the award of the arbitrators, Gordon Grant for the Transcontinental, B. K. Kennerly for the Grand Trunk Pacific, and Collingwood Schreiber, C.M.G., chairman. The report has been sent to the government and represents several months of work in which different sections were examined and notes taken on each cut.

KILLED AT COLWOOD.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

A sad accident occurred at Colwood yesterday, when John Thomas Bennett was struck by a branch of a tree which was falling, and injured so badly that he died a few minutes later. Mr. Bennett was clearing land for his uncle, James Bennett, and had tackled a tree a little larger than the ordinary, which did not fall exactly as he expected. One of the branches caught him, breaking both legs and crushing his face and body. The two of his little children were with him at the time and they immediately ran for assistance. Dr. George Hill was called, but could do nothing. The body was taken to the Colwood hotel. The remains were brought into town yesterday afternoon and are being buried at the Hamlet cemetery. The deceased was born in Staffordshire, England, and was 41 years of age. He is survived by a wife and six children, living in that name at Colwood. The Ancient Order of Foresters, of which Mr. Bennett was a member, will arrange for the funeral.

AWAITS FAVORABLE WEATHER.

Key West, Fla., Jan. 28.—Confronted by a high wind and raging sea, viator McCurdy announced that he would be unable to attempt his proposed flight from Key West to Havana. McCurdy is determined to make the flight, even if he has to remain here a month.

The city council on Friday authorized the water commissioner to complete the purchase of 112 acres of land at Elk lake necessary for watershed purposes at \$500 per acre.

The Sergeants' Mess of the Garrison has issued an invitation to the Sergeants' Mess of the Fifth Regiment to a card party at the Work Point barracks at 8.30 on Tuesday evening next.

Such a crush of work has accumulated in the city solicitor's office owing to many details requiring to be adjusted in connection with the big civic undertakings now under way, that the city council Friday instructed the official to secure the services of an assistant.

An increase in the cost of coal is expected by James Ashworth, general manager of the Crown's Nest Coal Co., and L. Stockert, general manager of the Hoamer coal mines, who are in the city at present. They claim that if the province appoints a royal commission to inquire into the cost of coal it will receive some startling information as to the increase in the cost of production, with every indication of a greater rise.

Miss Olive Gowen, Johnson street, gave a "Five Hundred" party Friday in honor of one of her Vancouver friends, Miss Vickers. After concluding the card-playing and after the lucky winners had been presented with their prizes, the rest of the evening was spent in dancing. Among those present were: G. Dickson, H. G. C. Catterall, B. Clearhues, E. Gordon, E. Harris, B. MacKay, and the Misses Grant, Conyers, Russell, Hastie, Briggs, Adams, and Grimm.

The dance given by the Far West Lodge, No. 1, Knights of Pythias, Friday night in the A. O. U. W. hall, in commemoration of their twenty-eighth anniversary, was one of the most successful of the year. In spite of the disagreeable weather the hall was filled almost to capacity, and every body present spent a very enjoyable evening. Turner's orchestra rendered its usual sweet music, and the dainty refreshments served by the ladies were far above the ordinary. There have been many such dances during the season, but not a few enthusiasts have picked out the one last night as the best.

CITY'S NEEDS FOR NEW STREET LIGHTS

Ratepayers Asked to Send in Early Requests to the City Council

Residents in outlying sections of the city who desire that better street-lighting facilities should be installed should make their wishes known to the council at once. This was the advice given by the electric light committee of the council in a report to that body Friday evening and which was adopted. The report recommended calling for tenders for the installation of the cluster lighting system on Yates street between Douglas and Government streets; that the purchasing agent be instructed to call for tenders for 1,500 pounds of line wire for main feeders to the cluster street lighting system; that as it is the intention to make all extensions to the street lighting system during the dry season, the complete system ready for service by September, it would be advisable for ratepayers contemplating submitting petitions for extra lights to do so now. In order that early consideration may be given to same; that the purchasing agent be authorized to expend the sum of \$100 for improved office facilities at the city lighting station; that the city electrician proceed with the work of repair to lights on the Causeway wall at a cost of \$200.

UNEMPLOYED DEMAND WORK.

Berlin, Jan. 28.—A large crowd of the unemployed attended a hostile demonstration in the vicinity of the palace yesterday at a time when the Emperor William was transmitting the passport to the castle watch. The manifestants, driven away by the police, marched through the central district of the city hurling insulting epithets at the officers and shouting "We want work."

NANAIMO NEEDS LARGER SCHOOL

Provincial Government Will Be Asked to Make Extra Appropriation

Nanaimo, Jan. 27.—At the first meeting of the newly-elected board of school trustees, Trustee Planta was elected chairman to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. E. Quennell after 28 years' service.

A communication received from F. B. Dixon, principal of the High school, asking an increase in salary to \$100 per month, will be taken up for discussion at the next meeting of the board. Miss Haarer wrote asking an increase in salary to \$90 a month and Miss Woodman also requested an advance to \$85 per month. Mr. E. Foy, principal of the Central school, was present at the meeting and also put in a request for an advance in salary, stating he would apply for the advance by letter at the next meeting.

Chairman Planta brought up the question of the overcrowded condition of the city schools, stating more accommodation was needed as soon as possible. He suggested the government be urged to make an extra appropriation at the session toward the schools of Nanaimo, and if the government was prepared to assist, the council could go to the ratepayers with a motion by-law to authorize a loan for school purposes.

Trustee Shaw endorsed the remarks of Chairman Planta, and stated that Middle Ward school constructed nearly thirty years ago, was in a state of decay and entirely unfit for school purposes. If the government would render some financial assistance, he thought the Middle Ward school should be replaced with an eight or ten roomed structure, which would furnish accommodation to meet the exigencies of the times.

Trustee Forrester agreed with the proposal and moved that Trustees Planta and Shaw be delegated to interview the government. In the meantime the building committee to prepare plans and ascertain the approximate cost of a modern ten roomed structure.

C. GORDON SUCCEDES.

Stewart, Jan. 27.—Charles Gordon passed away at the Stewart General hospital on January 15. His death resulted from pneumonia, caused from the terrible exposure he underwent while crossing the divide from the Naas river valley, in which his two companions, Matthew B. Pendray and Robert Lightner, succumbed on the trail. Deceased was born at Maitland, Ontario, and had barely arrived at his man's estate. He leaves two brothers at Fort William and a married sister residing at Alberni.

DR. BURKE FOUND GUILTY.

Motion for New Trial Will Come up on Monday.

Santa Rosa, Cal., Jan. 28.—Despite efforts of his attorneys to secure his release, Dr. William F. Burke, proprietor of the Burke sanitarium, who at midnight was found guilty of having dynamited the tent of Lu Rita Smith last February, spent today in a cell at the county jail. He will remain there until 10 o'clock Monday, when he will be sentenced, and when his motion for a new trial and release on bail pending it is scheduled to come up before Judge Emmett Sewall. The charge against Dr. Burke was "exploding dynamite in a building inhabited by a human being."

LAW STUDENTS WILL DEBATE FOR TROPHY

Victoria, Vancouver, Washington and Oregon Universities Interested in the Shield

Towards the end of March the Law Students' Societies of Victoria, Vancouver and the Universities of the States of Washington and Oregon will hold a competition law-debate, the prize for which is a silver shield offered by Lieutenant-Governor T. W. Patterson. Beyond the law arrangements, the details are yet unannounced, but it is anticipated that the delegates selected by the Victoria Law Students' Society will go to Portland to debate with the delegates from the University of Oregon, and that the delegation from the Vancouver Law Students' Society will go to the University of Washington to debate there.

The winners of these two debates will meet later on for the final trophy competition. In one of the cities represented by the successful debaters, each side taking part in the debate will consist of two speakers.

The subjects to be debated have not yet been selected, and the personnel of the Victoria delegation is undecided. It will not be known until after several try-out debates have been held by the members of the local students' society. The debate is international in its scope, and is the first in which four societies from states and provinces have taken part. It is affording much interest, and a great incentive to the members of the Victoria Law Students' Society, and meetings of the society for the purpose of formulating the plans on which the selection of delegates will be made, are to be announced shortly.

LUMBERMEN TO MEET AT NELSON

Members of Mountain Association Will Hold Annual Session on Monday

Nelson, Jan. 27.—The annual meeting of the Mountain Lumber Manufacturers' Association will be held on Monday next and will probably witness the largest gathering of members in the history of the association. The sessions will be held in the board of trade rooms, and the first one will be held at 10 o'clock in the morning. It is possible that the session may be held into the evening. There are 72 mills in all membership of the association and the importance of the subjects to be discussed is the ground for expecting an unusually large attendance. The list of topics connected with the industry of lumber and reforestation, the report of the forestry commission, protection on lumber and reforestation. The annual reports will also be received, and in connection with them the outlook will be discussed. The election of officers will also take place. Otto Lachmond of Arrowhead, is president, and Otis Staples of Wycliffe, vice-president.

One of the subjects to be discussed is that of moving the headquarters of the association from Nelson to Calgary. There is a division of sentiment on this point, and two years ago a similar proposition was voted down. The argument of those who wish to see the headquarters in that city is that the association would be in closer touch with the market. There is a strong opposition to this proposal, on a variety of grounds, one of the principal of which is that the association would probably lose more in public sympathy in this province than it would gain elsewhere.

TREATY BETWEEN JAPAN AND STATES

Clause Referring to Coolie Immigration Eliminated From the New Agreement

Washington, D. C., Jan. 27.—A new treaty between Japan and the United States, which eliminates all reference to coolie immigration, is about to be presented for ratification, according to reports to-day. If the proposed agreement is reached each nation will be allowed to regulate the influx of foreigners as it sees fit. The clause in the old treaty by which the United States has been able to force Japan to check its coolie emigration will be dropped.

MORE MONEY NEEDED.

Vancouver, Jan. 27.—At the first meeting of the water committee of 1911 civic administration, with Alderman Crowe, chairman, presiding, the announcement was made that the \$400,000 voted by the people for the extension of the city's water system would be inadequate to carry out much desired improvements and that it would be necessary to submit another by-law at an early date asking for a sum of approximately \$223,000 to complete the Seymour creek intake.

So as to arrange for the preservation of the city's water rights on both Seymour creek and Capilano, his worthily the mayor, Aldermen Crowe and Rogers, were appointed a committee to interview the provincial government and go thoroughly into the matter.

ORNAIMENTAL PARAPET AND RECESSES PROVIDED FOR SEA WALL

Memorial Tablet Will Also Be Placed in Position in Wall

The city council, at its special session held last evening, decided on an alteration in the plans for the Dallas Road sea wall, being erected by the Pacific Coast Construction Company, as to provide for an ornamental parapet of concrete along which, at intervals of 200 feet, will be placed recesses similar to those on the causeway.

The matter was brought up for discussion on the reading of a letter from the secretary of the constructing company, expressing a willingness to make provision in the wall for a memorial tablet with suitable inscription; the expense in connection with the same to be borne by the company. It is probable that the tablet will set out the date of the commencement of the work, the name of the constructing company and recite that the work was done on the initiative of Ald. Langley.

The latter called attention of the board to the fact that J. Forman, supervising engineer, had suggested certain alterations in the plans for the wall, and that if the council approved of the same, now would be the time to do it, in order to save expense. The cost of the proposed parapet, recesses and necessary railings would be in the neighborhood of \$4,500.

Ald. Langley submitted plans of the additional work and the same was approved by the board. Before the ordinance for the work is issued, however, the contractor will be asked to submit an estimate.

On the recommendation of the water commissioner the city will install additional extensions in Saanich municipality the cost of which will be paid for by the municipality. These extensions will be laid on Boleskine road, from Saanich road to Harriet road; on Harriet road, from Boleskine road to Gorge road; on Burnside road, from Harriet road to Tillicum road; on Tillicum road, from Burnside road to Obedience to the easterly boundary of section 18 A, and on Gorge road, from Harriet road to Craigflower bridge. These will require approximately 3,000 feet of eight-inch and 24,000 feet of six-inch pipe, at a cost of \$30,000. Saanich will pay the entire cost, with the exception of Harriet road, from Burnside road to Gorge road, and in front of the Gorge park, which the city will pay one-half. All connections and cut rates are to be paid for according to the city-by-law.

It was decided to purchase lot 2 Mills road, Hollywood park, for a right of way for the sewer which is being constructed along that thoroughfare. The cost of the lot, \$1,050, will be charged up against the local improvement work.

MAN FOUND FROZEN.

Body Was Lying on the Trail Near Lytton.

Jan. 27.—A man was found frozen on the bank about five miles out of Lytton by two Indians, Harry White and his son, who were out on foot this early to secure a baby's coffin. On seeing the man they went back over a mile to report the matter to a farmer, John George, and he at once notified the authorities. A telegram brought down Dr. Sanson, of Ashcroft, who pronounced the man dead, and had the body brought down to Lytton. A jury brought in a verdict of frozen to death while under the influence of liquor. It transpires that the deceased was one of a party of emigrants brought out to take up the land in the Northwest. A Scotsman named James Bruce, who has a wife and family of five children in Scotland. The man had been working for Mr. Brownell at Chico, in the mine, and had come into Lytton for mail and provisions, and was on his way back. A half bottle of whiskey was found beside him.

PRINCE RUPERT'S FINANCES.

Prince Rupert, Jan. 27.—At the council meeting, in reply to some questions as to the financial situation raised by Ald. Morrissey, the statement was made by the mayor that when the various amounts advanced out of general revenue to works that would be chargeable under local improvement or under various other heads, such as permanent water supply, etc., were taken into account, of about \$25,000 over from last year.

EMPEROR'S CENSUS PAPER.

The Emperor Francis Joseph has with his own hand filled in the census paper sent to the Hofburg (the imperial palace), thus indirectly rebuking those Vienna newspapers which have been complaining of the "inquisitorial" nature of the census paper. The Emperor's signature was on the census paper, and he has given his address as "Hofburg, Vienna," and mentioned that the language he had used was German. His Majesty, however, ignored the questions asking the amount of his real estate and of his income.

EQUIP CHARLOTTE WITH OIL BURNERS

Princess Will Be Laid Up Next Week—Adelaide on the Triangular Run

(From Saturday's Daily.) Relieved by the new steamer Princess Adelaide, the Princess Charlotte will next week be taken on the triangular run to be given her annual overhauling. The Princess Royal, which was the night boat until recently replaced by the Adelaide, will resume the service between here and the mainland. On past occasions the Princess Royal has relieved the largest Princesses on the three city routes, but as the Adelaide has considerably more speed Capt. Truop has allotted her the work.

The Princess Charlotte will be laid up for several weeks and besides being extensively overhauled will be equipped with oil-burners. She will be the second of the fleet to have this more economic system for steam generating installed, the first being the Princess May, which is at present lying alongside Bullen's wharf. In turn the Princess Victoria will be laid up and fitted with this modern plant, and it is understood that the greater number of the vessels of the fleet will, before the present year has elapsed, be equipped with oil-burners.

It has been found to be a more efficient fuel for getting up steam, and it is also a money-saver in the boiler-room. Although the C. P. R. fleet will have to secure the oil from the United States for the present, it is hoped that the Canadian field will shortly be producing oil for the Princess line.

THREATS AGAINST JAPANESE IN PARIS

Federation of Labor Declares It Will Avenge Execution of Socialists

Paris, Jan. 28.—Terrified at the threats demanding revenge for the execution of the 12 Japanese Socialists handed in Tokyo with which the General Federation of Labor has placarded the city, the Japanese colony to-day asked the police for protection. "We were unable to save our Japanese brothers," the placards say, "whom the Japanese government asked, but we will avenge their deaths and make Japan pay dearly for them." Feeling here is running high among the labor element and the police are being harassed by the Japanese to prevent a possible attack. The Japanese diplomats are being accompanied about the streets by detectives.

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CRUSHED TO DEATH BY FALL OF ROCK

Laborer Killed on Canadian Northern—Inquiry Into G. Charlton's Death

Chilliwack, Jan. 27.—Francisco Pighin, an Italian laborer, was crushed to death while working on a rock cut on the line of the Canadian Northern railway at Devil's Run, near the junction of the Sumas and Fraser rivers. In company with about twenty other Italians he was removing a great mass of loose rock which had been broken up by a blast some weeks previous, when, just as a huge piece of rock was loosened and started to roll down hill, the unfortunate man slipped and fell directly in its path with the result that his body was crushed almost to a pulp. An inquest was held here, the jury returning a verdict of accidental death.

Ah Yee, a Chinaman living alone in a shack on Fairfield Island, was found dead in his bed on Sunday morning. Dr. Henderson examined the remains and stated that death was due to asphyxia. No inquest was held. The coroner's jury investigating the death of the late George Charlton whose frozen body was found in his own hayrack during the recent snowstorm, returned an "open verdict" that is, that he was found dead and that his body bore no marks of violence. The exact cause of his death is not known, but it is believed that the circumstances of the case a postmortem examination was not deemed necessary.

WHOLE LINER STARTS ON CENTURY VOYAGE

Empress of Japan Left This Morning for the Orient Several Days Late

(From Saturday's Daily.) Delayed several days at Vancouver owing to the late arrival of the over-seas mails, R. M. S. Empress of Japan, Capt. Davidson, did not leave the Terminal City until early this morning, and it was after noon when she pulled out from Victoria for the Orient on the first lap of her century round trip to the Far East. The mails were brought across the Atlantic by the steamship Hesperian, under charter to the C. P. R., which has not the speed of the other vessels and consequently was late in arriving. On reaching Montreal the mails were placed on the fast express, and although rushed with all speed they did not get to Vancouver until late this morning.

Since 1831 the Empress of Japan has been speeding her way across the Pacific to China and Japan and return. She was the first of the three Empresses to arrive here from the building yards in Burrow-in-Furness, reaching this port in April, 1891. The Japan has the distinction of being called "The Greyhound of the Pacific," for ten years ago she made the passage from Yokohama to Victoria in ten days and ten hours, a performance which has never been equaled in the history of navigation on the peaceful ocean.

Through the retirement of Capt. Pyburn at the conclusion of the last trip from the Orient, Capt. Davidson was to pilot the vessel across this passage, after which Capt. Robinson will be placed in command.

The Empress had a full cargo and carried a number of passengers. Several Chinese embarked here.

AFFIDAVITS FIGURE AT INVESTIGATION

C. J. South is Witness at the Chinese Inquiry at Vancouver. Vancouver, Jan. 28.—Robert Spratt was called up as the first witness at the Chinese customs royal commission this morning, but Mr. Justice Murphy took his seat Crown Prosecutor Geo. E. McCrossan arose and asked permission from S. S. Taylor to call C. J. South, P. I. to stand up for witness. "His testimony will be very brief," said Mr. McCrossan. "Not more than five minutes. Very brief." "Certainly," said Mr. Taylor. The magistrate proceeded to placing his seal to the now famous affidavits made by Lew Dick and Lew Ding in the office of David Lew, on Dec. 2 last, in which they accused Yip On of accepting money to obtain illegal entry. Then Mr. Taylor got busy. He ridiculed the affidavits. "Who were there?" asked Mr. Taylor, "when the affidavits were made?" "Mr. T. R. E. McInnes, Inspector Foster, Sam Moon, Lew Wong and David Lew. Lew Wong acted as interpreter," said the witness. Then came Mr. Taylor's bomb. He set it off to its full rhetorical effect. "I will tell you, Mr. South, as a fact, that the men were bribed for making these affidavits. I hold Inspector Foster's letters to the government in which he promises to grant immunity from the head tax of \$500 after they signed these declarations." "If I had known that," said Magistrate South, "I most certainly would have hesitated before I would have attested these affidavits." "I see many interlinings," went on Mr. Taylor. "How did they happen?" the interpreter, Lew Wong, told me the matter to go into the affidavits. When I read it over to them they objected to certain things," was the reply. "These were signed in the private room of David Lew—upstairs in Lew's place."

FELL FROM BUILDING.

Vancouver, Jan. 27.—While working on a building near the corner of Fourth avenue and Granville streets Wednesday, A. Erickson fell from some height up and landed on his head. The city ambulance was called and the injured man was taken to the General Hospital, where he is reported to be suffering concussion of the brain and a broken arm.

FOUND DROWNED.

The verdict of the coroner's jury, summoned to inquire into the causes of the death of L. C. Reamy, whose body was found floating in the Inlet on Monday, was simply that he was found drowned.

HOME DESTROYED.

New Westminster, Jan. 27.—A fire which wiped out the home and belongings of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Burnett of Spartan, took place on Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Burnett had just recently been married and were living in a house on Kelly street. Every stick of furniture and every article of clothing in the building was burnt and only a pile of ashes marked where the house once stood.

POSTPONES FLIGHT.

Key West, Fla., Jan. 26.—Weather conditions to-day were so bad that McCurdy said he probably would not attempt his proposed flight from Key West to Havana to-day.

CIGARETTES UNDER BAN.

Cargon, Nev., Jan. 27.—Cigarettes and "the makins" are to go under the ban in Nevada. The state senate passed a bill making it unlawful to sell or give away either cigarettes or papers, and the House is expected to take similar action.

INDIANS LEAVE FOR ANTIPODES

SEVENTEEN RED MEN TO DEMONSTRATE IN SOUTH

Departed on Makura This Morning—Liner Had Full Passenger List

(From Saturday's Daily.) Travelling as third cabin passengers on the civic building commission liner Makura, Capt. Gibbs, which left this morning for Australia via Honolulu, Suva and Brisbane, were 17 South Indians, who are being taken by Lieutenant Stacey to the Antipodes for exhibition purposes. Stored in the hold of the vessel were a number of tomahawks, canoes and other belongings of the Indians, including their blankets, head-pieces of feathers, moccasins and tomahawks.

The Canadian red-men will be away from this country for some time, as they will visit nearly every city in Australia and New Zealand to give exhibitions. Colonel Stacey, who is a royal English officer, had to give guarantees to the Dominion government for the safe return of the natives. Undoubtedly they will prove a great attraction in the south.

Nearly every steamer on the Makura liner was taken, being 130 sailors, passengers, 34 second cabin and 24 third cabin. She also carried a large cargo of freight, amounting to 150 tons and including considerable machinery and many automobiles.

VANCOUVER BUILDING BY-LAW.

Vancouver, Jan. 27.—It has been found that the plebiscite as passed by the people at the polls in the municipal elections, regarding the restriction of the height of buildings to 120 feet or 130 feet, is practically unworkable. The civic building commission has decided to discuss the matter with the city council, the outcome being that it was decided that while the buildings should not soar above 120 feet they should include any portion of roof or parapet above the top story. This really means that a building measured from the curb can extend above the limit provided in the plebiscite to the extent of a few feet.

The cause of the building height which was referred to provide for safety, which now reads as follows: "Subsection 10. Height of buildings. The perpendicular distance measured from the sidewalk or curb level at the base of the front of the building to the underside of the ceiling joist of the highest ceiling of a building having a flat or Mansard roof on to a joist in the height, from the roof plate to the highest ridge of a pitched roof, shall not exceed the height of the building as measured from the sidewalk or curb level at the base of the front of the building to the underside of the ceiling joist of the highest ceiling of a building having a flat or Mansard roof on to a joist in the height, from the roof plate to the highest ridge of a pitched roof, shall not exceed the height of the building as measured from the sidewalk or curb level at the base of the front of the building to the underside of the ceiling joist of the highest ceiling of a building having a flat or Mansard roof on to a joist in the height, from the roof plate to the highest ridge of a pitched roof, shall not exceed the height of the building as 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