

PRESBYTERIANS AND LOCAL OPTION

SPEAKER AT SYNOD SCORES THE CHURCH

Address of W. J. Farris Calls Forth Protesters From Ministers

Vancouver, May 6.—"I feel ashamed of the attitude of the Presbyterian church with regard to the cause of temperance," said W. J. Farris, speaking on behalf of the Local Option League before the Presbyterian Synod of British Columbia yesterday afternoon.

"In the reports of the church work to which I have listened," said Mr. Farris, "the matter has been barely mentioned, and in the report of the Sunday school committee no reference whatever has been made to this important branch of work. When I think of the crime, the suffering, and the degradation caused by intemperance I feel it a shame that nothing is being done."

At this point Rev. Dr. McRae of Victoria, and Rev. R. J. Wilson of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, both sprang to their feet. Dr. McRae declared that Mr. Farris was abusing the hospitality of the synod, while Mr. Wilson followed with the statement that he personally drew a distinction between the Local Option League and the local option movement, and indicated that in his opinion the criticisms of the speaker were unfounded.

The interruptions were brief and Mr. Farris continued his address, calling the attention to his critics to the fact that the church knew what local option meant to the province of British Columbia; that the difficulties which the league had to face. He was aware that the methods of the league had been criticized, but that this ought not to prejudice the ministers against it, if they considered to how much criticism they themselves were scheduled.

The churches were aware, said Mr. Farris, that the main obstacle to their work was the amount of crime caused by the liquor traffic. If the churches would give their support to the Local Option League that organization would show immediate progress. They should cease their petty carping criticism of the man at the head of the movement, he declared, and give it their support until they could prove that there was some other man better fitted to do the work.

Mr. Farris withdrew nothing of his initial statement and closed with a declaration that the attitude of the ministers as well of the church membership was inimical to the interests of the league and to the cause of temperance. If the Moderator should decide that he had said anything improper he said he was willing to apologize.

Rev. R. J. Wilson then made the declaration that the Local Option League had suffered from the hands of its friends than from the lukewarm support of the church.

"It is for this reason," said Mr. Wilson, "that I do not and will not under present conditions become a member of the Local Option League, and in saying this I mean no disrespect to faithfulness or the enthusiasm of Mr. Farris."

Rev. Dr. McRae expressed his willingness to apologize should the moderator so desire. He wished to clear his personal and his ministerial character from the imputation that he had neglected to support this or any other movement in the cause of temperance. Dr. McRae declared emphatically that on this subject the church in British Columbia was by no means lukewarm.

Rev. Mr. Kerr, of Prince Rupert, expressed his regret that the representative and earnestness merely because of his heartiest interest in the cause of temperance. He agreed with Mr. Farris that the church was falling to cope with one of its greatest problems. What they had to fight, said Mr. Kerr, was a government which was being handed together with the liquor interests.

Rev. E. A. Henry, of Chalmers Presbyterian church, stated his belief that the provincial government should be asked to grant some form of local veto measure, instead of compelling them to work under the Canada Temperance act.

Rev. J. A. Logan, clerk of the synod, stated that the opinion of the synod on the temperance question had already been expressed. The question of local option was another matter. In his opinion Mr. Farris could not be said to have made a report to them upon local option, nor had he asked that the synod express an opinion upon the matter.

A motion was passed thanking Mr. Farris for his address, and the matter was left over for further discussion in the report on temperance and moral reform.

The moderator, Rev. J. S. Henderson, in tendering the thanks of the synod to Mr. Farris, made the statement that "the liquor interest has got its hands on the throat of everything that makes for righteousness in this province."

"No Temperance" Decree. The greatest interest of the last evening's session centered on the report of the committee constituted to deal with the question of the recent "no temperance" decree, the report of the committee on social and moral reform and the report of the committee on Westminster Hall. The committee dealing with the "no temperance" decree brought in the following resolution, which was adopted.

"Whereas the present status of the

marriage law in the province of Quebec in some cases works great injustice and imposes a stigma upon innocent parties involving grievous civil disabilities, we therefore humbly overture the venerable general assembly to take such action, as after careful study of the whole question, seems to it wisest, to secure that such marriages as are already entered into by the declared valid, and so to amend the law as to secure equal treatment in the eyes of the law for all citizens of Canada."

Sabbath Observance. The report of the committee on social and moral reform was read by the Moderator, Rev. J. S. Henderson. It was a very comprehensive report and a number of questions were considered. In dealing with the question of Sabbath observance, the committee reported that the prevailing opinion among the congregations in the synod was that the Sabbath observance was grievously affected by professing Christians who were not careful as to their habits, and in the question of working on the Lord's Day Act.

Westminster Hall. The report of the committee on Westminster Hall, was submitted by Dr. Campbell of Victoria, seconded by Mr. G. F. Gibson, and spoken to by Principal McKay of Westminster Hall and the Rev. A. L. Burch, financial agent for the institution.

The report shows that the progress of the college had exceeded the most sanguine expectations and called attention to the fact that \$139,000 had been subscribed to the endowment fund of the institution in Vancouver. Attention was called to the theological conference to be held here in July and to the moving of the present building to the campus of the new University of British Columbia.

Foreign Missions. After the reading of the report on foreign missions the moderator made a short address, stating that owing to the great interest that had been taken in home missions the question of foreign missions had been a little neglected.

He called attention to the large Asiatic population in the province and said that they were being neglected. Only \$14,584 was allotted to the synod last year for foreign missions, but the sum for the year has been raised to \$16,000.

A most interesting address was also given on the subject by Rev. Alexander Dunn, Jr.

FRENCH TROOPS ARRIVE AT FEZ

REBELS STILL HOLD THE UPPER HAND

Sultan Unable to Leave Capital—Many Tribesmen Joining Rebel Chiefs

Fez, Morocco, April 30.—(By courier to Tangier, May 6.)—The arrival of Captain Bremon's column has not changed the situation. The investment of the capital continues.

The rebel horsemen who are beyond the reach of artillerymen, have cut off the food supplies. The Sultan's troops are worn out by the constant striking and watchfulness.

The rebel chiefs have a growing moral advantage now, as all Morocco knows that the Sultan is penned up in the capital and that his loyal troops are unable to move within range of their artillery.

The rebels are still holding the upper hand. Tribes loyal are joining the rebellion with the fear that the villages of those refusing will be razed.

The arrival of the French expedition will secure the entry of provisions and the city of the capital, but the present outlook is confused and uncertain.

Amunition Scarce. Paris, May 6.—At a cabinet council to-day Jean Cruppi, minister of foreign affairs, read a dispatch from Henry Caillaud, the French consul at Fez, dated April 30, and forwarded by way of Tangier.

The consul stated that the blockade of the city was complete and the ammunition of artillery defending the capital was fast being completely reduced. Food was selling at extraordinary high prices.

FRENCH AVIATOR FALLS TO DEATH

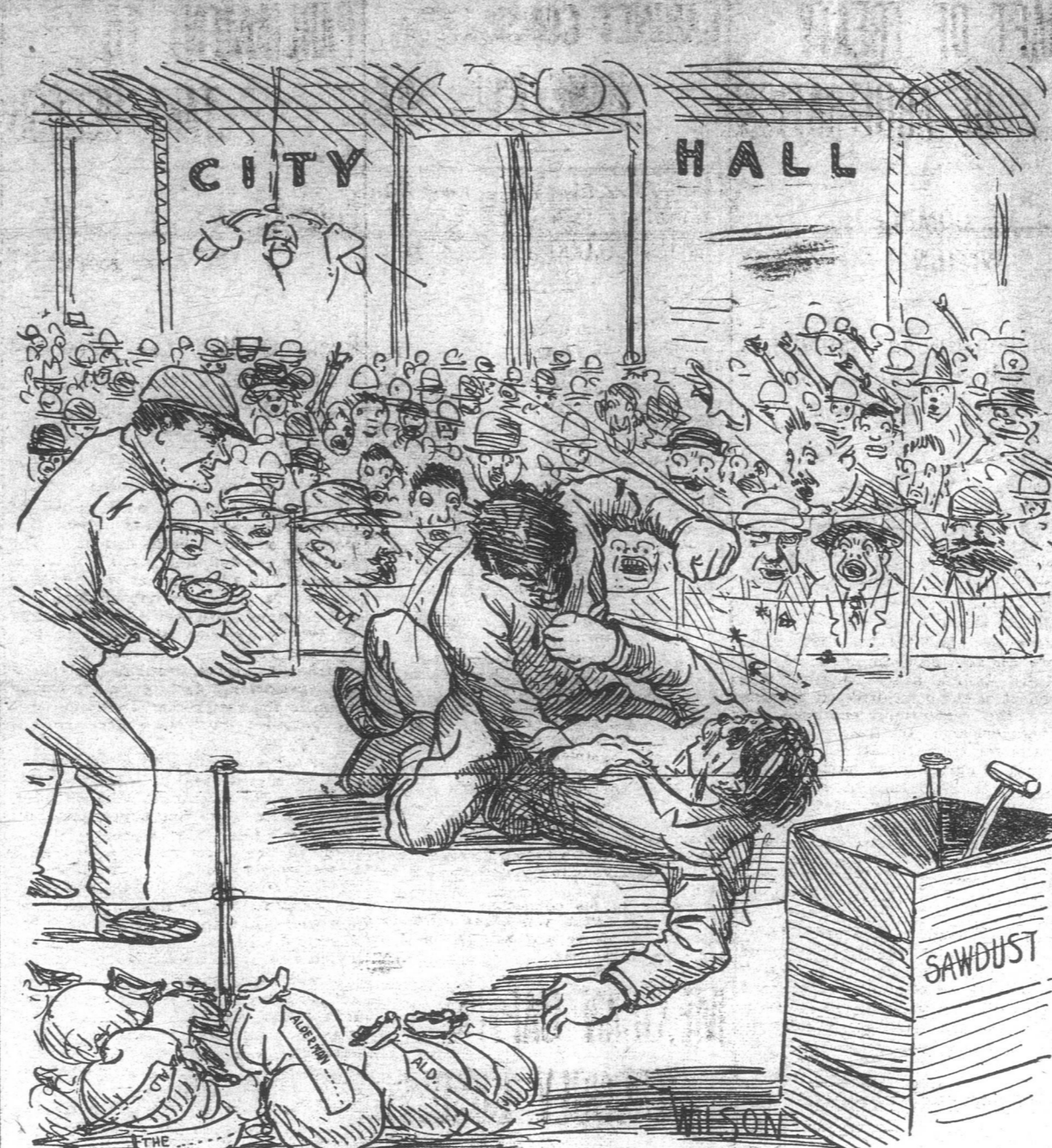
Killed While Giving Exhibition Flights in Biplane at Shanghai

Shanghai, May 6.—Rene Vallon, the French aviator, fell from a great height to-day and was instantly killed.

Vallon belonged to Paris and had been giving exhibitions in this country for six weeks in the hope of interesting the Chinese government in military aviation. He made his first extended flight as an aviator in China, using a summer bi-plane.

SUMMER RESORT. Toronto, May 6.—The Canadian Northern railway has purchased a section of land facing Silvan lake, just west of the Red Deer, Alb., on which to establish a summer resort. The company will erect a large hotel there.

Silvan lake is on the Stettler-Braceau line of C. N. R., now under construction. The property was purchased from a retired banker of Belgium, who settled there five years ago, buying the land for \$1 acre. The C. N. R. paid him \$100 an acre.



AN IDEA FOR THE CITY COUNCIL. Instead of the Mayor and Aldermen barring the doors upon themselves when conducting the business of the public, they should boldly declare for the "open door" and charge an admission fee to their exhibitions of prowess and other things.

APPLICATION TO BE MADE FOR BAIL. "I want to ask for as much time as I can get. I would like to have thirty days if I can be entered." said an unusual time.

JOHN McNAMARA'S CASE SET FOR TUESDAY. June 1 Fixed as Time for Two Alleged Dynamiters to Plead.

OSTRICH FARM IN EAST KOOTENAY. Block of Land Has Been Purchased for Purpose Near Wardner.

LOST FOR FORTY DAYS IN ALASKA. Miners Lose Way in Blizzard and Suffer Terrible Hardships.

DIES FROM PNEUMONIA. Winnipeg, May 6.—J. Somerset Aikins, son of the late Hon. J. C. Aikins, former lieutenant-governor of Manitoba, died of pneumonia last evening.

ALBERTA FARMERS WELCOME RAIN. Crop Conditions Favorable—Seeding Over in Southern Part of Province.

GOING TO EUROPE. New York, May 6.—The rush of Americans for the coronation is on in earnest. At the North German Lloyd pier in Hoboken, Thursday, there were 2,000 passengers for the steamship George Washington.

RAILWAY FIREMAN DROWNED. Moose Jaw, May 6.—Moose Jaw river claimed its first victim of the season yesterday when a canoe carrying three young men overturned half a mile west of the town, Harry Hewitt, C. P. R. fireman, being drowned.

ALASKAN AVIATOR. Nome, Alaska, May 6.—Henry Peterson, a Nome musician, will attempt a flight here on Monday in a home-made bi-plane.

CONTRACT AWARDED; PROTEST IGNORED

NO CONSIDERATION FOR LABOR INTEREST

Letter of Protest Remained Unread Until Contract Was Awarded

(From Saturday's Daily) By a simple transposition of letters the city council of Victoria, in its day night role of board of works, last night awarded the paving contract to the Canadian Mineral Rubber Company before a communication from the Trades and Labor Council, protesting against the award and urging the council to reconsider its position in regard to it, was read, with the inevitable result that when the communication was read it could not be considered.

CARNEGIE HONORED.

Washington, D. C., May 6.—Andrew Carnegie received yesterday what he called his greatest mark of honor, when twenty-one American Republics bestowed on him a gold medal bearing on one side the words "benefactor of humanity" and on the other "the American Republics to Andrew Carnegie."

LIBERALS NOMINATED.

(Special to the Times) Parry Sound, Ont., May 6.—Parry Sound Liberals last night nominated T. W. Morrison, Callander, for the Commons, and A. E. Radwin, Parry Sound, for the legislature. J. G. Turritt, M. P., spoke on reciprocity.

CHINESE REBELS AGAIN ACTIVE

Hongkong, May 6.—Revolutionaries yesterday compelled a Chinese engineer on a railroad running from Sam Shui to Ping Fan, on the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon railway, to run his engine and cars to Sheik Lung, 20 miles away.

THREATENING CITY NORTH OF HONGKONG

Europeans Seek Safety in Flight—Troops Sent to Intercept Revolutionists

The above is the first news dispatch received direct from Canton since the revolutionary outbreak on the night of April 27. It tends to confirm last night's advices from Hongkong which reported the rebels in greater strength in the district to the east of Canton and north of Hongkong than has appeared from earlier reports.

ALBERTA FARMERS WELCOME RAIN

Calgary, May 6.—Heavy rain started early this morning and continued all the forenoon. Farmers were just beginning to think that it was about time for a little moisture and their wishes are amply met. Crop conditions have been most favorably this spring.

SEALING CONFERENCE

Washington, D. C., May 6.—President Taft to-day designated Secretary of Commerce and Labor Samuel H. Chandler P. Anderson, counselor of the state department, to confer with representatives of Great Britain, Japan, Russia, and to negotiate and sign a treaty for the protection and preservation of seals, sea-otters, and other mammals in the north Pacific ocean.

NEW SHIPYARDS

Glasgow, May 6.—The Glasgow Herald congratulates Canada on the impending development of her shipping on the eastern seaboard. That was one of the great ship building, it says, and with direct legislation might be made so again.

ABOUT REPLY REBEL

PEACE NEGOTIATION ARE

Madero Wants Peace—Peace Intends to

El Paso, Texas, May 6.—The Mexican rebels between the rectos and the Mexico were suspended to-day.

Judge Carabjal, peace envoy, to whom peace commissioners were appointed to resign, remained at a hotel here to receive instructions as to how to handle the rebel demands.

Dr. Vasquez Gomez rebel peace commissioner to stay in El Paso until Mexico City, the envoy declared it useless to continue the negotiations until a definite reply is received.

On the interpretation of the president's reply to Mexico, rebel leaders should not be surprised if they will proceed to peace negotiations with arms. The native, they say.

Telegrams have been headquarters of General everywhere, warning consents to any arrangement will continue General will resign his position. Reports also have been received that the Madero camp, of large bodies of rebels to march on the City.

The present plan at noon to-morrow peace negotiations for Juarez would be from the insurgents in continuity to-day the on Juarez might be all of possible complications United States and expect that it would not turn the insurgents to where the revolution is acquiring momentum.

The President's Secretary, Benjamín Díaz, told an Associated Press correspondent it was his belief that Madero would not resign his position. He said that Díaz's intention to resign was not the majority of Mexico had elected him, but felt convinced that the Mexican people would elect a president he would.

Senator Granoff explained not directed to a situation to Madero, but at liberty to do so in the opinion of President Díaz's intention to resign furthermore, personally ventured the hero that President Díaz immediately resigned.

ACTION AGAIN STEAMSHIP

Accused of Violating Labor Law—Penalty to \$

San Francisco, Cal., May 6.—The U. S. Circuit court, overruling a demurrer of the Pacific to an action demanding a penalty of \$200 Chinese seamen to a vessel and transfer to other vessel to work.

The number of Chinese was 305, and a penalty each, to be paid to the government, was determined to be \$200.

BY-LAW IS INEFFECTIVE

Vancouver, May 4.—By-law is ineffective, fares, appears to be decision handed down in the case of the taxicab company, to pay his full fare for fifty cents. To-day for non-payment Duncan appearing in court that the cab by the prosecution was of the powers of the city.

"I have given the opinion," said Magistrate, seems to me that the city council is not to supply with the state case.