

NEW ENGINEER TO INSPECT RESERVOIR

ANGUS SMITH, C. E. GRAPPLES WITH PROBLEM

Will Present Report to the City Council at Earliest Possible Date

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Angus Smith, city engineer, will tomorrow pay a visit of inspection to the famous Smith's Hill reservoir and make a preliminary examination of the structure preparatory to making a report to the city council on its condition and the manner in which repairs should be made to render it water-tight.

Mr. Smith said from what he had already seen of Victoria there were few engineering problems of great difficulty confronting the city. The larger questions just now pressing for attention being the water problem, the repairs to the reservoir, street paving and foreshore protection.

Referring to the paving problem, Mr. Smith said asphalt was in great favor in many of the larger cities of the country of America—indeed, he felt safe in saying that 75 per cent. of the cities were using asphalt.

MORE MINES ON SHIPPING LIST

Rossland Man Tells of the Encouraging Outlook in Interior Camps

Vancouver, April 4.—"More mines on the shipping list," was the encouraging report brought to the city by Alfred McMillan, of Rossland, who is spending a few days here. Interviewed as to the general mining outlook, he said that it was decidedly satisfactory.

The boundary mines, Mr. McMillan says, are maintaining a large output, and Rossland its usual amount. In the Skeena country the Lucky Jim is shipping quite a large quantity of zinc ore.

The Sheep Creek district near Salmo, twenty-five miles from Nelson, although only in the early stages of development, has already proved that it is a mining country of the highest grade and the most important free-milling camp in Canada.

ATTEMPTED MURDER.

Winnipeg, April 6.—A. C. Smith, a colored man, and son of a Toronto barber, has been sentenced to seven years in prison for attempting to kill his paramour. He brought the girl here from Toronto, and when she refused to live with him any longer he shot her, but the wound was not serious.

TRAINING FIELD BATTERIES.

Ottawa, April 6.—Ten or twelve complete field batteries will put in their annual training at Petawawa this year. The batteries of Canada will send detachments to take part in the competitive firing. It is the intention of the department to send different complete batteries to the big camp each year.

THOUSAND MEN TO BE EMPLOYED

BIG RUSH OF CIVIC WORK THIS SEASON

Many Large Civic Undertakings Will Make Demands on Labor Market

If present calculations of the city engineer's department do not miscarry, the spring and summer of the present year will witness the employment on public undertakings in Victoria of the largest number of men in the history of the city.

"We have a big gang of men at work right now," said Mr. Bryson, "but wait till we get fairly started, what with the contract work which is outlined and everything—we will have at least a thousand men at work. It will be a busy summer."

The decision of the city council to let a considerable quantity of the cement sidewalk work by contract will result in a greater amount of work being done this season than formerly, when the day labor system was followed entirely.

Then again, as indicating the need for a big supply of labor will be undertaken in another large gang of men would be given employment for a considerable period.

PATTEN CAUGHT BY COTTON SLUMP

DAY'S LOSSES EXCEED HALF MILLION DOLLARS

Further Decline is Expected in the Market in New York

(Times Leased Wire.) Chicago, April 6.—James A. Patten, king of the wheat pit, lost a fortune in the cotton market yesterday. It is estimated that his losses will be \$500,000, and may reach \$1,000,000.

It is reported a combine of speculators in Liverpool and New York were against him and the heavy rains in the south are said to have caused an enormous loss to Patten and his crowd.

The price of cotton declined 1 cent a pound during the day, and a further decline is expected. Patten alone is said to have 300,000 bales on hand. If this is true, it would indicate a loss of approximately \$7,500,000.

News that a shipment of 15,000 bales of cotton from Liverpool to New York was made last Friday, caused a flurry in the Patten crowd. This indicated that the millionaire speculator will have more to take care of than bargainers for.

The sentiment in New York to-day is that the backbone of the bull market had been broken. If this is so, local speculators say the losses of the Patten crowd may reach \$5,000,000 ultimately.

CHEAPER CABLES URGENTLY NEEDED

Official of Colonial Office Says the Question is Important One

(Special to the Times.) London, April 6.—Sir Charles Lucas, assistant under secretary for the colonies, publishes a paper on the result of his recent visit to Australia. He says the importance of cheap communications profoundly impressed him and the need therefore is still pressing.

The lack of detailed cable information of what is occurring in Great Britain results in perpetual half knowledge, which he anticipates may some time prove dangerous.

BOY DIES FROM RABIES.

Spokane, Wash., April 5.—Roger, the six-year-old son of John Troutman, five miles east of Genesee, Idaho, is dead from rabies, caused by an attack of a collie last week.

While playing in the home yard, the child was attacked by the animal, which, maddened by the hunger occasioned by unusually heavy snow, inflicted severe wounds about the face. On the day following the attack, symptoms of the rabies were manifested, death resulting 24 hours later. Dogs were bitten by the same animal before it was killed.

The mayor has issued a proclamation compelling all dog owners to keep their canines chained or the officers will shoot them on sight.

SUCCESSION DUTIES.

(Special to the Times.) Toronto, April 6.—Succession duties received by the provincial treasury last month totalled \$80,000, a big increase over the same month a year ago.



CROPPING THE CREW

ILLINOIS "WETS" CLAIM VICTORY

DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY IN CHICAGO COUNCIL

A. V. Fawcett Elected Mayor of Tacoma on "Open Town" Platform

(Times Leased Wire.) Chicago, April 6.—Mayor Busse's enemies to-day see a popular rebuke to his administration in the fact that eleven Republican aldermen were defeated for re-election. This gives the Democrats a majority in the city council.

The result of liquor elections in 242 towns of the state is apparently a victory for the "wets." Thirty-nine dry towns went wet and nineteen wet towns went dry. Seventy-two remained wet and 112 remained dry.

There are now 32 dry counties in Illinois out of the 102 counties of the state.

Tacoma Election. Tacoma, Wash., April 6.—Tacoma has followed in the wake of Seattle and signified its desire for an "open town." A. V. Fawcett, who ran on such a platform, is the mayor-elect to-day, winning by 800 majority over six other candidates yesterday, in the first election under the new commission plan. E. A. Linn ran second in the race for mayor. The total majority vote was 12,318.

Yesterday's election decides only the mayor. In two weeks, April 19th, voters will again go to the polls to select four councilmen or commissioners from the following eight candidates who were the eight highest at the primary: Ray Freeland, Owen Woods, Nicolas Lawson, L. W. Roy, W. P. Bonner, Maurice Hickey, H. J. McGregor and Clarence Parker.

The controllership will also be decided April 19th between A. J. Weisbach and John F. Meads, who won yesterday.

Fawcett's election was an overwhelming one, a total of 6,530 votes being cast for him compared with 1,192 for his closest competitor.

LIABILITY OF SHIP OWNERS.

Ottawa, April 6.—The principle of Hon. L. P. Brodeur's bill to prevent vessel owners from contracting themselves out of liability for damage to goods in transit was endorsed by the Commons marine and fisheries committee yesterday. Members of the committee decided that Canadian shippers should be on practically the same basis as American shippers. Owing to some expression of opinion as to the wording of some of the clauses the bill was left over for further consideration at the next meeting.

LABORERS FOR GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC

Five Hundred Expected at Edmonton From Winnipeg This Week

(Special to the Times.) Edmonton, April 6.—Six hundred laborers for construction work on the Grand Trunk Pacific in the West are to be brought here from Winnipeg on Saturday. There are about 10,000 in all needed in this district for such work. The scarcity of labor is the greatest experienced in years.

NEW DEPARTMENT OF NAVAL SERVICE

Notice of Resolution Has Been Given by Sir Wilfrid Laurier

Ottawa, April 6.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has given notice of a resolution in connection with the naval bill providing that "there shall be a department of the government of Canada which shall be called the department of naval service over which the minister of marine and fisheries for the time being shall preside, and that the governor-general may appoint an officer to be the deputy head of such department at a salary of \$5,000 per annum, and such officers and clerks as may be requisite for the due administration of such department at such salaries, under the Civil Service Amendment Act 1908, as are appropriate to the divisions and subdivisions of the service to which such officers and clerks may be assigned."

WILL APPLY "GAG" TO VETO DEBATE

Discussion on Asquith's Resolution in Commons Will Be Short

London, April 6.—In the House of Commons last evening Premier Asquith's motion authorizing the application of the "guillotine" method to the committee stage of the resolutions on the veto power of the House of Lords carried by a majority of 84. During the discussion the premier announced that a bill would be introduced framed on the resolutions, when opportunity would be given for adequate discussion, and he intimated that the discussion of the budget would be concluded by the end of the present month.

In the course of the debate on the veto resolutions, David M. Master, a former Montreal barrister, and now a Unionist member for Chertsey, argued that the proposals of the government amounted to something more than delimiting the powers of the Lords. If the Lords were deprived of their power to refer any question to the people, one of the greatest safeguards of the people's rights would be destroyed. They should endeavor to improve, the second chamber, said Mr. McMaster, not destroy it. Mr. McMaster said that the Canadian Senate had co-extensive power with the Commons, except in the origination of financial measures.

The Daily Chronicle says, probably on the authority of a cabinet minister, that Mr. Churchill's speech regarding the budget has been misunderstood, and that the government have not come to an understanding with the King as to the steps to be taken to overcome constitutional deadlock. The Chronicle adds: "Mr. Asquith cannot with creditous propriety approach the sovereign in the Commons to have approved the veto resolutions and the Lords have defined their attitude to them."

GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER.

North Bay, Ont., April 6.—Before Chief Justice Sir Wm. Mulock at the spring assizes here yesterday, James Moran, charged with the murder of Wm. J. Dyson, night operator at Redwater station on the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario railway on December 21st last, was found guilty of manslaughter, the jury being out three hours. Sentence was deferred.

KING SLOWLY RECOVERING

SUFFERS FROM AFTER EFFECTS OF INFLUENZA

Biarritz Correspondent Says His Majesty Derives Little Benefit From Change

(Special to the Times.) London, April 6.—The health of King Edward, who since he went to Biarritz has spent much of his time indoors in consequence, according to repeated statements, of a slight cold caught on his journey thither and aggravated by inclement weather, does not, according to the Biarritz correspondent of the Daily News, justify the optimistic statements that have been semi-officially issued.

The correspondent says that the King has had a nasty attack of influenza and has not yet recovered from its after effects. His step is not, as optimistic accounts represent, elastic, nor is the change as they affirm, benefiting him enormously. On the contrary he moves heavily and tiredly.

BURNED TO DEATH.

(Special to the Times.) Edmonton, April 6.—Emma Fields, aged 25, daughter of John Fields, of Fort Saskatchewan, was burned to death yesterday when she attempted to start a fire in her father's house at the fort. Her body was found after the fire was quenched in the kitchen, burned to a crisp.

MRS. E. B. OSLER DEAD.

Toronto, April 6.—Mrs. Osler, wife of E. B. Osler, M.P., West Toronto, died yesterday, aged 60 years.

TWO KILLED BY BANK ROBBERS

TWO OTHERS ARE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED

Masked Men Enter Bank and Open Fire Without Warning

(Times Leased Wire.) Philadelphia, Pa., April 6.—Seven suspects are under arrest to-day in connection with the robbery of the Victor Banking Company at McKee's Rocks, where two men were killed and two others wounded.

Ignatz Swartz, 30, the cashier, and Samuel Friedman, 25, manager of the bank, were killed, and Robert King and Thomas Cary were wounded. The bank was entered late yesterday by four men, armed and masked. The bank does a large business in foreign exchanges and handles the savings accounts of many of the mill workers in the neighborhood. It is at a lonely point on the rock between McKee's Rocks and Schoffville.

The four robbers rode up to the bank and tied their horses outside. They entered and without warning fired. One bullet passed through Swartz's head and he dropped dead.

Friedman secured a revolver and ran toward the robbers, who fled from the building. Friedman followed them and fired. One of the robbers turned and fired four times, each shot striking Friedman. He sank to the pavement and died within a few minutes.

King and Cary, who were on another street, heard the shooting and ran to Friedman's aid. The robbers fired at them, King receiving a slight wound in the groin, Cary was wounded in the chest, but will recover.

Police were at once notified, and the whole force in Pittsburgh, McKee's Rocks and surrounding cities was put on the trail of the bandits.

To-day detectives found two dynamite bombs weight ten pounds each in a shed near the bank. It is believed that they were left there by the bandits and that they were intended to be used in blowing open the safe.

Pearing that their savings were gone, a large crowd of foreigners, who had savings in the bank, gathered in front of the building this morning. Experts were put to work on the books.

It is believed that the robbers only got a small sum. Officials of the bank say the loss will not exceed \$400.

WOMAN CREMATES HERSELF IN HOME

Sets Fire to Her Clothing and Then Lies Down to Die

Strathroy, April 6.—Under the most mysterious circumstances, Mrs. George Early, a widow, aged 57, residing in the township of Adelaide, about five miles from this town, was burned to death at her home yesterday afternoon.

Coroner Beerdan was called for and after a thorough investigation decided that an inquest was unnecessary. It is said that the woman set fire to her clothes and lay down to die.

BIG DRYDOCK TO BE BUILT

WILL BE LOCATED AT ST. JOHN, N. B.

Steel Shipbuilding Plant Will Be Erected Later—British Capital Interested

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, April 6.—The state department is now drawing up a plan for the construction of a big steel shipbuilding plant at St. John, N. B., in the near future. The project contemplates the building of a drydock capable of containing a Dreadnought class of battleships and later a similar plant to be erected at Levis, Quebec.

The two projects involve a capital investment of \$5,000,000 and all that the Canadian government is subsidizing is 3 1/2 per cent. per annum for a period of 25 years.

WOMAN WOUNDED BY TRAMP.

London, Ont., April 6.—Elizabeth Franks, a wealthy spinster living in a secluded house on Wellington road, was shot twice by a man supposed to be a tramp, who entered her house sitting reading a paper when she entered through a window. When she protested he shot at her and a bullet tore through her hair. Miss Franks pursued him to the front door, struggled with him, and was fired at twice more, one shot penetrating her neck, emerging at the back. She ran for the tramp meanwhile ran back through its house, out of a window and over a wall. The police have his hat, and 26 cartridges are on the case.

GRENADIER BAND COMING

London, April 6.—The band of the Grenadier Guards is to tour Canada in August and September.

DID NOT INTEND TO SHOOT BOY

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GRADUATE CLUB.

University Alumni of New Westminster Appoint Committee to Draft Constitution.

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WOMEN ATTACK BUTCHERS IN NEW YORK

Several Persons Injured in Riot Which Follows Jump in Price of Meat

(Times Leased Wire.) New York, April 6.—Policemen were placed on beats in the vicinity of Second avenue and 101st street in the upper East Side to-day, following a housewife riot yesterday, when the price of meat unexpectedly jumped two cents.

During the melee a number of persons were beaten, and five, including two policemen, were set upon by the mob of women, and scratched and mauled so badly that the victims were taken to hospitals for treatment. The rioters were quelled by the police reserves from the East One Hundred and Fourth street station.

The trouble started in the afternoon when about 300 women massed in front of the Isaac Freeman butcher shop, on One Hundred and First street, near Second avenue. While the excitement was at its height, a small boy mounted a barrel, screaming denunciations against the butchers. Following his suggestion, the women attacked 30 shops in the vicinity before the police reserves rescued the beaten proprietors.

G. E. FOSTER ISSUES STATEMENT.

Ottawa, April 6.—Hon. G. E. Foster has given out a statement that he has been suffering from muscular affection of the face and neck, but is getting better. He has been advised to keep quiet and that he proposes to do so for some months, but has not the least intention of giving up political life.

REPUBLICAN INDIAN

CAMPAIGN ISSUES UNDER D

Resolutions Comm Unqualified Endor Taft Administ

(Times Leased.) Indianapolis, Ind., April 6.—The national political situation here, where the approaching congress are being forced. The progressives in congress are regulars practically of the championing of cause by Senator Alder of Indiana.

Scarely had the order before committee submitted a bill for the endorsement of issues upon which it is next Congress will be based. Foreman's report was an endorsement of the policy of Roosevelt.

Named briefly the conditions where endorsed the passage of a protective tariff. The enlargement of the tariff commission for old soldiers, their support, unqualified endorsement of the tariff administration.

Senator Beveridge, explaining why he voted against the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill, explained why the Republicans will stand. "The Republicans of the protection needs to fear the tariff which will be first to control the duty of the tariff, and I can see the President's people are built."

The President's ancient woolen schedule 42 years of right, long since has passed and which has left trusts an unfettered market.

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CANDIDATE P

(Special to the Times.) Seattle, Wash., Post-Intelligencer publishes the candidate for the States Senate. Mr. Wilson was formally announced by Senator Wilson. He stated that he would be made on a platform, support

CUTLERY

Winnipeg, April 6.—Departure for L will be married. Popular young in legislature. The late Senator was banqueting with a presented with a and a purse of \$500.

WHISKEY

New York, A. Joseph Klein died. His wife, got him a family party. He is a cousin, has been with homicide.