SEPTIC TANKS ARE BARRED

CITY PUTS FOOT DOWN ON PRIVILEGE

Whole Question of Sewerage Extension to Be Taken Up at Once by Engineer

That the health of the community is endangered to a serious degree, owing to the existence of septic tanks in various parts of the city, was disclosed at a special meeting of the council Friday, when it was decided to refuse any further permission for the installation of these conveniences. Mayor Morley expressed the opinion that a curtailment of the permission would be necessary to minimize the danger of contagious disease breaking out through the open over-flow system.

He said that permission had been granted for these tanks in the Foul Bay district under the belief that there would be little building in that district. Now, however, numerous houses were springing up and the question of extending the general sewerage system there would have to be considered in the near future. The city engineer will be asked to make a report on the whole sewerage problem at the earliest date.

The question of the best class of pavement to be used in city streets was again discussed at length, this following on a report from City Engineer Smith that tenders be invited for a considerable quantity of pavement to be done this year. A number of the aldermen expressed themselves as favorable to asphalt, but the question of calling for tenders has been postponed pending the preparation of specifications.

The contract for the supply of sand and gravel was awarded to the B. C. Sand & Gravel Company.

BURWELL WILL REPORT SOOKE LAKE SCHEME

Vancouver Engineer Engaged to Prepare Data for Use of Committee of Leading Citizens

(From Friday's Daily.)

Mayor Morley has opened negotiations with H. M. Burwell, C. E., of Vancouver, for a report on the cost of bringing in water from Sooke Lake. Mr. Burwell has had a preliminary conference with Angus Smith, city engineer, and James L. Raymur, water commissioner. Mr. Burwell's investigation will include a test of Sooke Lake water to be carried out from month to month during the summer. He will also report on his findings as to whether there is any method of bringing in the water other than by the costly tunnel.

The citizens' water committee, appointed by Mayor Morley, is awaiting this expert's report before further action on the problem is possible. This committee will decide the advisability of submitting a by-law to the people providing for a loan of the necessary amount of money to complete the scheme.

SUPPOSED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE TAFT

Man Who Killed Pastor Recently Believed to Have Confederates in Pittsburg

Pittsburg, Pa., April 30.—That Mike Shimko, the fanatic who recently killed Rev. Dr. Frank Skala, planned to assassinate President Taft on his arrival in Pittsburg, May 1st, is the belief of the police, based on writings found in private papers of Shimko.

In Shimko's notebook were several allusions to Taft, also J. J. Hill and Edward Frederick Tenor, such as "President Taft because—" and "Tragrkomedyj President Taft."

The police believe Shimko has confederates here and that his arrest will prevent danger to the president Sunday.

Guarding President.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 30.—President Taft is the guest of Ansley Wilcox today in the house in which Roosevelt took his oath of office after McKinley's death. Across the street, and in full view of the windows of the room in which Taft sat working on his speech, is the home of John Milburn, where McKinley died. An extra large squad of detectives guarded Taft to-day.

BLAZE AT WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, April 30.—Fire, which broke out last night in the big six story warehouse of Foley Bros. & Larson, wholesale grocers and manufacturers of biscuits and confectionery on Market street east, completely gutted the west half of the buildings and caused a loss of $125,000. The building is separated by a fire wall in the centre and the brigade was able to confine the fire to the portion where the blaze started. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

FOR LANDSCAPE GARDENERS.

Competitive designs are being called for by the provincial department of public works for the laying out of the grounds of the new hospital for the insane at Coquitlam. Plans have to reach the minister by May 16th, each accompanied by a report and specification, no distinguishing mark or motto to appear on them but the designer's name to be enclosed in a blank sealed envelope, securely attached to the plans. A first premium of $200 and a second of $100 are offered.

THREATEN SUIT AGAINST CITY

MAKERS OF PUMPS WANT OFFICIAL TEST

Letter to Council Friday Evening From Legal Firm Representing D'Olier Engineering Co.

At Friday night's meeting of the city council a letter was read from Messrs. Bodwell & Lawson, solicitors for the D'Olier Manufacturing Company, of Philadelphia, which supplied the pumps for the salt water system, setting forth that it was impossible for the city electrician to condemn them, inasmuch as he had not made an official test of the same. The letter sets out that the test has not been applied for the reason that the city—although its contract so requires—has refused to deliver the quantity of dry steam required to make the tests.

It is further pointed out that if, after such test, it should be discovered that any of the alleged defects exist the contractors must be allowed an opportunity of making good any deficiency that may be shown on such a test. The letter concludes with a warning that any interference with the machinery by the city will be resisted by the company in a legal action. The communication was referred to the city solicitor for report.

It was decided to proceed with but temporary repairs to upper Fort street to the Oak Bay road junction, pending the decision of the owners along lower Fort street regarding the widening of that thoroughfare.

A letter from the secretary of the board of trade again drew attention to the disgraceful condition of Bastion street, where a number of the wood blocks are so worn away as to cause mud holes in the pavement. The pavement had been laid for a period of seven years, and while repairs were urgently needed the owners claimed they could not be expected to bear the cost. It was decided to do the work as one of local improvement, in the same manner as was followed with Government street in the matter of repairs.

A report from the legislative committee was adopted recommending that the city engineer be instructed to inspect all buildings, particularly those in business street, in course of construction, and to take steps to have any inconveniences to the public caused thereby remedied at once, in accordance with the provisions of the building by-law.

Authorization by-laws under the local improvements general by-law, dealing with portions of Douglas street, Cook street, St. Charles street, Linden avenue and Hillside avenue were reconsidered and finally passed.

JOSEPH MARTIN ON POLITICAL SITUATION

Says Liberals Are Not Bringing Name of Sovereign Into the Party Arena

(Special to the Times.)

London, April 30.—Joseph Martin, M. P., has a lengthy letter in the Times. He submits that in view of the political situation the exercise of the royal prerogative cannot be kept out of party discussion, but such discussion does not bring the name of the sovereign into the domain of party politics because the sovereign acts on the advice of his ministers. The dismissal of a government with a majority of 124 only a few months after a general election would be almost as unusual and striking an exercise of the royal prerogative as the creation of a large number of peers for a special object.

"For the Tories to suggest that their opponents are bringing the name of the King into the party arena by proceeding strictly according to the constitution by offering such advice as they think in interest of the people is, to my mind, gross impropriety," writes Mr. Martin. "In taking that course they are doing the very thing for which they condemned Asquith."

LORD CREWE ON UNION OF EMPIRE

Colonial Secretary Points Out Necessity for Regular Interchange of Opinion

(Special to the Times.)

London, April 29.—Speaking at the press fund dinner last night, Lord Crewe, secretary of state for the colonies, said that unless there could be a regular interchange of opinion, not merely on great events, but on every day events between Great Britain and the overseas dominions, he did not believe that anything like real union of the empire could ever be achieved. It was the privilege of the press, he added, to play the principal part in bringing about this union.

INCREASED FREIGHT RATES.

Washington, D. C., April 30.—A freight tariff showing considerable increases at the present rates from western territory to the Atlantic seaboard will be filed with the interstate commerce commission, to become effective on June 1st. This is the first step taken by the railroads, which appears to indicate a purpose generally to increase freight rates throughout the country. The tariffs already filed with the commission are for all the roads in the western freight association territory, and the increase will become effective simultaneously on all of them.

OUT OF THE SV[illegible] BOX.

THREE LIVES LOST IN FIRE

WOMAN PERISHES IN EFFORT TO SAVE CHILDREN

Husband Succeeds in Rescuing Two Babies Who Are Severely Burned

Enumclaw, Wash., April 30.—Mrs. Jens Sorenson and three children were burned to death in a fire that destroyed the Sorenson home, half a mile from here this morning.

Sorenson, who is a rancher, arose at 5 o'clock this morning, started a fire in the cook stove and went to the barn to milk the cows. When he returned he found the house on fire. He rushed in and saved the two babies, but not before they were badly burned. The mother rushed upstairs to rescue the three older children, but her escape was cut off and she perished with her children.

Enumclaw is a village in King county, near the Pierce county line. It is on a branch of the Northern Pacific railway.

FENIAN VETERAN DEAD.

Brockville, Ont., April 30.—Peter Dwyer, a Fenian invasion veteran, died suddenly at his home here following an attack of heart failure. He was born in Newfoundland in 1850, and coming to Brockville four years later has resided here almost constantly since. For many years he was an engineer on the G.T.R. and C. P. R., retiring from active service in 1885. He leaves a widow and three children.

LIBERAL ELECTED.

(Special to the Times.)

London, April 30.—In South Edinburgh bye-election yesterday Lyell, Liberal, was elected with 8,694 votes over Glynn, Unionist, with 6,367.

NEW DEAN SELECTED.

Winnipeg, April 30.—At a special meeting of the council of the University of Manitoba, Prof. Frank Allen, M. A., Ph. D. F. R. S. A., was selected dean of the university faculty.

PROROGATION ON WEDNESDAY

RAILWAY SUBSIDIES PASSED BY COMMONS

Naval Bill and Miller Anti-Gambling Bill Go Through the Senate

Ottawa, April 30. — With a bare quorum present the Commons this morning automatically put through the railway subsidies for the year as provided for in the resolution brought down by Hon. Mr. Graham last week. There was practically no discussion. The subsidies total about $20,000,000, but of course only a portion of this will be earned this year. There were no new subsidies, the list containing simply renewals of subsidies provided for since 1906 and hitherto unearned.

The senate has finally disposed of the naval bill and the Miller anti-gambling bill without amendment.

Prorogation is announced for Wednesday.

MINISTER AWAY ON HUNTING EXPEDITION

Dr. Young and Frank Kermode Stalking Grizzlies in Bella Coola Valley

It is expected that at least one or two fine grizzlies will be added to the present collection at the provincial museum as the result of the hunting trip of Dr. Young, provincial secretary and minister of education, who is out with Curator Kermode, of the museum. They went north to the district back from Bella Coola with rifles and cameras to make a typical Rooseveltian raid on the game of that country. The main difference, however, between this expedition and that of the former president of the United States is that while the American hunt was heralded with a blast of trumpets the local heroes crept away quietly and are depending upon their own unaided prowess to bring home some of the monsters of the British Columbia forests. That they will succeed is looked upon as a practical certainty.

VICTORIA LAND OF SUNSHINE.

Scene at a lawn party held on the Victoria West Methodist Parsonage grounds on Tuesday last, April 26th.

GOOD NEWS FOR THEATRE GOERS

JOHN CORT SECURES SHUBERT ATTRACTIONS

Agreement Just Entered Into is Regarded as Victory Over Theatrical "Trust"

(Times Leased Wire.)

New York, April 30.—The Shuberts formally announced to-day that they had completed an agreement with John Cort, who controls the theatres of the northwest and Pacific coast, whereby Shubert and Liebler & Co.'s attractions will hereafter appear in his houses instead of Klaw & Erlanger bookings. This announcement follows the news that Klaw & Erlanger revoked all their bookings for Cort's houses, numbering more than 150. Broadway does not yet fully understand the portend of these changes or what is behind them.

Cort announces that his theatres will hereafter follow the "open door" policy and refuse to take dictation from the "trust." But an open door policy might just as well be a closed door policy so far as Klaw & Erlanger are concerned, for they are not sending their attractions to houses controlled by the opposition.

The Shuberts hail the change as a tremendous victory, which means the wresting of the theatrical business from the hands of the "trust." They point to the fact that Julius Cahn and his circuit of 200 theatres in New England has adopted the "open door" policy, also M. Ries and his 100 theatres in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and New Jersey.

Part of the Shuberts agreement with Cort is that he shall have 30 first class attractions at once. This was immediately complied with.

The following is a list of the attractions which will appear in the Cort theatres: Sothern and Marlowe, Maxine Elliott, Forbes Robertson, Grace George, James T. Powers, "The Chocolate Soldier," Wilton Lackaye Jefferson De 'Angelis, Blanche Ring, Louis Mann, "The Midnight Sons," "Jolly Bachelors," William Faversham, Marie Drissler, Otis Hartan, Bertha Kalish, Mme. Nazimova, Mary Mannering, Bertha Galland, John Mason, "The City," "The Lotteryman," "Dockstader's Minstrels," "The Blue Mouse," Henry Warner in "Alias Jimmie Valentine," Marie Cahill, "Fourth Estate," Marietta Oly, Sam Bernard, William Hodge in "The Man from Home," all star cast in "Jim the Penman," and the New Theatre Company.

ATTACKS GIRL WITH AXE.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 29.—According to the police, Frank Allen, 15 years of age, son of a federal officer, to-day confessed that he struck the blows that fractured the skull of Etta Lamsden, who lies in a critical condition in the Good Samaritan hospital.

Allen is in jail awaiting the result of the girl's injuries. The boy was brought to the police station shortly before noon and questioned. He admitted to the police, according to the statement of the police, that he crushed the little girl's skull with an axe.

TAX RATE UNCHANGED.

St. John, April 30.—The assessment for the city was filed yesterday for 1910 and shows a total valuation of $28,952,000, an increase of $729,000. The tax rate is the same as last year and will remain the same for five years.

BATTLE RAGING IN ALBANIA

HUNDREDS KILLED IN HAND-TO-HAND CONFLICTS

Turkish Commander Refuses to Lead Loyalist Troops Against Revolutionists

Belgrade, Servia, April 30.—The Turks are strengthening the garrisons in and around Constantinople in anticipation of a local uprising as a result of the revolt of the Albanians, according to to-day's dispatches.

The revolutionists are receiving reinforcements and funds from the people from Sandjak to Novibazar, and nearly the entire population is in sympathy with the insurgents.

Niazi Bey, among the most prominet Turkish military leaders, has refused to take command of a division of the loyalist army which is to be sent against the Albanians. Bey told the government war office officials that the position taken by the Young Turks is unjustifiable, and on this account he cannot fight against the rebels.

Niazi's prominence makes his attitude a serious obstacle for the government to overcome in its determination to suppress the revolution.

The outcome of the battle of Katchanik Pass has not been learned. There has been fighting in the pass for three days and nights, according to the reports, and hundreds on both sides have been slaughtered in hand-to-hand conflict.

The rebels have captured the towns of Hgilan, Djakova and Ipek, and it is believed are still holding Prisrand, one of the most important towns in the province.

Government officials at Constantinople are greatly alarmed on account of the action of the Austrian government in sending a cruiser and torpedo boat to the Albanian coast. The war vessels were dispatched ostensibly to protect Austrian interests in the revolting district, but the government fears that Austria intends to get Albania as she did Bostonia and Herzegovina.

For several months some of Austria's representatives have been accused of undue activity in stirring up trouble in Albania, and for several years, diplomats have whispered that Austria was desirous of getting possession of a slice of Turkish territory which would give Austria a more extended seaboard.

Losses Are Heavy.

Constantinope, April 30.—A desperate battle is being fought to-day between the Turkish forces and Albanians midway between Salonika and Uskub. The Turks forced the engagement, hoping to deliver a crushing blow to the revolutionists.

The last dispatches received from the scene of the fight say that the Albanians are resisting valiantly. Hundreds already have been killed and wounded, and according to the reports, the losses have been the heaviest of any battle fought thus far in the campaign.

ILLINOIS LEGISLATOR ADMITS TAKING BRIBE

Says He Was Paid Two Thousand Dollars to Vote for Candidate for U. S. Senate

Chicago, April 30.—Charles A. White, Democratic representative in the Illinois legislature, has confessed that he accepted $2,000 for voting for Wm. Lorimer for the United States senate, and delares that he took the bribe in order that he might expose the rascality of the Illinois lawbreaking body.

White says he was given $1,000 in greenbacks by Lee Browne, the Democratic leader, whom he met at the Briggs house in Chicago. At that time, claims White, Browne remarked that he could give White about that much more at a later date and subsequently when the session closed, White received $900, his share of the "jackpot." The latter term is applied to the fund for general distribution among the members at the end of each session of the Illinois legislature.

About July 15th of last year, White says, he was called to St. Louis by telegram and there given the other $1,000 promised by Browne.

PATTEN PAYS OVER $14,500,000 FOR COTTON

"Wheat King" Buys Virtually Every Bale of Cotton in New York Warehouses

New York, April 30.—Manipulated by James A. Patten, of wheat market fame, the largest transactions in spot cotton New York has ever known are now taking place and will probably be terminated Monday. Through the offices of J. S. Bache & Co., Patten has purchased $14,500,000 worth of cotton at $73 a bale and has called for loans to the extent of six or seven millions, which will be ready Monday.

Patten's purchases include virtually every bale of cotton in the warehouses of New York, about 200,000.

SLAIN FROM AMBUSH.

Washington Rancher is Instantly Killed and Hired Man Wounded.

Spokane, Wash., April 30.—J. S. Boone, a rancher, living in the extreme southeastern part of the county, was shot down and instantly killed by unknown persons at 9 o'clock last night, the shots being fired from ambush. At the same time Arthur Rollen, a hired man, was wounded.

Officers have been hurried to the place which is remote from telegraph or telephone lines.

PRIZE FIGHT PROVES FATAL

FRACTURED SKULL CAUSES DEATH OF McCARTHY

Owen Moran and Other Principals in Contest Arrested at San Francisco

(Times Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Cal., April 30.—After lingering in unconsciousness from the time he was struck down by Owen Moran, the fighter, Tommy McCarthy died at 3.23 o'clock this morning of a fractured skull. McCarthy died at St. Mary's hospital.

He was felled by a blow on the jaw delivered by Moran in the sixteenth round of their fight last night at Dreamland rink.

Moran and others interested in the fight are under arrest.

When McCarthy struck the floor, he lay still for a second with his eyes wide open. Then a convulsion seized him; he straightened out and his eyes closed.

Doctors jumped into the ring, preceded by the boy's father. For half an hour they attempted to restore consciousness. Failing, an ambulance was called and the young man was taken to the hospital where it was ascertained that he had sustained a basal fracture of the skull.

McCarthy's body was taken to the morgue this forenoon, and Dr. C. A. Clover, the autopsy surgeon, immediately prepared to perform an autopsy. The inquest will be held Thursday.

Soon after McCarthy was removed to the hospital Owen Moran, and his seconds, Jeff Perry and Jimmie Carroll, and McCarthy's seconds, his brothers, William and Johnny McCarthy, and Bert Treanor, were arrested. They were charged with manslaughter when the police were informed of McCarthy's death.

A search for Spider Kelly, McCarthy's chief second, was made, but he had not been found up to 10.30 a.m. The police said that Kelly would be arrested as soon as he is found.

In the jail to-day Moran expressed the greatest sorrow over the death of his opponent.

"This is awful," he said. "I would not have had it occur for all the money in the world. I had been playing for the punch on the jaw for several rounds, and when the time came I put it through."

All those arrested were brought before Judge Conlan to-day. Johnny and Willie McCarthy, brothers of Tommy, were released on their own recognizance. The court directed that their father bring them into court Wednesday when the preliminary hearing will be held.

Later Tiv Kreling, Harry Foley and Jim Griffin telephoned the police that they would surrender at once.

Moran, Berry, Carroll and Bernard Painter were released on bail. Bail was fixed at $500 bonds or $100 cash.

Owen Moran broke down and wept openly in court. All through the night Moran prayed that the life of his game little opponent might be spared.

Oppose Championship Fight.

San Francisco, Cal., April 30.—Opposition to the Jeffries-Johnson fight to be held July 4th is crystallizing here to-day following the death of Fighter Tommy McCarthy.

Leaders of ministerial bodies of San Francisco to-day are drafting protesting petitions with which to "bombard" District Attorney Donahue, of Oakland, under whose jurisdiction lies the possibility of preventing the big fight.

The following telegram was sent to Governor Gillett at Sacramento:

"Hon. Jas. A. Gillett, governor of California.

"San Francisco church federation urges immediate action to prevent proposed Jeffries-Johnson fight in Alameda county, July 4th.

"(Signed) J. E. WHITE."

White is the attorney for the church federation.

A proclamation is being prepared to-day by the church federation calling upon the better elements in California to join in driving the fighting game from the state and asking all classes in all cities and towns of the state to use moral and political pressure on city, county and state officials to kill the fighting game in California forever.

District Attorney's Statement.

Oakland, Cal., April 30.—"The responsibility for the death of Tommy McCarthy rests upon the shoulders of District Attorney Fickert and Sheriff Tom Finn, of San Francisco, and all the executive officers of the state, who have failed to enforce the state law regarding prize fights," said Carlos G. White, attorney of the Oakland church federation, to-day.

"The law has been persistently violated for years. If it had been respected and enforced McCarthy would not have been killed last night. The Moran-McCarthy fight would never have been allowed. The state law absolutely prohibits such contests."

District Attorney Donahue, of Oakland, said that the death of McCarthy would have no effect in legally preventing the Jeffries-Johnson fight.

"If the fight is illegal it will be stopped. Of that I am certain," he said.

"If it is legal, the death of McCarthy is entirely irrelevant. We can only abide by the law passed by the last legislature. McCarthy's death may mean the enactment of new laws regarding prize fights."

Urges Action.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 30.—"I will do anything in my power or sign anything that is brought to me that will have any influence in prevetning the Jeffries-Johnson fight at Emerville on July 4th," was the declaration to-day of Mayor George Alexander.

GOING TO PRINCE RUPERT.

Toronto, April 29.—J. H. Burgis, city ticket passenger agent of the Grand Trunk in this city since 1898, has been appointed general passenger agent with headquarters in Prince Rupert. He will represent the interests of the Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific as well as the steamer service, the latter in Pacific coast territory. Mr. Burgis has been connected with Grand Trunk since 1882.