

PT. ELLICE BRIDGE IS STILL HUNG UP

LENGTHY SITTING OF COUNCIL LAST NIGHT

B. C. Electric Railway Co. Threaten to Withdraw Their Contribution Bands and Other Things.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Last night's meeting of the city council was very lengthy. An enormous amount of correspondence was read, which occupied over an hour, and most of the letters were referred to committees or the officers of the council.

The band question also came up for discussion. The secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary (Mrs. Hassell) and the secretary of the Tourist Association wrote complaining of the action of the council in giving all their patronage to the City band to the exclusion of the musicians of the Fifth Regiment.

After much discussion, the city solicitor said that a contract had been entered into with the City band, and he did not think that any change could be made. Finally the members of the council and the two letters on the subject of the band were read and filed.

There was more trouble when the time came to consider the tenders received for the supply of gravel for the work. The condition that such gravel should not be taken from the foreshore within the city limits had not been published in the advertisement calling for tenders.

The following report on a meeting held yesterday afternoon, and signed by the Mayor was read and approved.

On the 10th inst., a letter was received by the council from the Hon. Mr. Arthur Martin, asking the council to appoint a time when a deputation could wait upon him to discuss the question of the inadequate supply of water to the high levels, and ascertain what remedy, if any, could be applied to this condition.

city, and that the advertisements at present appearing in the papers, regarding the hours in which city water may be used for sprinkling purposes, be withdrawn and other advertisements substituted therefor, providing that sprinkling shall be permitted on certain hours of each district, in respect of each of the said districts, and not as at present within certain hours of every day, and that for this purpose a committee be appointed to examine in conjunction with the water commissioners to report to the council as to the districts into which the city shall be divided, and as to the hours of each of said districts which shall be allotted to each district, respectively, in which the privilege of using city water for sprinkling purposes may be exercised, and that the report of His Worship the Mayor be received, and filed.

Edwin Palmer, secretary of the Union Club, wrote calling the attention of the council to the bad condition of the road and sidewalks of Douglas street, and asked that, in view of the fact that many prominent visitors to the city would be in the city, and such a condition of the road would make a bad impression, something should be done. The communication was referred to the city engineer for report.

The Finance Committee recommended that a challenge cup, value \$500, should be donated as formerly to the B. C. Rifle Association for their annual shooting match, the cup to become the property of the winner, who should be in succession. The report was received and adopted.

Accounts amounting to the sum of \$8,901 were passed for payment. Ald. Williams' motion for the improvement of Upper Pandora avenue by the travelling of the road so as to make it passable in winter was referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

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Mr. Bell's plans for the steel bridge had not yet come in. Ald. Williams did not know that much unnecessary delay had taken place, but he was sure that the name of the Point Ellice bridge should be in the nomenclature of the ratemakers.

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PREPARATION FOR FALL EXHIBITION

IMPORTANT MEETING HELD LAST EVENING

Prize Committee's Report Adopted and List Will Be Issued in a Few Days - Other Business.

A meeting of the British Columbia Agricultural Association was held at the city hall last evening. The principal business was the reviewing of the prize list of last year to suit this year's show.

Among those present were the president, Mayor Hayward, who occupied the chair; Secretary Boggs and Messrs. H. D. Helmecken, Olson, Seabrook, Hanna, Price, Dalby, Goodacre, Clarke, Palmer, and Revans. The minutes of the previous meeting were first read and adopted.

Mayor Hayward brought up the question of the appointment of an executive committee. He was of the opinion that such a committee had been selected by motion at the previous meeting.

There was only one communication to be considered, and that was the resignation of Joseph Polson as a member of the prize committee. It was duly accepted and filed.

Mr. Price, on behalf of the prize committee, stated that last year's list had been reviewed and it had been decided to make some alterations to the list.

Secretary Boggs stated that there were five medals on hand from last year, not being awarded, and he thought it would be fair which had not yet been awarded.

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BUDGET OF NEWS BROUGHT BY HAWAII

STATEMENT BY REAR-ADMIRAL BEAUMONT

Great Britain's Naval Power - Chinese Claims for Damages Incurred in Plague Epidemic.

R. M. S. Moana, which arrived yesterday afternoon, carried a large number of distinguished passengers. In addition to those mentioned in last evening's paper there were Sir Edward Stewart Richardson, aide-de-camp for the late governor of Queensland, going home to England; Captain W. Spencer Stanhope is a retired British army officer, going home; Col. Claude Francis, connected with the government of Fiji, accompanied by his wife, bound for England, and Lieut. R. B. Johnson, a member of the Royal and Welsh Fusiliers.

Another passenger who boarded the steamer at Sydney was W. Michael Bray, a young American who has been engaged in newspaper work in South Africa and Australia for the past few years, having been in the business in Adelaide and having been through the South African war.

The Moana's cargo included 1500 tons of tin, 20 crates pianos, 1000 boxes of soap, 18 cases bicycles, 35 cases of hats, 15 cases skins, 208 cases shoes, 13 pieces timber and 27 packages of machinery.

Captain Cable, of the island steamer Bruner, reported at Sydney shortly before the Moana sailed, that when at Christmas Island the islanders informed him that a United States warship had called there a few weeks before in search of the British warship Commodore.

The Sydney Morning Herald of recent date received by the Moana gives an interesting account of the late Rear-Admiral Beaumont, formerly commander-in-chief of the Pacific naval fleet. At the annual banquet of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce to the toast of the Navy and the Royal Australian Navy, Rear-Admiral Beaumont, regarding the position and power of the British navy, and the necessity for the component parts of the British Empire.

A forecast of the procession has already appeared in these columns. After this event and the other formal exercises of the day are completed the programme of sports will take place: 1. 75-yard boys' race, 12 years or under; first prize, goods to the value of \$3; second prize, goods value of \$2.50.

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AGUINALDO NOW FREE

He Says He Is Araid to Appear on Streets in Daylight.

Manila, July 6.—As a result of the proclamation of amnesty on July 4th, the guard of American soldiers has been withdrawn from duty at the house where Aguinaldo lives, and Lieut. Johnson, American agent in Manila, has been ordered to-day to Gen. Chaffee. It was the first meeting between the American general and the Filipino revolutionist. Lieut. Johnson, of the Ninth Cavalry, Manila, has been ordered to-day to Gen. Chaffee. It was the first meeting between the American general and the Filipino revolutionist.

The former Filipino leader then asked Gen. Chaffee to prevent the courts from requiring him to testify in civil suits. Gen. Chaffee replied that he had no authority to grant this request, and advised Aguinaldo to make a special call on Acting Civil Governor Wright. This Aguinaldo said he would do, but that he would go at night, as he was timid about appearing on the streets in daylight.

The release of the former Filipino leader has renewed speculation as to possible vengeance upon him by friends of the United States. But it is reported that a Filipino leader whom Aguinaldo caused to be killed in 1890.

The court-martial trying Capt. James A. Ryan, of the Fifteenth Cavalry, on charges of desertion, has been adjourned until the 15th inst. The natives of the province where he was stationed, has admitted, for purposes of cross-examination, the entire report of Judge Rhoads, which forms the basis of the charges against the captain.

The order changing the court disallowed all the allegations except the one of cruelty to natives, which the captain declared that he had no personal knowledge of the facts in the principal allegation and he gave the names of his informants. He admitted and then denied the charges against the captain.

Second Lieut. Thomas Ryan, of the Philippine Scouts, also committed suicide by shooting in the interior of the Island of Mindanao, on June 18th.

President Mitchell Says They Will Stay Out Until They Win. New York, July 7.—President Mitchell spent the day with H. M. Taylor, of Bradford and Coal City, Ill., a soft coal operator, who said that he telegraphed Mr. Mitchell, at Wilkesbarre, to meet him in New York. He denied their meeting had anything to do with the anthracite miners' strike or the soft coal mine situation or the approaching convention of the United Mine Workers at Indiana, Pa. Each side sought that they would meet simply as business friends, after seeing friends off for Europe.

Mr. Mitchell decided that he came to consult labor leaders here regarding the ability of the soft coal operators in breaking their contracts with the operators to enter upon a general strike and reiterated that the anthracite miners would stay out until they win.

WEEKLY WEATHER

Victoria, Meese 2nd.

During this week the weather has been a more or less severe nature. Captain Ingstrom was last seen alive on board entering his cabin, evidently with the object of securing his more valuable personal effects, and when daylight appeared his body was found floating close to the scene of the disaster.

Advices by Associated Press from Honolulu report that Judge Humphreys of the First Circuit court, rendered a decision on the 1st inst. declaring unconstitutional an important section of the Hawaiian civil code, on the ground that it was contrary to the constitution of the United States. The section in question provided that appeals from district magistrates, who do not hold jury trials, should be to circuit judges in chambers, who also do not have juries. The judge held that such an appeal was depriving a litigant of his right to a jury trial.

The court of Chinatown fire commissioners is waiting for news from Washington as to the appropriation of a million dollars for the relief of the victims of the earthquake in California. By the 4th, there was a difference of half an inch between and Kamloops, consequently crossed to a moderate and the Straits of Fuca on Saturday and Sunday they moved across the 7th, giving 70 inches of high area. By the 4th, there was a difference of half an inch between and Kamloops, consequently crossed to a moderate and the Straits of Fuca on Saturday and Sunday they moved across the 7th, giving 70 inches of high area.

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WARSHIP WILL WATCH FOR THE BLAKELEY

Phaeton Will Be Asked to Ascertain the Whereabouts of the Long Absent Ship.

The protracted absence of the brig Blakeley, which was dispatched to Cocos Island in search for buried treasure there, is causing a great deal of uneasiness among the friends of those aboard. The ship was last seen in the harbor on January 1st, and the friends of those who composed the expedition resigned themselves to a long wait without any tidings. Still it was confidently expected that by the first of May the brig would be back, either with the treasure so confidently sought, or with the news of the successful success of the expedition. As a matter of fact the ship was expected long before the first of May; but when May passed, and then June, to be followed by July, absolutely without tidings of the vessel, anxiety has deepened almost to the point of desperation.

H. H. Jones, the president of the company, has no doubts about the safety of the ship and attributes the delay to difficulties similar to those which confronted the party from the impetuosity when they first visited the island on a similar errand. He believes that the members of the expedition must have met with encouragement, or they would have long since been returned to port.

The absence of news while the ship was in the harbor, and the ominous features which would attach to similar circumstances attending the voyage of a ship which had been reported to be in the harbor, is far out of the beaten track of commerce on the high seas, and hence her failure to speak any other craft since her departure from the Straits covers the whole of the island.

Mr. Palmer moved in amendment that \$300 be voted for this purpose, the same as at the New Westminster fair. The motion was carried.

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KITCHENER'S MESSAGE

To the Troops in South Africa - Reference to Boers.

Pretoria, July 7.—Lord Kitchener's valdictory to the troops, dated June 25th, has been displayed throughout the British soldiers in the face of the great hardships and difficulties, and against dangerous and elusive antagonists, commended the kindly and humane spirit displayed in all ranks, and concludes as follows: "This message would be incomplete were no reference made to the soldierly qualities displayed throughout the campaign by our enemies, and the admirable spirit displayed in carrying out the surrender. Many of those who remained until the end have expressed the hope that they may have in the future, an opportunity to serve side by side with His Majesty's forces."

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Local + Regional

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