

UNREST AMONG B.C. COAL MINERS

MEN ARE DEMANDING INCREASE IN PAY

Five Thousand May Go on Strike When Present Agreement Expires.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 19.—There is great unrest and dissatisfaction among the coal miners engaged in southern Alberta and British Columbia mines and before the renewal of the two years' agreement on April 1st, five thousand men may go on strike. This would mean a great shortage of the coke supply in Montana and Washington camps at Spokane, Great Falls, Helena and Butte smelters, besides tying up the steam coal supply of the Great Northern, Canadian Pacific and Canadian Northern railways. The men demand an increase in pay.

RAMSHACKLE SCHOOL GUTTED. No Pupils in Montreal Structure When it Catches Fire.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 19.—The Royal Arthur school was destroyed by fire early yesterday. The parents of 500 children, who attend the ramshackle structure, are congratulating themselves that the fire took place out of school hours, as otherwise there would have been a repetition of the Hochelago school horror of a few years ago.

CENTENARY EXPENSES. Montreal, Que., Jan. 19.—Justice Charbonneau yesterday dismissed the petition to unseat and disqualify seven members of the finance committee for having appropriated \$3,959 to the traveling expense of Mayor Pavette and Assistant City Clerk Bauset, who represented the city at the celebration of the Champlain tercentenary in Quebec last June. It was claimed that the action of the committee was illegal.

DEATH OF H. S. YOUNG. Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 19.—Harrison S. Young died in Edmonton last night aged 50. He worked for the Hudson's Bay Company for a long time in British Columbia.

SHELTER HOUSE MURDER. New York, Jan. 19.—The trial of David E. Sheppard, a former policeman charged with the murder of Joseph Reig in a shelter house in Irving Square Park, Williamsburg, last July, began before Justice Cresswell yesterday in the criminal branch of the supreme court, Brooklyn. Before court adjourned for the day the jury had been chosen and two witnesses for the prosecution examined.

JAILER 30 YEARS. Cornwall, Ont., Jan. 19.—Dan McDonald, who was jailer of Cornwall for over 30 years, retiring four years ago, died yesterday, aged 77.

DEATH OF MUSICIAN. Montreal, Que., Jan. 19.—Ernest Lavigne, one of Montreal's best known musicians, died yesterday afternoon after a lingering illness. He was born in 1857.

CREMATION SOCIETY WITH WEIRD RITUAL. U. S. Organization Which Dissects Bodies of Its Members.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—The formation recently among Bohemian residents of this city of a cremation society, has led indirectly to the revelation of a medical secret of thirty-one years' standing. A score of prominent physicians and surgeons admitted they are members of the Ustion Fraternity, a society having for its object the dissection of the bodies of its members after death and the cremation of the remains.

This weird fraternity is of national scope. Secret chapters exist in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Cleveland, Detroit and other cities in the east. Each chapter is known as a vetebrae. The Chicago chapter being the first organized, is called the "prima vetebrae." Its high officer is known as the "encephalon," the Greek word for head. Its other officers are named after other parts of the human body. The members of the fraternity must undergo a preparation for apprenticeship of four years before they are admitted to full knowledge of its weird ritual.

MAY DIE FROM INJURIES. Yorkton, Sask., Jan. 19.—Wm. Meakin, a man of 67 years of age, residing near Shoal Lake, while attempting to board Saturday's eastbound express here, slipped and fell between the train and the station platform. Both trucks of the rear coach passed over his right arm near the shoulder, face and body. It was found necessary to amputate his arm. It is not expected that he will survive the shock.

BIG LOCOMOTIVE ORDERS. Montreal, Que., Jan. 19.—The Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk Pacific railway companies respectively have ordered 30 and 25 new locomotives from the Montreal locomotive works. The former are to be of the Pacific type and the latter of a smaller type. The locomotives are to be delivered in early spring.

TWO FARMERS KILLED BY C. P. R. EXPRESS

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 19.—A fact express on the Canadian Pacific railway near Brandon, Manitoba, late last night killed two young men walking on the permanent walk. Their names were Albert H. Cockson and Herbert Stiles, both farmers.

GIVE JAPANESE A SQUARE DEAL

ROOSEVELT'S WARNING TO CALIFORNIA JINGOES

Federal Government Alone Can Deal With Oriental Question.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 19.—Introduced by Bishop Cranston as the "apostle of the square deal," President Roosevelt in an address last night at the diamond jubilee mass meeting held in the Metropolitan Memorial M. E. church, which the late President McKinley attended, declared that he would not come before a Methodist gathering if he had not attempted to give the square deal.

"In addition to the square deal in our own country," he continued, "I want the Methodists and others to help to give the square deal to Japan. I will see to it that in doing this our own citizens are protected. You know and are not a mere sentimentalist. I am not in the least afraid of invoking the big stick if it is necessary, and I want to see us, while insisting on justice being done us, equally careful to do justice to others. The national government by agreement with the Japanese government and through the hearty and spontaneous initiative of the Japanese government, has been able to achieve a completely satisfactory solution of all possible difficulties, of all possible questions, that could be at issue between our people and the Japanese people. It is only the federal government that can with wisdom and propriety deal with these questions, and I ask all good Americans to see to it that unwisdom, foolish men, do nothing to their own harm and the harm of their own locality to upset the arrangement that is now working so satisfactorily to the governments of the United States and Japan."

After concluding the president's hands with Bishop Cranston, who claimed: "This is the true union, church and state, not organic relationship, but to stand hand in hand, heart to heart, eye to eye, for the uplifting of humanity." The president declared that the Methodists of the country had been an inspiration to him during the seven and a half years of his presidency. "In the fact that this was the last public speech which he would make in this city as president of the United States."

B. C. EASIEST PLACE FOR PRISONERS TO ESCAPE

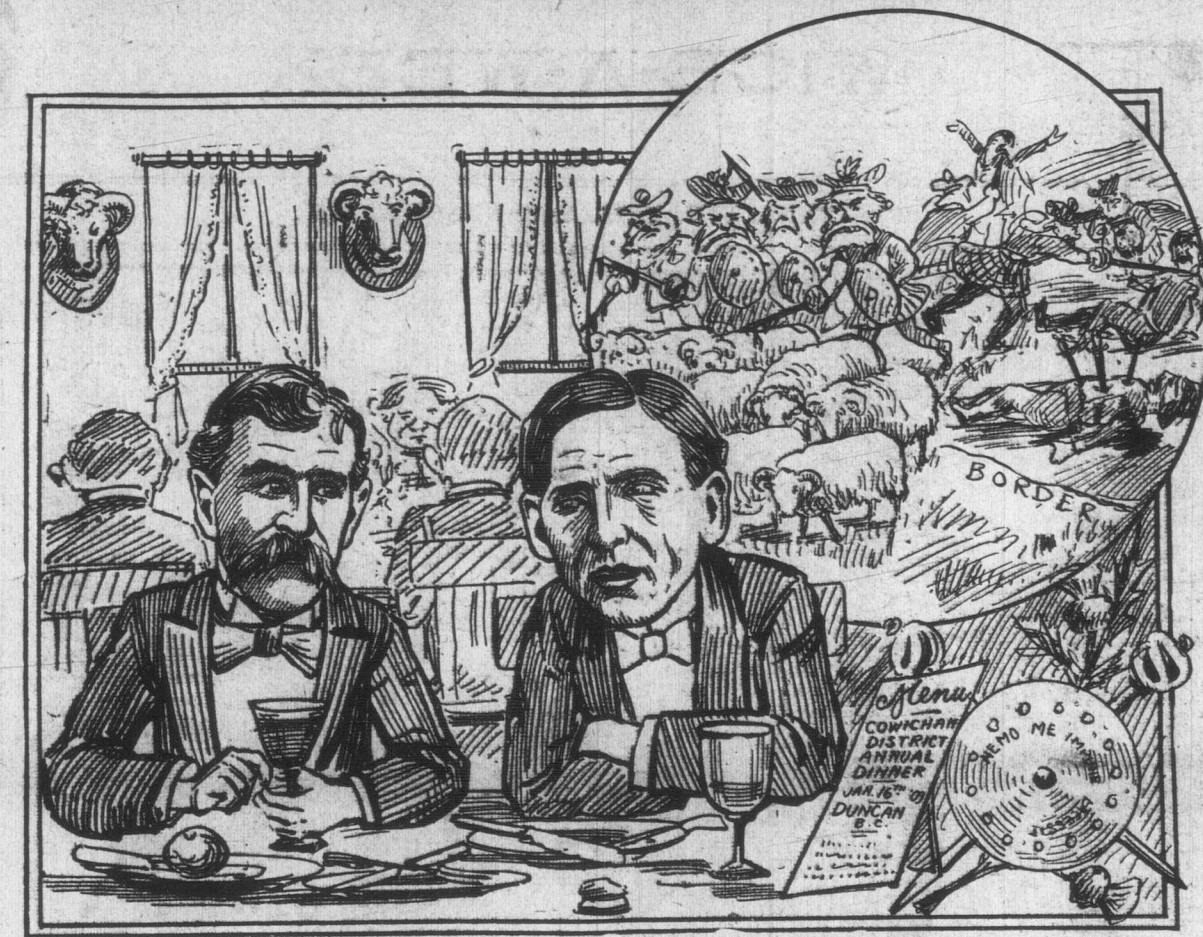
Penitentiary Statistics Show Falling Off in Number of Criminals.

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—The report of the Department of Justice for the year ending March 31, 1908, issued yesterday, shows that the average daily population of the six penitentiaries was 1,415, a decrease of 15 compared with 1907. There were 215 paroles granted during the year, as compared with 157 in the previous year. The pardons numbered 23, being the same number as in the previous year. The deaths and escapes totalled 14. The increase in the number of paroles was justified by results, according to the report of the Dominion parole officers.

The escapes all occurred in British Columbia, and were due to a general lack of discipline and to the disregard of prison regulations.

The report shows that 17 per cent of the prisoners were total abstainers, 49 per cent temperate and 24 per cent intemperate. Fourteen per cent could neither read nor write, while four per cent could read but were unable to write. Sixty per cent were Canadian born, sixteen per cent Britishers and ten per cent came from the United States.

As to age they were divided as follows: Under 20 years, 181; between 20 and 30 years, 650; between 30 and 40 years, 372; between 40 and 50 years, 163; between 50 and 60 years, 86; over 60 years, 35.



THE EVOLUTION OF THE FLOCKMASTER. Chief Macdonald: "I feel perfectly at home here, my dear Hayward. My ancestors, as you doubtless know, 'followed sheep' for centuries." (For illustration of his ancestors' methods, see upper right hand corner.)

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SHARP EARTHQUAKE SHOCK AT SMYRNA

Smyrna, Turkey, Jan. 19.—A sharp earthquake was experienced here this morning, but there was no local damage. Reports received here from Phocaea, 35 miles to the northwest, say that a number of houses fell and that three persons were killed. Buildings were damaged in four towns.

VICTORIA MUST BESTIR ITSELF

THOUSANDS WHO CAN BE INDUCED TO VISIT HERE

Work for Tourist Association if Kept Active by Civic Grant.

There will gather in this city next Friday a representative body of business men from every part of Vancouver Island, bent on formulating plans for the development of the great riches which lie hidden beneath its surface. It will be for citizens of the capital city to see that while the organization to be formed on Friday is prosecuting its work they are carrying on the task of making Victoria's advantages as a residential and business city known further abroad.

That this can be best carried on through the machinery already in existence, the Tourist Association, is generally agreed by all who think the matter over seriously. The Association is known over the continent now as Victoria's publicity agent, it has formed connections of value in such work and its officers are closely in touch with what has been accomplished and what needs to be followed up.

It should not be forgotten by citizens that the Tourist Association is not a collection of real estate agents or boosters, but numbers among its members leading citizens in all walks. Its officers are men of weight and influence in the community, who are giving their time freely and gratuitously to the work in a public-spirited way; who feel that this city must advertise in order to hold its own against its rivals, all generous spenders for publicity purposes. Any public monies placed in their hands would be as wisely and efficiently expended as if the city council itself was watching the details.

There seems to be a "big" erroneous idea in the minds of some of those who voted against the civic grant that the money would be handed over to private individuals and that, as one man was heard to express it, "there would be a fine dilly-up for the man who ever the indefinite 'them' may be. The money would be administered by men who can be trusted to see that the city got full benefit from every cent of it. No member of the association ever has got any of the money voted. Since the paid secretary gave up the work the duties of that office have been performed by one of the executive without remuneration.

This is not a satisfactory method of carrying on the work, however, as there is enough to keep an official busy all the time, and it is necessary to have a permanent secretary to carry on the aggressive work which will be necessary this year. The only salaries which would be paid would be those of this official and an office assistant; the balance, over rent and office expenses, would be spent on publicity literature and advertising. One of the American cities mentioned in these columns a few days ago, with a population a little less than Victoria's, has an office staff of five, and all hustlers.

That the council will see its way to respect the opinion of the great body of the citizens as to the absolute duty of carrying on the publicity campaign, and make a grant of a sufficient sum to enable the Tourist Association to continue its work during 1909, is hoped by all patriotic Victorians.

Apart from the need of the city effectively advertised, the necessity of Victoria having a proper organization to look after the tourist trade this year is again emphasized by the news that 85,000 people have already been booked to Seattle to take part in sixty-five different conventions during the coming summer. This information has been made public by the Northern Pacific railway, and is simply a beginning in the way of bookings. These people are coming mostly from points in the United States and are booked to return home without coming here. If efforts are made very many of them will extend their trip to this point. In all it is expected that there will be half a million visitors to the coast this year, who should and could be induced to pass through Victoria.

MRS. MAYBRICK'S PLANS. Ex-Convict to Devote Her Life to Prison Reforms.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 18.—Mrs. Florence E. Maybrick, whose release from an English prison five years ago was due to the efforts of American women, declared here yesterday that she was devoting her life work to prison reforms. In a statement she appealed to congress to provide the national capital prisons with sanitary facilities.

Mrs. Maybrick denied the rumor that she was engaged to be married.

COUNCIL MAY OPEN THE DOORS

FAVORABLY CONSIDERS DEMAND FOR PUBLICITY

But Allows Streets Committee to Make Its Own Ruling.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) The fullest publicity in all proceedings of the city council and its committees was suggested to the new council on behalf of the citizens of Victoria Monday by the Times. A letter from the manager of this paper was read and passed on to the streets, bridges and sewers committee, which is really the whole council sitting in committee, for favorable consideration.

"In going back to open committee meetings the council will only be putting itself in line with the universal practice in large cities, where the doctrine that the people have a right to know what their representatives are doing at all times is strictly adhered to. The letter from the Times management was as follows: 'Gentlemen: At the outset of the year and the beginning of your term in office I beg to draw your attention to a practice which has prevailed for some time of excluding representatives of the press from the meetings of the council when sitting as a streets, bridges and sewers committee. In other cities all meetings of all committees are properly open to the public. It is particularly desirable that the meetings to which I refer be open, because some of its members of last year admit that at its sessions general matters are discussed and not alone those relating to streets and sewers.'

"I feel sure you will recognize the reasonableness of my request that representatives of the Times be invited of and admitted to all meetings of the council's members whether as a council or as a committee.

"Heretofore representatives of the Times will present themselves at all such meetings in the exercise of their proper duty of giving the public all the available facts regarding the administration of the city. They have instructed me not to withdraw unless desired to do so by resolution of the committee or the council. Yours truly, JOHN NELSON, 'Mgr. Times Ptg. & Pub. Co. Ltd., Bellevue in Publicity.

"I would move that the letter be received and the request granted," said Ald. Fullerton. "I took the initiative in 1905 in bringing the streets, bridges and sewers committee through open to the press. During last year it was not open, but I think the public should be made cognizant of all their business as it affects the city. Some of the matters, such as legal issues, which it is not wise to make public at the time, but I think the reporters who attend our meetings can be trusted to use discretion. The streets committee is a committee of the whole and what we do there I think should go before the public in detail. Matters are threshed out there and when the report comes before council on Monday night it is passed without discussion. It will do no harm to go back to the practice of 1905. At the close of that year there had been no ill-effect from full publicity and the public will welcome a return to that system."

"If I may speak on the matter," said the mayor, "I think the letter should go to the committee and that we recommend favorable consideration. We cannot govern their action here. I am not opposing it, I didn't oppose it last year, for that matter."

Ald. McKeown moved, seconded by Ald. Bishop, that the letter be referred to the streets committee.

"When I brought my notice of motion up in 1905 it was discussed and decided here," Ald. Fullerton said. Ald. McKeown said he was not opposing the request but simply proposed that the committee should have an opportunity to discuss whether the press should be there at all times.

The motion for reference passed, Seating of the Members. Every member of the new council was present except Ald. Stewart, who had to leave the city in fulfillment of a business engagement entered into before he decided to be a candidate. The seating of the members from what is regarded as the head of the line of desks, the right hand end facing the mayor, is as follows: Mayor, Ald. Fullerton, Aldermen Mable, McKeown, Stewart, Ross, Turner, Bishop, Humber and Raymond.

Committees Appointed. The mayor appointed the following committees of council: Finance—Aldermen Henderson, McKeown, Stewart, Bishop and Mable. Streets, Bridges, Sewers and Water—The mayor and all the aldermen, with Ald. Turner as chairman. Electric Light—Aldermen Mable, Humber, Fullerton, Raymond and Turner.

Legislation—Aldermen Stewart, Mable, McKeown, Henderson and Bishop. Fire Warden—Aldermen Fullerton, Raymond, Humber, Mable and Henderson. Home for Aged and Infirm—Aldermen Bishop, Ross, Stewart, McKeown and Turner. Health and Morals—Aldermen Raymond, Henderson, Fullerton, Bishop and Ross. Cemetery—Aldermen McKeown, Turner, Fullerton, Humber and Ross.

The first civic act in each case will be chairman of the committee. CHOLERA IN RUSSIA. St. Petersburg, Jan. 17.—Fifty-nine cases of cholera have been reported in the last 24 hours and 21 deaths. Much of a man's interest in a woman is due to his inability to understand her. Belgium employs 2,000 men in its stone and marble quarries.

PUBLICITY ABSOLUTELY

BUSINESS MEN TO ACTIVE

City Council Act to Campaign

Although the city to finance the Tourist Association at the end of this month that the civic treasury for one cent. The element which has the handling of the City Treasurer marked, holds the weather the most is that the association all the work it does year on a grant nearly one-quarter to meet expenses. Publicity work of 1907 was not strictly adhered to, who compose the association, held on Fort Street and Mayor Hall, the work should be done without making a council for a grant of the ratepayers on the referendum form of misapprehension of the view of the several instances where other hand two given in men who vote 'nay' until of the true facts of the good service doing.

How Mayor the association's honorary secretary following effect: "As you are an association have the first of January a conference with city council early we notified them able to continue the first of December, and by the council to session during January had taken the same time as association until the result of the majority of the sum of money, I have taken of calling you together may be proposed by the association, and some are still outstanding the winter time of such shape, however report of the treasurer which we will be business without the estimate, although we have which we have no we could assure could close the sheet.

"The board believe that this city is of particular interest to the business men who remain with you this work should have particular attention to a movement in Alaska-Yukon Exposition and will have noticed carrying on and greater propaganda that city as much as possible that will during the season of the estimate and attendance at eighty-five thousand exclusive of the will be attracted by the duty of the estimate and may travel one of very much of the direct route, and be made to der question their referendum vote it remains to be council and private passed to take this Victoria, and a triangle, will be keep from being what by advertising what it has to ing a properly-ware here. As neighboring city of the tax was mentioned ready sent out matter.

Herbert Kent