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NEW DEAL WITH THE FALL FAIR

MAYOR MORLEY SAYS CITY MUST BE PROTECTED

His Worship Reports Other Deficits in Connection With Public Works

Mayor Morley announced Monday night's meeting of the city council that so long as he remained mayor he would never be another cent paid out to the B. C. Agricultural Association unless the monies were handed by the city officials and every precaution taken to see that the expenditures were regular; that he had opened negotiations with the city barrister looking to a readjustment of the relations between the city and the Agricultural Society, and that he had written to Secretary Smart informing him that the city would not be responsible for the expenditure of further money in connection with the affairs of the association. Mayor Morley's attitude was heartily approved by his colleagues at the council board.

The remarks of the mayor followed the presentation by the finance committee of a recommendation that the outstanding accounts of the association be paid, they having inspected the books and accounts and found them in order.

Aid. Fullerton complained that eighteen musicians, who had played in the band at the fair, had not yet received their money.

Aid. Langley, a member of the finance committee, in response to questions said that the committee had found from an inspection of the figures that there seemed to be some wild guessing on the part of some one as to estimated receipts and expenditures.

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Aid. Mable said all that was beside the point. The question was, should the city pay the accounts? He believed they should.

Aid. Sargison said he believed all the accounts were correct. No doubt mistakes had been made from a business point of view. But it could hardly be said that with the buildings, which remained to the city as an asset, that the fair had made such a grievous showing. After some further debate it was finally decided to adopt the report of the finance committee, recommending the payment of the accounts.

Later in the evening the mayor announced that he had just discovered that two other substantial items might be provided for. The city is \$10,000 short on the salt water system and \$12,000 short on the improvements on the causeway, Humboldt street and Belleville street. It seemed to him very strange that the estimates of cost should have been so miscalculated.

The estimated cost of the local improvement work on the causeway and on Humboldt street was \$52,564, by far the greater part of which must be met by the city, as the C. P. R. cannot be taxed for its share of the improvements. Of the \$21,000, allowance must be made for \$6,000, the cost of constructing the subway across the causeway, through which the wires are laid underground, this amount not having been included in the by-law which was submitted to the ratepayers.

The mayor added that this great deficit was rather hard on the council of this year. There would be a lack of the money necessary for the proper care of the streets.

Aid. Fullerton was surprised at such a poor showing, as he had been led to believe from the balance sheet that the excess cost in the case of the salt water system had been met.

POSTAL MAY BE INCLUDED IN MERGER Rumor on Wall Street That Other Companies Will Be Absorbed

(Times Lensed Wire.) Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 1.—The next step in the reported telegraph merger will be the absorption of the American District Telegraph Company by the American Telegraph & Telephone Company, according to a well defined rumor in financial circles to-day. From the same source another report emanated to the effect that the Postal Telegraph Company soon would be included in the merger, making a complete monopoly of the telegraph, telephone and messenger business throughout the country.

ELECTION CONTEST NEARING CLOSE

POLLING IN ENGLAND HAS BEEN COMPLETED

Only Half Dozen Scotch and Irish Seats Yet to Be Filled

London, Feb. 1.—The re-election of J. G. Hancock, Labor candidate for the middle division of Derbyshire, completed the elections for the new parliament in England. The remaining half dozen constituencies to make returns are Scotch and Irish.

The final totals in England alone give the Unionists 238 seats, the Liberals and Laborites combined 227, or a Unionist majority of 12, compared with a Liberal-Laborite majority of 211 received in 1906.

Finance Bills. The conviction is deepening that the House of Lords question will be raised in the new parliament by the introduction of a resolution before the budget is presented, re-affirming the privileges of the House of Commons with regard to money bills. The voting on this resolution will give the government a good idea of the strength of its dependable majority in the House.

It is reported that Davitt may run. He will be a candidate for whichever of the two seats in Cork, which William O'Brien was elected from, decides to resign.

Labor Exchange. The inauguration of the new system of national exchanges created by the Liberal government as a preliminary step in dealing with the unemployed problems took place to-day. One hundred exchanges will be started in February, and 150 more in the next six months. Their object is neither charity nor relief, but only to serve to bring men desiring work into touch with employers wanting labor.

AVIATOR MAY DIE. Airship Wrecked During Flight at Cairo, Egypt.

Cairo, Egypt, Feb. 1.—While practicing in an aeroplane, Mortimer Singer, the aviator, fell to-day and sustained injuries from which it is likely he will die.

The airship in which he was flying was completely wrecked in the fall and Singer was buried in the debris of the machine. The aeronaut's arms, legs, two ribs and collar bone were broken.

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Paris, Feb. 1.—During the 24 hours ending at noon to-day, the Seine fell but a fraction over two inches at Pont d'Austerlitz, and fears were expressed that the waters might rise again and renew their attack upon the city. The water at the bridge measured 25 feet 3 inches.

This slow recession, however, was attributed officially to a slight rise in the River Yonne, a tributary of the Seine. It probably will not greatly affect the greater river.

A general protest arose in the suburbs to-day because of the unduly long delay in the action of the civic authorities in rescuing persons whose lives were menaced by the flood, the suburbs have been practically neglected, according to the indignant residents.

The property loss in the outskirts of Paris and in the surrounding cities has been proportionately greater than in the capital.

Canada Ready to Assist. Ottawa, Feb. 1.—Action on the suggestion made in the Senate the other day by the Canadian Commissioner Fabre in Paris asking him to ascertain if the French government will accept assistance for flood victims from Canada. If no objection is taken by France an emergency vote will likely be put through parliament immediately.

WORK TRAIN WRECKED. One Man Is Killed and Over Score Injured; Several Probably Fatally.

Lethbridge, Alta., Feb. 1.—One man dead and several dying among twenty-two injured workmen is the result of a wreck of a Canadian Pacific work train which crashed through a bridge yesterday near here. The dead man and injured are Bulgarians.

CHAUFFEURS ORGANIZE. Providence, R. I., Feb. 1.—A national union of chauffeurs to be known as the Professional Chauffeurs' Association of America was incorporated yesterday. Its object is to improve the worth of chauffeurs by eliminating undesirable ones from the ranks of drivers by better legislation governing the handling of automobiles.

RECTOR'S IS NO MORE. New York, Feb. 1.—Rector's, for more than twelve years the Mecca of hundreds of pleasure lovers, is no more. As the last merry-makers wended their way homeward early this morning the famous cafe closed its doors.

Although no announcement that Rector's was to close had been made, it became known last night that its last day had come, and there was a wild rush of frequenters of the "Great White Way" to be in at the death. Throughout the night they made merry until the lights in the eyes of the great green dragon that guards the doors were turned out.

JEWELLER ROBBED. Williamsonville, W. Va., Feb. 1.—A man was waylaid and robbed C. C. Osterman, a jeweller, of \$13,000 in diamonds and money early on Sunday. Fosses have chased the men into the mountains.



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OVER ONE HUNDRED MAY HAVE PERISHED

Bodies of Thirty-Five Victims of Mine Explosion Recovered—Only Known Survivor Tells of Struggle of Men Underground.

Primero, Colo., Feb. 1.—After a complete investigation into the mine disaster at the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company's shaft, near here, in which thirty-two men are known to have lost their lives, the officials declare their belief to-day that 100 men were still in the mine. The bodies of thirty-two have been recovered. The only known survivor is Dianado Virgen.

Soon after the explosion, fire broke out in the main tunnel. It was quenched, it was believed, before it penetrated to the three other tunnels where the men are imprisoned.

Rescuers are working frantically to save the men who are supposed to be entombed in the wrecked shaft. It was feared they would be dead before help could reach them.

Many of the dead probably never will be identified. The operatives were numbered in the company's books by number. Many of them were not known by name even to the other miners.

The explosion occurred in the main tunnel of the four that comprise the mine. It blocked the entrance to the main shaft and until the debris can be cleared away, it will be impossible to learn whether any men survived.

The rescuers, however, are heartening one another with the slogan, "Remember Cherry," apparently believing that if the men who were imprisoned in the wrecked Cherry mine lived until all reached them, there is hope that their comrades have survived.

Overcome by Gas. When the explosion occurred both fans with which the property is equipped were shattered and it was not until three hours later that the fans were repaired and a rescue party headed by General Superintendent J. F. Thompson was able to descend the main shaft. They discovered three bodies before they were forced to return to the surface. Five men, one of them a hundred yards away, were killed at the entrance to the main shaft by the concussion.

Shortly before 2 o'clock this morning Superintendent Thompson, who was directing the rescue work, was overcome by gas and taken to the surface. He soon recovered and again went below. Superintendent Thompson was reinforced by every superintendent and expert within reach of the mine, and hundreds of miners stood about the shaft last night begging for a chance to go in with the rescue parties.

Pitiful Scenes. The heart rendering scenes that followed the Cherry disaster, when wives and mothers rushed to the shaft to await news of some loved one caught in the death trap below, were re-enacted here to-day. The mangled bodies of five men, blown almost to atoms and scattered about the mouth of the shaft, were viewed with fearful apprehension by many women who almost expected to recognize a broken body as that of a husband or son.

A special train was sent from Trinidad early to-day, bearing doctors and nurses, and oxygen helmets to be used by the rescuers.

Rescued Miner's Story. The death struggles of screaming and praying men, caught under ground in a fire-swept mine shaft, attempting to fight their way to safety, were described to-day by Dianado Virgen, the first miner taken from the wrecked Primero mine. Virgen, terribly injured, lay on blankets in an improvised hospital here and in broken sentences told, through an interpreter, all he knew of the disaster.

"There was a deafening roar," said Virgen, "that flashed fire and then darkness. I remember falling to the ground. Then came a rush of men screaming, shouting and praying in their attempt to escape.

"I staggered to my feet, but was knocked down by men, who, with their clothing on fire, rushed along the tunnel insane from their agony.

"I was too weak to get upon my feet again, so dragged myself along. Over dead bodies I crawled until I fainted. When I came to I heard the groans growing fainter and finally cease. I believed all were dead.

"Then I heard the rescuers. I shouted as loud as I could but hadn't much strength except to shout at intervals.

When Virgen was brought to the mouth of the shaft there was a great demand by the throngs surrounding the mine. His condition is critical, but he has an even chance for recovery.

The identified dead follows: Dave Williams, pit boss; Jack Elias, driver; John Runding, driver; Albert Cole, miner; Ernest Stranfield, miner; Jack Iskra, miner.

Hurled Hundred Feet. Among the seriously injured is Will Alexander, a miner. Alexander was entering the tunnel when the explosion occurred. He was hurled more than 100 feet and sustained severe internal injury.

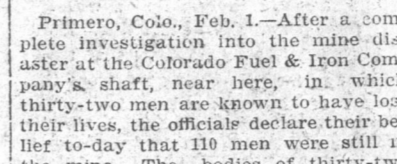
Since 5 o'clock last evening a silent crowd of men and women has stood about the mine entrance, waiting for news from below. Ropes were stretched about the shaft entrance and armed men stood on guard.

Survivors of the disaster said that the tunnel where the explosion occurred presents a terrifying appearance. Mangled bodies and torn arms and legs, they declared, are strewn about the passages.

RANCHER DISAPPEARS. Officers Fear Man Has Met With Foul Play and Institute Search.

Bellingham, Wash., Feb. 1.—Sheriff Stevenson, of Skagit county, with a posse, led by a pack of hounds, is to-day trying to find some trace of the supposed murderer of Amos Johnson, the aged resident of Guemes Island, near Anacortes, who has mysteriously disappeared under circumstances that lead the officers to believe he has been killed.

The old man was worth \$50,000, and is said to have kept much of his wealth hidden in his house. Yesterday a neighbor went to the place to borrow some farm machinery. He found everything about the house in such shape that it indicated the man had not intended to leave. His hat and coat were on a peg in the room and a frying pan was on the table. But the man had been gone some days, and his stock was suffering for want of care.



LORD MORLEY, Secretary of State for India.

Asked by Mr. Blain if he thought the West would endorse the bill, Mr. Templeman replied that he thought it would.

The minister of inland revenue read a number of letters from citizens of Victoria objecting to the class of racing which was held last year, declaring that it was detrimental to the best interest of the city.

Mr. Meredith, counsel for the Hamilton Jockey Club, protested vigorously against reading these letters. He claimed that he could get letters from merchants of Hamilton saying that racing was beneficial to the city.

G. H. Barnard, M. P. for Victoria, said he had seen the same class of people at the race meetings at Toronto. He had seen at Victoria. These people were to be seen at the chief hotel.

He had heard a lady say that during the Woodbine meeting at Toronto she would not care to cross the rotunda of the King Edward hotel.

G. Cowan, M. P. for Vancouver, said he could not understand why betting was necessary for the running of houses and improvement of the breed. He said the people of Vancouver objected to the class of people that followed in the train of race meetings, and public opinion was against a repetition.

KAMLOOPS RIFLEMEN. Kamloops, Jan. 31.—A special general meeting of the members of the Kamloops District Rifle Association was held in the board of trade rooms, when the principal business was the consideration of the resignation of the captain, W. J. Clarke, who is joining the R. M. R. This was accepted and Bruce Walker unanimously elected captain in his place.

Considerable discussion took place on the advisability of strengthening the organization, the spirit of the meeting being strongly in favor of putting forth every effort this year to increase the general efficiency in marksmanship with a view to the formation of a team capable of bringing back the Kamloops shield to this city. Arrangements have been made to hold a semi-monthly shoot during the coming season commencing in the first week of April and in all probability this will be made weekly. Prizes will be given at each of these shoots and in addition to these gold and silver medals will be awarded for the aggregate scores during the year on the regular shooting days.

An arrangement has been proposed whereby the R. M. R., the C. M. R. and the Kamloops Rifle Association should combine forces in regard to the range shooting. In this way the six targets could be used at one time, enabling 55 marksmen to shoot at the three ranges during an evening.

THREE KILLED WHEN CAR STRIKES AUTO One Man Also Sustains Injuries Which May Prove Fatal

Denver, Colo., Feb. 1.—Jas. A. Baker, of Atteboro, Mass., and two women, whose identity is not known, were killed and Russell A. Talbot, of New York, was fatally injured last night when a trolley car crashed into the automobile in which five persons were riding from the rear completely demolishing it. Talbot and Baker, with one of the women, were in the back seats. The woman's head and body were crushed to pulp, and Baker had a number of bones broken. Both were dead when picked up. Talbot suffered internal injuries and was unconscious when help arrived. The other woman, who was sitting beside Mayer, was thrown to the ground and her skull was crushed.

Establishment of Weekly Fast Service With Kingston is Urged

Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 1.—The Imperial West Indian trade commission representing Canada and Great Britain has started taking evidence concerning trade relations between Jamaica and the Dominion of Canada. All the witnesses heard yesterday, including government representatives, were of the opinion that it would be unwise to take any action in regard to the trade with the United States, which now supplies the greatest market for the West Indies. It was pointed out that Canada, under the most favorable circumstances, could not take more than one-third of the amount of fruit that is now sent to the United States. The suggestion was made that Canada open negotiations with the government at Washington with a view to establishing closer trade relations with Jamaica while the American market was left open. It was also urged that a weekly fast steamship service be established between Kingston and Quebec or Montreal.