

PUBLIC MEETING TO BE ARRANGED

IN CO-OPERATION WITH BOARD OF TRADE

Fundamental Principles of Civic Government Will Be Discussed

An academic discussion on the merits of the ward system in city councils was precipitated at the meeting of the city council on Tuesday by the adoption of a notice of motion dealing with the submission of a referendum at the annual election on the abolition of the system after next year.

There were read also two similar notices of motion dealing with the mission form of government and the minimum wage to civic employees, on which referenda are to be also presented to the ratepayers. In order that the public may be informed of the significance of the changes proposed, a public meeting at which the council and the board of trade will jointly participate will be held at an early date, possibly next Monday.

This meeting will be held in the chamber, and it is hoped the leading interests in the city will be represented. Alderman Okell opposes the abolition of the ward system, which had been adopted to give outlying districts their opportunity to secure representation, and this was the case in Victoria West, which had received scant attention under the large commercial interests, who could attain their desires by lobbying, while the outside districts had no opportunity in this way.

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Alderman Moresby came out in favor of the change. Under the present system he believed the most effective work was not done, and the local improvement plan had removed sectional jealousies as to improvements.

Alderman Moresby supported the mayor's proposal to hold a public meeting, and he, with Aldermen Peden and Moresby were appointed to arrange for the gathering.

SUSPECTED SPY ARRESTED.

Portsmouth, Eng., Dec. 6.—Herzog Grosse, a captain in the German merchant marine, was arrested on suspicion of being a spy and arraigned yesterday at the police court here. The magistrate remanded him for a week without bail.

STEAMER ASHORE.

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 6.—The steamer Maranda is ashore at the wharf of the Bahamas. She was bound for Colon with machinery for the canal. The Maranda is lying in the harbor, and is likely to be a total wreck.

THREE BURNED TO DEATH BY MOB

Two Negroes and One Negress Tied to Wagon and Cremated

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 6.—Two negroes and one young negress were burned to death by a mob of white land tenants who objected to the occupancy of land by the negroes, near Savannah, Tenn., according to reports received here to-day.

RETURNING TO WORK.

Magog, Que., Dec. 6.—The strike of employees of the Dominion Textile Co. mills here is practically over. The mills opened up this morning as usual and a large number of weavers and spinners who were on strike returned to their old jobs. It is expected others will return to work this afternoon. The strikers at Montreal would go out in sympathy is not believed.

INTEREST BEGINS IN CIVIC CONTEST

TWO ALDERMEN STATE INTENTION TO RETIRE

Straight Fight for Mayoralty So Far—Names of Candidates Mentioned

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Two aldermen have definitely announced their intention of retiring from the civic contest next January. Aldermen Ross and Moresby, and there is certain to be a keen contest in Victoria West when the vacancy occurs in Ward One. Alderman Ross first came on the council when the seats were redistributed in 1907, and with the exception of the following year when he was defeated, has been a member of the council since. The only name mentioned in connection with the vacancy is that of E. J. Perry, who, though fourth on the poll in January, was only half a dozen votes behind the successful candidate.

Alderman Moresby appears to have formed his mind to work to seriously interfere with the practice of his profession, from remarks which have been dropped in the council, and his retirement after one year's representation of Ward Four will remove one of the two legal members of the municipal body.

Alderman Moresby has done excellent work on sewerage matters, and has kept the council in check on questions of procedure. In Ward Two Aldermen Bishop and Humber will probably have to fight again. George McCandless, when asked by a Times representative, this morning whether there was any substance in the report connecting his name as an aspirant for municipal honors, said at the present time he was unable to enter the contest, but he would not pledge himself as to his future course.

Aldermen Gleason and W. F. Fullerton are the retiring candidates in Ward Three, and perhaps the strongest of any with their constituents. The latter is the senior alderman of the council, having been chosen continuously since he entered the council in the mayoralty of the present federal member, for the old North Ward, while the present chairman of the streets committee has only once been beaten in the ward.

The retirement of Alderman Moresby in Ward Four will create a vacancy in that ward, but so far no candidate is forthcoming. Several names have been mentioned in Ward Five, including those of former members like E. W. Vincent and also that of John Dilworth, who fought the ward in January. It is expected that the contest will be a straight fight, but three, or even four candidates divided the suffrages of the electors will be followed, remains to be seen. Perhaps the electors will be content to reverse the old days of straight fights. Not since 1905, when Mayor Barnard was re-elected, has the chief office been filled by acclamation.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

Paris, Dec. 6.—A Peking dispatch to the Echo de Paris confirms, or rather repeats, the statement of the correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph about a secret treaty between Japan and Russia.

POLITICS, 1911.

"Does your wife want a vote?" "She wants two," replied Mr. Meekton; "mine and her's."—Washington Star.

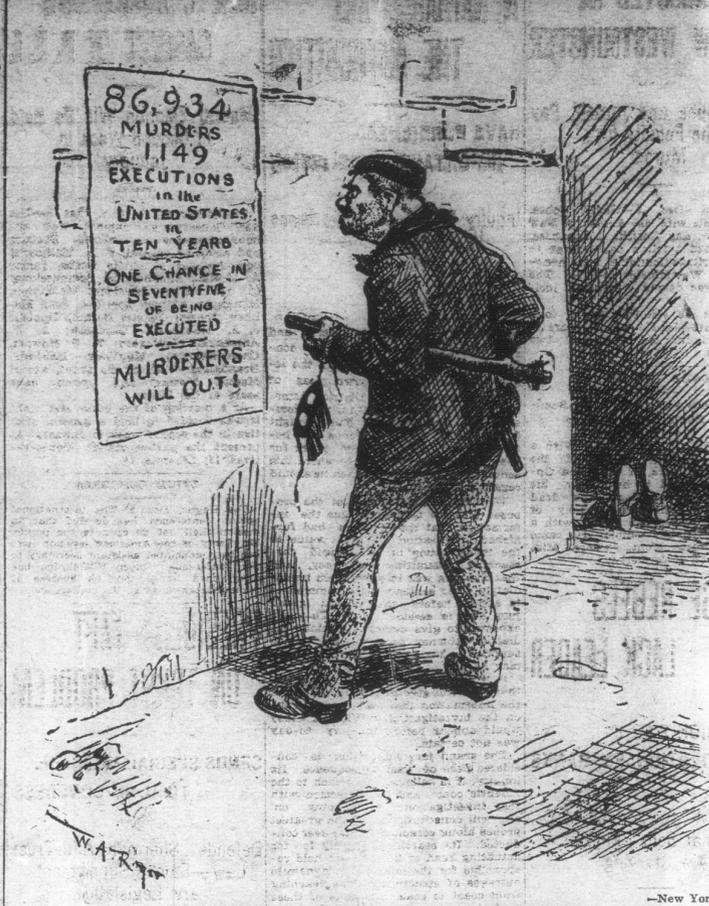
THREE PENNSYLVANIA TRAINS WRECKED

Five Men Killed and Score Injured, Several of Them Seriously

Pittsburg, Dec. 6.—Five trainmen were killed and a score injured, a number of them seriously, shortly before 8 o'clock this morning in a wreck of two freight and an express train on the Pennsylvania railroad at Devil's Bend, one-half mile east of Manor, Pa. The wreck was due to the stalling of an extra westbound freight. A second extra freight, which followed, ran into the rear of the first. The impact threw both trains from the tracks. Before the freight could give warning the fast Chicago train No. 17, carrying nothing but express, rushed along the westbound passenger track into the wreckage of the freights. The express train was thrown from the rails and went over a twenty-foot embankment.

KILLED IN FLOUR MILL.

Aberdeen, Sask., Dec. 6.—J. Buckley, the head miler in the Aberdeen flour mill, was caught in a shaft yesterday and literally torn to pieces. The shaft was traveling 100 revolutions per minute. Not a stitch of clothing was left on the body. One leg and one arm being torn entirely from the body.



ALMOST AS GOOD AS LIFE INSURANCE

ORDER CUTS VALUE OF BOXES IN TWO

MERCHANTS INDIGNANT AT PELLETIER'S UKASE

Unless Mail is Addressed to Post Office Box Number Carrier Takes It

What is a post office box for anyway? This is the question the business men of Victoria are asking themselves just now, and as they are hardly yet reconciled to the year-old order which closed the lobby on Sundays, they are in no friendly mood towards the post office department.

HOME RULE BILL FOR IRELAND

Premier Asquith Makes Statement in Commons

Will Endeavor to Pass Measure During Lifetime of Present Parliament

London, Dec. 6.—Premier Asquith announced in the House of Commons to-day that the government would use all the constitutional means at its disposal to pass a Home Rule bill for Ireland during the lifetime of the present parliament.

TWO KILLED IN AIRSHIP ACCIDENT

Aviator and His Passenger Meet Death in Yorkshire, England

London, Dec. 6.—A double aviation fatality occurred at Piley, near Scarborough, Yorkshire, to-day. Hubert Ooley, an aviator, was instantly killed and his passenger, Robert Weiss, suffered injuries from which he died soon after.

COMPANY WILL MEET REDUCTION

Electric Light Rate War at Winnipeg Goes Merrily

Winnipeg, Dec. 6.—The city definitely fixed the price of light and power in the municipal plant at 8 cents per kilowatt to-day, and the private company declared it would meet the cut.

NO DISMAY IN THE LIBERAL RANKS

WARD ASSOCIATIONS ARE ALL QUITE ACTIVE

Members of Ward Three Heard Hon. Wm. Templeman and Others Last Night

(From Wednesday's Daily.) "An unquenchable spirit of loyalty to party and principle and an abounding confidence in the people were exemplified at the meeting of the Liberals of Ward Three, held last evening in the Liberal headquarters on Common street. President A. B. Fraser was in the chair and the inclement weather did not deter enthusiastic members from gathering to take counsel as to the future.

ANXIETY FOR THE SAFETY OF KING

Fires at Delhi, Where Durbar Will Be Held, Increases Uneasiness

London, Dec. 6.—Much anxiety is felt in official circles over the coming Durbar ceremonies. Before the King left England there were many persons to whom his visit to India did not seem advisable because of the many outrages that had occurred recently in that country. This feeling has been revived by the news of fires in Delhi, although there is no proof of the fires having been of incendiary origin.

LUNATIC IS RECAPTURED.

New Westminster, Dec. 5.—A lunatic from South Vancouver, who escaped from custody last Friday while being taken to the asylum at New Westminster, was found at his home again in South Vancouver. When he broke away at the asylum gate he walked along the B. C. E. R. right-of-way to Chilliwack, came back on a car and then walked to his home near Elber. He was brought to the asylum here for treatment.

ABDICATION OF REGENY OF CHINA

NEW GUARDIANS OF THRONE APPOINTED

Another City Has Fallen Into the Hands of the Revolutionists

Peking, Dec. 6.—Prince Chun, the regent and father of the child emperor, abdicated to-day. His place as guardian of the throne is taken jointly by Shih-Hsu, a Manchur prince and former president of the national assembly, and Hsu-Chi-chang, vice-president of the privy council.

Prince Chun has been the chief figure in China since the death of the Emperor Kwang Su and the Empress Dowager in 1908. From the days which followed the death of these rulers he emerged the ruler of China. At no time was Prince Chun's regency a smooth one. He tried to hold a middle ground, which pleased neither the Manchus nor the revolutionists. He handled the present crisis with perhaps something less than his old-time vigor and recent reports have hinted that his mind was weakening. Wu Ting Fang, the former Chinese minister to Washington, who is now one of the rebel leaders in Shanghai, issued an appeal to Chun a few days ago, urging him to abdicate in favor of the republic. It was reported later from Peking, that Chun was willing to accept a pension and retire to Jehol if his personal safety was assured.

Hsu Chi Chang has been a friend of Yuan Shi Kai since they were boys together. He was born in Weihi Hans province. When Yuan undertook to remodel the Chinese army he appointed Hsu deputy director of the army training department. Successively he became deputy vice-president of the military academy, acting grand councilor, president of the ministry of peace, president of the ministry of the interior and first viceroy of Manchuria. As viceroy he was impeached for maladministration and was superseded and held a number of posts and communications. In the cabinet lately overthrown he was a vice-president.

Both the new guardians of the throne were formerly grand councilors. The administration remains for the present in the hands of the premier, Yuan Shi Kai, while the emperor Dowager and the Emperor continue to hold audiences and carry out ceremonial functions.

Fighting in Progress. San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 6.—Dispatches received here to-day from Shanghai by the Chung Sai Yat Po, a Chinese daily paper, report the capture by the rebels of Wong Po, a city to the north of Hankow in the Hu Peh province. The rebels are now said to be fighting hard in the town of Hao Kan, where the imperialists have made a decided stand.

Another message from Hongkong states that the republican government has adopted stern measures to repress the piracy and robbery from which the Canton district has been suffering. Besides this a provincial convention has been called at Canton to devise means of restoring peace and security.

Three generals in command of as many divisions have been instructed to proceed to take part in the campaign against the Manchus.

PERSIA'S ULTIMATUM.

London, Dec. 6.—A dispatch from Teheran to the Post says Persia has sent an ultimatum to the Russian demand that the Russian troops shall be sent beyond Kashin and that no more Russian troops shall be sent there. If these demands are not acceded to within thirty hours, Persia gives notice that she will attack the Russian troops.

All factions, according to the correspondent, are uniting against the Russians whom they regard as the common enemy.

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Scotch sexton (who has shown old lady over church and followed her to the gate when she was talking a tip)—"Weel, my leddy, gin ye find ween ye gang hame ye've lost yer purse, ye'll mebbe mind ye didna' hae it oot iver."

INVESTIGATING DYNAMITING CASE

INQUIRY TO BE OPENED AT LOS ANGELES

McNamaras May Testify Before Being Taken to the Penitentiary

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 6.—Investigators and attorneys set the stage to-day for a federal grand jury investigation in Los Angeles into an alleged nation-wide dynamiting conspiracy. The town, vexed and torn by the newly-concluded trial of J. B. McNamara and the events leading to it, would be glad to let go of the whole affair, prominent citizens declared, feeling that its own trial has been over-heavy and that those of the nation might be stirred up in a less bitter-soared community, but it is felt that such a scheme is out of the question.

Among the reasons necessitating the inquiry here in the opinion of federal authorities are the presence of Orle E. McManigal, who by his own confessions off-repeated, was the participant in the dynamite plots; the presence of J. B. McNamara and his brother John J. McNamara, pending their departure for San Quentin penitentiary where they are sentenced for life and 15 years imprisonment, respectively.

The amazing quantity and completeness of evidence gathered against the McNamaras led their chief counsel to seek eagerly for terms upon which their clients might plead guilty.

McManigal's reminiscences as already given out by him, include both the transportation of dynamite from state to state, and conspiracy to blow up structural iron edifices in the country. He says he did many jobs of this sort and enumerated them.

What the McNamaras will tell if they appear, is not so well known. Sheriff Hammel has been notified by the United States attorney's office that the McNamaras' appearance before the grand jury might be asked and was requested not to take them away. They, therefore, spent the day, the first which counts on sentence, in the same cells in the county jail which they have occupied since April 25.

Subpoenas for the McNamara brothers to appear before the federal grand jury had not been issued up to noon to-day and Oscar Lawler, in charge of the government's investigation into the alleged dynamiting conspiracy, was debating with his associates about the best way to compel the desired information from the prisoners.

The disposition of Orle E. McManigal has not yet been determined upon, but it is a foregone conclusion that he will testify before the grand jury before he is taken to trial by the state. In his case, at least, the question of competency will be averted.

Malcolm McLaren, the local representative of the detective agency which arrested the McNamaras and McManigal, conferred at length with Mr. Lawler to-day about the details of McManigal's confession which was the first big factor in the case against the McNamaras.

LARGE COALFIELD WILL BE OPENED

Oyster Harbor Company to Start Operations in Near Future

Nanaimo, Dec. 5.—P. B. Gibson, of Vancouver, who is interested in the Oyster Harbor Collieries Company Limited, informed a Herald representative last evening that the company intended commencing operations in the near future.

This company was incorporated November 15, and is capitalized at \$2,000,000, the officers being Andrew Laird, of Spokane, President; J. D. Farrell, of Seattle, vice-president; and R. A. Laird, of Vancouver, secretary.

Mr. Gibson states the property consists of some 1,500 acres, and comprises the Hendrickson and Post farms, a portion of the Indian River valley, with coal rights under the bay. The statutory meeting will be held December 20, and the operations will be commenced immediately after.

It is estimated the property contains some 17,000,000 tons of bituminous coal, in three seams, viz., The Douglas, Newcastle and Wellington seams.

Message—"Who's the swell guy ye was talking to, Jimmie?" Newsboy—"Aw, him an editor's worked together for years. He's the editor o' one o' my papers."—Life.

MILK INSPECTION

PUBLIC IS INSURE ON GETTING

Provisions of Clear and Penitent, if E

Not only has the up the price of that city, but it is apparent that the public pay what it considers full value. Complaints are more over in regard to the some of the milk available in this city, and vendors are asking over thirteen cents a Monday the Times lived at his house and it needed no escape what it considered a large part of the expensive fluid.

It has been found in the council that it is reasonable for a sundry other complaint in the same place. Dust and filth were found in it, and it reaches the customer fact that dust is found in the tops of bottles used as caps.

In the sample of the amount of dust so great that only once and disarray to keep the milk pure. As for the dust, streaks of water, enough to pronounce not its actual danger.

The inspection of the milk is a very stringent in its first offence, where injurious to health is \$50 and the maximum is \$100. For a second offence of the fine is from year's imprisonment what constitutes a case in that regard.

"Milk offered for sale to have been adulterated or injurious to health or water added, or other adulteration of animal feed upon it. It is alleged by the great deal of the milk in the cream has been skimming or by a separator.

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