

## RESIGNATIONS WERE ACCEPTED

### MAYOR'S CASTING VOTE AGAINST PARK BOARD

Trouble Between the Two Bodies is Discussed by Aldermen.

(From Friday's Daily.)

"From what I have heard they are always hinting that the council is no good. I think we had better accept their resignations."

Thus said Mayor Hall at a special meeting of the city council last night, when the resignation of three of the parks' commissioners was read. The resignations were accepted by the casting vote of his worship.

Alderman Turner moved that the resignation be not accepted, but that the Mayor have a talk with the commissioners or ask them to meet the council and talk over the misunderstanding which existed.

"I think it is rather absurd for us to appoint these gentlemen and tie them down with all sorts of strings," said Ald. Turner. "They should handle their own funds without dictation from the council. Either that, or we should abolish the board and look after the work ourselves."

Ald. Stewart objected to the park board proposing to pay the superintendent \$150 a month, and said that the council could get the work done for less.

Ald. Marble said the parks' board and its superintendent had undoubtedly done excellent work, as could be seen by comparing the boulevards now with what they looked like before the board took them over. Their work had been a labor of love and it would be a pity to see them leave the board. It was not to be doubted that better money could be got to get over the difficulty he suggested that Superintendent England remain under the board to supervise the parks, and another man be appointed under the city engineer to look after the boulevards.

Mayor Hall pointed out that the boulevards were under the parks' board and not under the engineer. The trouble was that the board wanted the council to give them money out of the maintenance of boulevards revenue. But the council did not handle that. It was only collected at the end of the year. The council could not give them the money until it was collected. The parks' board had done a good deal of work, but it had come to what he expected. The city was too small for a separate board to manage the parks. If the council undertook the work it would be done as well and efficiently carried out. The difficulty was that there was not enough money for a parks' board. Ten thousand dollars was not enough and the city really had not money enough to spend on it. It was not far enough advanced to do much boulevarding. He was opposed to irresponsible bodies, to men not elected by the ratepayers spending city money.

"We have a parks' board duly authorized by a by-law of this council," said Ald. Turner. "As long as we have let us carry out that by-law and do not impede the board in its work. Consider they have done good work and I want to tell you that I do not agree with you that the council could handle the parks as well as a board. The council cannot take and will not take the same direct and personal interest in the work as the parks' board does."

Ald. Henderson said the superintendent was a good man and worth a good salary, but this must be paid in a proper way, and the council should not hand over public funds nor allow any subordinate body to fix salaries.

On a vote being taken on Ald. Turner's motion, there voted for it Aldermen Turner, Fullerton, Humber and Ross, and against it Aldermen McKeown, Mable, Stewart and Raymond. The Mayor gave his casting vote against the motion. The resignations were then accepted by Mayor Hall and Aldermen McKeown, Mable, Stewart and Raymond voting "aye," and Aldermen Turner, Fullerton, Humber and Ross "nay." Ald. Henderson did not vote on the ground that he had taken part in the discussion at the parks' board, and Ald. Bishop had been called out for a short time on business.

"That is scant courtesy," said Ald. Turner after the vote was taken. He was answered by the Mayor, and the words quoted at the outset of this report.

## STREET REPAIR FUND DWINDLES

### MAY BE REPETITION OF LAST YEAR'S EVILS

Council Will Undertake the Improvement of Trunk Roads Into City.

(From Friday's Daily.)

There is some danger that the streets of Victoria will in the coming autumn months be in as bad a state as they were last fall. Half the money for their maintenance has been spent and there is likely to be a large slice cut off the amount voted in order to help reduce the large deficit which, as has already been mentioned in these columns, has become a yearly evil at the end of the year. This prospect came out incidentally at meeting of the streets committee last night, during the discussion of the need for a comprehensive scheme of improvement of the high-roads leading to and from the city.

Mayor Hall called the attention of the committee to the urgent need for doing some work on the main roads into the city through the Gore road, Craigflower road and Douglas street. Some of these were in bad shape, he said, and a comprehensive plan of local improvement should be adopted in regard to them. Speaking generally he considered the streets of Victoria were as good as any on the continent, but the main thoroughfares into it were in bad condition and gave people a wrong impression of the city on coming into her.

Ald. Turner said one of the worst pieces of road in the city was Oak Bay avenue, from Rockland avenue to Foul Bay road. It was an absolute disgrace to the city engineer and would ruin his reputation if not attended to. Ald. Henderson agreed that these roads should be put in proper repair even at the expense of inside streets. He also thought that the sides of the roads should be cleaned up, after the good example set in Saanich.

Ald. Turner also favored the adoption of a comprehensive plan of improvement of main roads.

Ald. Humber insisted that if any such works were undertaken it must be by local improvement.

Ald. Raymond took the same view and asked what was available of the \$50,000 which was set aside for resurfacing streets.

Mayor Hall said half the amount had already been spent. At the beginning of the year there had been \$150,000 spent on repairing the roads, and it might be necessary to cut off \$10,000 from this vote, his worship intimated, seeing that the council would be confronted with a large deficit at the end of the year, even with a very largely increased assessment.

Ald. Ross expressed himself as in favor of submitting a by-law to borrow \$50,000 or \$80,000 to do the work the mayor proposed.

Ald. Henderson said he would do the work on the local improvement system before he would think of borrowing.

Mayor Hall moved that the council undertake the work of repairing and bettering all the trunk roads, and putting down tar macadam, under the local improvement system.

This was adopted.

His worship then proposed that Oak Bay avenue and Craigflower road be taken up with half the cost, and that the city bear half the cost.

Ald. Henderson was in favor of the city paying one third only, as it would be unfair, he thought, to let property-owners off with half the cost, when they had to pay two-thirds in other cases.

The committee agreed on half the cost as reasonable.

## MAIL CLERK IN JAIL

Is Being Held on Charge of Stealing Letter.

San Francisco, Cal., May 14.—Chester P. Rowley, the second clerk caught stealing mail in the main post office here within a week, is in jail to-day in default of \$1,000 bail.

Rowley came under suspicion of the inspectors while they were shadowing clerk Dunham, who was arrested a few days ago. Later one of the inspectors saw Rowley take a letter and conceal it in his stocking. He was arrested before he had time to get rid of the incriminating envelope.

## SOCIALISTS MAKE MEETING LIVELY

### REFUSE TO PERMIT EX-MINISTER TO SPEAK

#### New Zealanders Are in Favor of Offer of Dreadnought.

Wellington, New Zealand, May 14.—Ex-Minister of Defence McNaab, who is stumpng the country advocating compulsory training, addressed a crowded meeting last night. Socialists and ultra-radical laborites endeavored to pack the meeting, speakers were refused a hearing and the utmost disorder reigned.

The Socialists sang "The Red Flag" and the loyalists drowned the chorus with "Rule Britannia." "Boys of the Bull-Dog Breed" and other patriotic songs. At the finish some started the national anthem, which, amidst intense excitement, was sung with a patriotic fervor seldom heard even in New Zealand.

The Socialists are in the decided minority and the colony is solidly in favor of the Dreadnought offer.

It is believed the attitude of the Socialists will stimulate the majority of the people in favor of compulsory training.

## MAY BE TOTAL LOSS.

### Oil Barge Which Went on Rocks Is Being Pounded to Pieces.

Pacific Grove, Cal., May 14.—Though the work of dismantling the oil barge Roderick Dhu, wrecked at Moss Beach on April 26th, is progressing with all possible haste, those in charge have little hope of saving anything of value. Great holes were torn below the water line when the vessel drove on the rocks, and the cabins and compartments are flooded with water. She has listed to starboard and is being pounded to pieces by the heavy surf. The original cost of the vessel was \$150,000.

## JAPANESE WARSHIPS VISIT VICTORIA

### Welcome Accorded Admiral Ijichi and the Officers and Men of the Aso and Soya---Official Receptions To-day.

(From Friday's Daily.)

The Japanese squadron, the Aso and the Soya, has arrived and been received with all the precision and attention to etiquette which characterizes things naval or military. Hundreds of people gathered on the foreshore to watch the big dark machines of war, each with four funnels, formidable looking creations, even if not of the most up-to-date type.

Just after eight o'clock they rounded the Race where they were met by the tug Jolliffe, the finest looking tug on all the coast, crowded with Japanese who were anxious to add their banzais to the welcome being accorded to their country men. On board the Jolliffe was the Fifth Regiment band which as they neared the ships struck up the national anthem of Japan, "Kimi Ga Yo," and which was played also by the band on board the Jolliffe. The Jolliffe was gay with flags, and at the stern of each of the visiting craft the Japanese ensign floated proudly.

As the vessels entered, a salute of 21 guns was fired by the so in command of Captain Ishii and this was responded to by the guns of the fort at Work Point which also fired 21 guns.

The Aso led the way into the harbor following the pinnace of the Shearwater which had been sent out by Captain Crawford who is officer in command of the station here, and took up her station at the mooring buoy opposite the Navy Yard, but some way out. As they passed into the harbor the Japanese national anthem was once played both by the band on the Jolliffe and on the flagship. To those on shore it sounded very odd to hear one band several bars behind the other, the ships being different distances.

A few minutes after the two big vessels had come to anchor the pinnace with Captain Crawford aboard left the navy yard and a formal call was made on Admiral Ijichi. Half an hour after his return the admiral came ashore and was received at the dock by a guard of forty marines, half from the Shearwater and half from the Algerine, in command of Lieut. Benson. The admiral then drove to Government House, where a call was made on the Lieut.-Governor.

It is the right thing for the junior officer to make the first call on the senior. For that reason Capt. Crawford was the first to call this morning. Had there been a full rank admiral in charge here the Japanese vice-admiral would have been expected to make the first advances. Other callers this morning on the admiral were Colonel Holmes, D.O.C., and a number of officers of the Japanese committee. Messrs. Nagano, Ishii, Kawano, Ono, Taki and Kishida, prominent local merchants; Japanese Consul Yada, from Vancouver, and Consul Tanaka, from Seattle.

At 1.30 this afternoon a luncheon was given at the Work Point barracks under the direction of Colonel Holmes, at which were present Lieut.-Governor Dunsmuir and his secretary, Rear Ad-

## COAL QUEEN

Local Settlement

The coal Charlotte Colliery, which has been developed, will mean a large amount of employment. The town completed by located city. The syndicate that what was development. The town has been idle days ago which a New York Hills, of the proposed mine in ment of it again, but meantime will take work. As Hodgson, knowledge Under the coal is to months. on the surface. The den large mass of this company. may be be Leonard a quarter in No time assured. Prince Rupert is very co

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## FRENCH STRIKE NEARLY BROKEN

### MANY MEN ASKING FOR REINSTATEMENT

Mail Service Reported to Be in Almost Normal Condition.

Paris, May 14.—Movements of the mails to-day, with the exception of printed matter, is almost normal and it is believed that the strike is nearly broken.

Government officials are authority for the statement to-day that many of the strikers are asking for re-instatement.

## CLASH BETWEEN RANGERS AND MOB

### Angry Citizens Attack Jail, But Are Driven Back.

Tyler, Tex., May 14.—A race war appears imminent to-day following a clash last night between Texas Rangers and a mob of white men who attempted to remove from jail nine men arrested on charges of participating in the lynching of Jim Hodge, a negro. When the mob surrounded the jail and attempted to batter down the doors a troop of Rangers were called. The mob refused to obey an order to disperse, and the Rangers were compelled to fire a volley over their heads before they could drive the angry citizens to their homes.

Feeling is very bitter to-day, and threats are being made against the black population. Troops are standing guard, and every precaution is being taken against the organization of another raid.

## ARE THREATENED WITH DEATH

### PRISONERS WHO CONFESSED IN DANGER

#### Authorities Take Steps to Guard Lives of Murder Suspects.

Sheridan, Wyo., May 14.—To prevent threats against their lives from being executed by fellow prisoners, two of the seven men arrested on the charge of killing three sheepmen six weeks ago in their camp near Basin, Wyo., were brought to Sheridan to-day and placed in jail here to await trial.

The authorities at Basin say that after two of the prisoners confessed to the murders implicating the other five, they were threatened with death. Albert Keyes and Chas. Ferris, two of the suspects, were at one taken to Sheridan.

The murder of the three sheepmen resulted from a bitter feud between men of their class and cattlemen. It is supposed that the victims were slain while they slept. The rewards for the conviction of the murders offered by the state of Wyoming, the National Wool Growers Association and the Wyoming State Wool Growers association aggregate \$5,500.

## ROBBERY LOOT POST OFFICE

### BLOW OPEN SAFE AND CARRY OFF CONTENTS

#### Gang Visits Bremerton and Escapes With Money and Stamps.

Seattle, Wash., May 14.—One of the most daring crimes committed in this section for years occurred early this morning, when bandits landed at Bremerton in a launch, forced their way into the post office at that place, blew open the safe, and stole thousands of dollars worth of stamps and several hundred dollars in money, and then made their escape.

The robbery was not discovered until this morning when clerks in the post-office went to work. The interior of the room where the safe was located, was trampled. The safe door was blown half way across the room. Papers in the safe were scattered about, and the doors of the private apartments were broken and the contents stolen.

It is estimated that between \$5,000 and \$6,000 in stamps were taken and between \$250 and \$300 in money secured.

There is no clue. It is the general belief that the robbers landed in a launch between 2 and 4 o'clock this morning. They then entered the post office by a rear door, forcing the lock, blew open the safe as only experts at the business could, and then departed. No one near the scene heard the explosion. Mail sacks were strewn about the room, showing that these were piled against the safe to deaden the sound.

## AMERICAN SAILORS ARE NOT PRISONERS

### Minister Denies Report That Men Are Held in Venezuela.

Caracas, May 14.—After investigating the report that the crew of an American ship was confined in a prison in Venezuela, Minister Russell to-day authorized the United Press to say that there is not the least foundation for the story.

The report which caused the minister's investigation was to the effect that the crew of the Carrie D. Knowles, which sailed from Provincetown, Mass. five years ago, had been held prisoners here for years.

## ADMIRALS ENTERTAINED BY JAPANESE PRINCE

### Garden Party in Honor of Officers of British and American Squadrons.

Tokio, May 14.—An occasion which served to demonstrate the cordial friendship that exists between Great Britain, the United States and Japan was the garden party given by Prince Shimazu yesterday in honor of Rear Admiral Giles Harber, commander of the Pacific squadron, and Rear Admiral Sir Hedworth Lambton, commander of the British Asiatic squadron. The party was a brilliant success. Besides the army and navy, the aristocracy and commercial interests were strongly represented among the 350 guests present at the party.

## FEARED ATTACK BY NIGHT RIDERS

### Member of Grand Jury Which Returned Indictments Ends His Life.

Union City, Tenn., May 14.—Mansfield Hareison, a member of the grand jury which recently indicted 100 men accused of being night riders, committed suicide last night by hanging himself to a rafter in his barn. Hareison has been living in the fear that night riders would attack his house, and it is believed that his brooding over threatening letters he received recently unbalanced his mind.

K. Carmack, a friend of the dead man, was sleeping with Hareison last night, but did not know of the suicide until early to-day, when he found the dead body swinging from the rafter. Carmack had been requested to attend Hareison's house last night by the juror, who said that he feared he would be attacked. Hareison arose during the night and left the house without awakening his bed fellow.

## DALIGHT SAVING.

Montreal, May 14.—Vice-President McNeill, of the C.P.R., considers that the Lewis bill before parliament at Ottawa for daylight saving is a splendid thing. "It's all very simple and should work well," he said.

## FATALLY SCALDED IN BASIN OF WATER

### Little Girl Meets Death in Room Where Mother Was Working.

Walla Walla, Wn., May 14.—Mrs. P. Demaris of Walla, is prostrated with grief to-day because of the death of her little daughter who yesterday fell into a basin of hot water which was being used to clean woodwork in the house. The little girl was playing in the room where her mother was working. Mrs. Demaris had watched the child closely to keep her away, but while her attention was momentarily distracted, the child approached and tumbled into the basin. She was so severely burned that death resulted in a few hours.

## STATE OFFICIAL DEFIES GOVERNOR

### NINE KILLED IN RAILWAY WRECK

#### Large Number of Passengers Also Injured in Accident on Electric Road.

Olympia, Wash., May 14.—Among state house officials and legislators who are in the capital, it is the general belief to-day that Governor Hays will call a special session of the legislature to inquire into the general situation with regard to the affairs of state offices.

The first gun for a special session will be fired when the special legislative investigation committee files its report with the governor upon his return to Olympia to-morrow. The refusal of State Insurance Commissioner J. H. Schively to resign, and his announced determination to defy the legislative committee and the governor will, it is claimed, be one of the principal reasons urged in favor of the calling of an extraordinary session.

Upon the heels of the disclosures brought to light by the investigation committee, Representative W. M. Beach, of Mason county, is to-day preparing written charges, which, he says he will mail to the committee, against all officers and departments incurring a deficiency during the last biennial period. He states that he will make the charges on the general ground that the creation of the deficiency is, under the law, a criminal offense.

Attorney-General Bell declares that the statute makes the creating of a deficiency a misdemeanor, and that the action of the legislature in making the appropriation for such deficiency does not affect the application of the law or condone the offense.

It has been claimed that thirty-two officers of the state may be held liable to civil and criminal action if the attorney-general enforces the statute against them. Deficiencies aggregating upwards of \$150,000, it is maintained, are apparent, and upon which prosecutions might be instituted.

## MILL AND LUMBER DESTROYED BY FIRE

### Blaze Near Cranbrook Causes Loss Estimated at \$100,000.

Cranbrook, B. C. May 14.—The Maycock Lumber company's plant near here was destroyed by fire last night, with 4,000,000 feet of lumber. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

## OFFICERS OF WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

### Conference Concludes Its Sessions at New Westminster.

New Westminster, May 12.—The Women's Missionary Society, B. C. branch of the Methodist Conference, concluded its sittings yesterday after very interesting meetings. Most of the officers were re-elected and the conference is said to have been the most successful of the eighteen yet held. At the morning session a resolution was passed authorizing a nurse at Fort Simpson.

At the afternoon session Mrs. Adams of Victoria, conducted a praise service, following which Mrs. J. Cunningham was named as convener of the standing committee on memorials.

The officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. J. P. Betts, Ladner; first vice-president, Mrs. Frank Adams, Victoria; second vice-president, Mrs. R. Milliken, Vancouver; recording secretary, Mrs. A. W. Dever, Dunsmuir; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. J. Sippell, Westminster; corresponding secretary for mission band, Mrs. Dr. Casselman; treasurer, Mrs. Miss Nixon.

Resolutions endorsing the equity of women in the church, opposing the white slave traffic and condemning Sunday baseball and other Sabbath desecration were heartily passed. The meeting closed with a benediction and a prayer, after which the consecrated hymn, "Take My Life," was sung.

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## HAMILTON MAN MISSING

Hamilton, May 14.—A. W. Maguire, a well known local merchant, is believed to have committed suicide.

## ALARMING FIRE

Explosions in Wholesale Drug Warehouse Makes Task of Firemen Difficult.

New York, May 14.—Firemen are fighting desperately a stubborn fire in the wholesale drug warehouse of Plant & Sons, Brooklyn, that threatens to consume several buildings. The frequent explosion of acids and chemicals in the burning building makes the task of the firemen extremely dangerous.

## PREMIER ROBBLIN SEES A GOOD THING

Winnipeg, Man., May 14.—Premier Roblin is holding up the entrance of the National Transcontinental railway into the city by refusing to sell property assessed at \$1,500 to the Transcontinental railway commission for less than \$20,000. The property is needed for a right of way.

## OREGON HAS SNOW.

Pendleton, Ore., May 14.—Typical winter weather has prevailed in this vicinity since Monday. The surrounding foothills have been covered by a white mantle of snow, and from Meacham and for some distance southeast of Pendleton, comes the word that the snow is ten inches deep.

## SON TRIES TO KILL MOTHER.

Brockville, Ont., May 14.—Elmer Pennock, a second year medical student at Queen's university, Kingston, made a determined effort to kill his mother yesterday morning. Going to her bedroom, he attempted to choke

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