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REVENUE TAXES OF TEACHERS

DIFFICULTY AROSE REGARDING PAYMENT

School Board Does Not Think City Treasurer Should Withhold the Amount.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The meeting of the school trustees last evening was of comparatively short duration. When the press were asked to leave the board had still to continue their meeting in order to read over the testimonials of candidates for vacancies on the teaching staff and also to hear the other side of the recent complaint which was brought to the notice of the board by a parent. The meeting agreed that this communication should be heard in camera.

A copy of a letter was read from the deputy attorney-general, in regard to the action of the city treasurer, who had deducted from each employee of the board the revenue tax due to the inland revenue. The architect again submitted plans outlining the general arrangements of the new building of the Victoria West school. These plans were generally discussed among the members present. Trustee Jay occupied the chair. Trustees Jenkins, Lewis, Riddle, Huggett, McKeown, Bishop and Secretary Eaton were present. The architect, Capt. Ridgway-Wilson was also in attendance.

Mr. Palmer, teacher of the South Park school having received the offer of a higher position as principal of Vancouver High school, tendered his resignation to the board.

Secretary Eaton, while not recommending the board to decline to accept the resignation at the same time wished it to be formally pointed out that such resignations could only be accepted by an act of grace of the board as the time for receiving them had expired.

The board formally accepted the resignation of Mr. Palmer.

A communication from Mr. Gidley for the office of building inspector at the erection of the new school in Victoria West was formally laid upon the table.

Miss Russell, of Spring Ridge school, submitted plans for an additional room to increase the accommodation just in the rear of the present building at very little expense to the board.

It was resolved on the motion of Mrs. Jenkins, seconded by Trustee Lewis, that Miss Russell be thanked for her communication and that the matter be referred to the building and grounds committee for a report, together with another slight alteration suggested by Miss Russell in the same communication.

Janitor Maggetts tendered his resignation for his office at the High school. The communication was laid on the table to be taken up later.

The report of the finance committee was presented by Trustee Mrs. Jenkins. It recommended the expenditure of $1310.44 made up of sundries. The report was adopted.

The report of the building and grounds committee presented by Trustee Riddle, stated that all the contracts were well under way and that they would be finished in due course.

The chairman reported that the contract for blasing the rock at the new Victoria West school site had been signed by himself and Secretary Eaton.

Secretary Eaton reported that the board has had to resist encroachments on its prerogative in the matter of some appropriations which were made by the city treasurer acting in his official capacity when the pay roll went in for the month of June. It appeared that the city treasurer in place of paying the teachers the full amount of their salaries had deducted the income tax amounting to $3 from the amount due to each teacher. The teachers had protested. In some cases the money had been refunded, in others it was ready for those teachers who had not had it refunded at the treasurer's office. The attorney-general had been officially consulted by the city, and the following was the legal opinion of the deputy attorney-general in the absence of the attorney-general on the subject.

Attorney-General's Office,
Victoria, B. C., July 18th, 1907.

A. J. Morley, Esq., Mayor, Victoria, B.C.:

Sir—Re Revenue Tax Act. Your communication of 2nd inst., addressed to the Hon. Mr. Fulton, has, in his absence, been referred to me.

You ask for information as to whether the city treasurer, upon application of Mr. Carter, the government collector, is right in deducting the revenue tax from school teachers without the consent of the board of school trustees. I think the action of the city treasurer was quite correct. While it is true in one sense that the board of trustees are the employers of teachers, in another sense, and for the purposes of the Revenue Tax Act, I think that the city of Victoria, being the paymaster, is the employer of teachers.

A. MACLEAN,
Deputy Attorney-General.

In the discussion which followed it was pointed out that the board had absolute control over its appropriations. The audit of the school board sent to the city treasurer must be duly paid. The deputy attorney-general's letter seemed to imply that the board had not absolute control over its appropriations. It was finally pointed out that the school board should have been applied to for the full amount of the tax levied.

At this stage of the discussion the chairman pointed out that the deputy attorney-general had overlooked the point at issue in this particular case. That his reading of the law would be correct had the Public School Act not been in the statute law, thereby repealing the ordinary law of taxation as stated in the opinion of the deputy attorney-general.

It was moved by Trustee Lewis and seconded by Trustee Bishop that the matter be referred to the chairman to look into and to protest in regular manner.

The architect when called upon to submit his plans for the new school building in Victoria West stated that up to the present his chief consideration had been concentrated on adapting his plans to accommodate the financial requirements of the board rather than upon the architectural elaboration of structural detail. He now purposed to lay before the board the general arrangements of the new buildings as calculated upon the general cubical air capacity of a school building which might in reality be in excess of what science demanded for the present numbers of those attending the schools. He stated that in every possible way he had endeavored to cut down expenses. He had, in like manner, brought down the section of the roof which he explained by illustration on the plans which he was submitting. He further showed how he had arranged for windows and the necessary easy entrances into the building on account of the youthfulness of the children attending the school.

A short discussion followed on the plans as submitted. In the discussion it was stated that on account of the soldiers having left, the numbers attending the school had decreased. Therefore smaller accommodation should be calculated upon. On the other hand it was pointed out that the board had already erred too much in this direction and that they should provide for the future. The architect pointed out that the main walls could be built strong enough to carry a second story in 10 or 15 years time, if found necessary.

The question of the material to be used in the construction came up incidentally. A patent article was suggested. But it was felt that the best red brick would be most suitable to the special conditions of their new school. After several suggestions had been made it was moved that the architect proceed on the original plan of a two-story building with six rooms down stairs, and that the upper portion be left in a rough condition and be so arranged as to provide for an assembly room on the top floor, which was carried.

The board then proceeded to make selections for the vacancies on the teaching staff. It is reported that the following names were selected and the appointments followed in due order.

N. W. Sutton, David J. Thomas, E. R. Paterson, Miss Marchant, Miss Kate Pottinger, Miss Sophie Hiscocks and Miss Emily Taylor.

Miss Marchant will work in the sub-High school division and Miss Taylor will take up work in the commercial section.

MORE BLOODSHED IN CITY OF LODZ

FIGHT BETWEEN TROOPS AND STRIKERS

Thirty Men Have Been Killed and Wounded--Business Is at a Standstill.

Lodz, Russian Poland, Aug. 1.—This city is again the centre of a strike movement accompanied by violence, disorders and death.

The troops have encountered the strikers in the centre of the town and some thirty men have been killed or wounded.

Business is at a standstill and fears are entertained as to what the day may bring forth.

WORKMAN'S FATAL FALL.

Scaffold Gave Way and He Fell Twenty Feet.

Toronto, Aug. 1.—Wellington Gallant was working on a scaffold in connection with the waterworks tunnel under Toronto bay, when the planks gave way and he was thrown fully twenty feet. His brother, who was with him, fell into the water, and escaped, but Wellington's head struck a concrete shaft, and he died later in the hospital.

GREEN LOSES LIBEL ACTION

VERDICT IN FAVOR OF VANCOUVER WORLD

Sued Newspaper Because it Stated That Caron Had Bribed Him With Shares.

Vancouver, Aug. 1.—"I haven't the slightest hesitation in saying that Sir Adolphe Caron should have the insignia of the Royal favor which has been conferred upon him, stripped from him for writing such a letter," said Mr. Justice Clement this afternoon to the jury in the libel case brought by R. F. Green, former commissioner of lands and works, against the Vancouver World, the end of which came half an hour later in a verdict for the newspaper.

Green was suing for $20,000 because the paper stated that Caron had bribed Green with $37,000 in shares in the Telkwa valley coal lands leases which the provincial government had granted to Caron's company, the Transcontinental Exploration Syndicate. Later the syndicate in vain sought licenses in Pine River district which the government refused on the ground that the local government decided not to grant licenses in that district until the Dominion government made its selection of the lands to which it is entitled in the Dominion belt.

The letter the court referred to was one of the features of the case. It was written by Caron from Ottawa, January, 1905, on the completion of the Telkwa coal leases, addressed to Mr. Green, then British Columbia minister of mines.

"That matter now being closed," said the letter, "I wish to say if you cared about some friend of yours and selected by you joining our syndicate we should be only too glad to have him as one of us."

Mr. Green had accepted this. While declining himself, he accepted the offer naming Neil McKay, then private secretary to Premier McBride, later deputy commissioner of lands and works, now Conservative M. P. P. for Kaslo, Green's former constituency.

"It is very difficult for me to find language to criticize that action of Sir Adolphe Caron," said Judge Clement in charging the jury. "Knight and all that he is, it seems to me that a man in public life, when a transaction is going through an office, who writes the head of that office a letter of that description, he should have the insignia of the Royal favor which has been conferred upon him stripped from him. I haven't the slightest hesitation in making that statement and making it as strongly as I possibly can."

"That letter reached Green," continued the court, "and I say Green at once should have resented the dishonor done him in making him such a proposition. Nor have I the slightest hesitation in saying so. Either Green must be a most innocent man, unable to see that a proposition of that sort was dishonorable, or else he must have thought that in the long run possibly some benefit would accrue to him from it. There are only the two hypotheses, and if you put the worst construction upon the action of Green in respect to that proposition, then I say he has only himself to blame if your verdict should be against him."

Although in analyzing the other branches of the evidence Mr. Justice Clement charged strongly against the newspaper, the jury within twenty minutes after retiring returned a verdict against Green and in favor of defendant with costs.

D. G. Macdonell, in his address to the jury on behalf of the newspaper, frequently referred to Caron as a "Sly and Wily Old Fox," adding: "He has been in politics before many of us were born and is there still. He knows better than to destroy letters." Green having testified that he had destroyed Caron's letter to him and had kept no copy of his reply to Caron.

MEETING BETWEEN CZAR AND KAISER

The Russian Emperor Sails for German Waters Escorted by Four Warships.

Kronstadt, Aug. 1.—Emperor Nicholas left here this morning on board the imperial yacht Standard for a cruise in German waters, where he will meet Emperor William.

The Standard is escorted by four warships.

The Empress of Russia bade farewell to His Majesty here and then returned to Peterhof.

FIRE ON STEAMER.

Prompt Action of Master Prevented Serious Conflagration on Vessel.

Port Townsend, July 31.—The lives of forty sleeping passengers aboard the steamboat Lydia Thompson, bound from Seattle to Friday Harbor, were placed in serious jeopardy last night en route here.

The oil feed overflowed and nearly set the boat on fire. Fortunately, however, Capt. Nordyke had had previous experience aboard oil-burning steamers and shut off the oil supply before the vessel fell a victim to the threatening conflagration. The vessel remained in dock here until noon, when a new crew was sent from Seattle to take the Thompson through to Bellingham. The vessel to-day plainly demonstrated the narrow escape, the smokestack being burned badly, while paint on the upper deck was badly scorched. The assistant negineer left the boat upon her arrival here.

THAW'S TRIAL.

Martin W. Littleton, of Brooklyn, Selected to Conduct the Defence.

New York, August 1.—Martin W. Littleton, of Brooklyn, has been selected by Harry K. Thaw to conduct his next trial on a charge of killing Stanford White.

STRIKE OVER AT ORE DOCKS

THE MEN VOTE TO RETURN TO WORK

Governor Johnson Will Send Representative to Investigate Situation on Iron Ranges.

Duluth, Minn., July 31.—Shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon the ore dock workers who have been on strike for recognition of the union and a raise in pay voted to return to work. Neither of the issues raised by the men were granted by the Duluth, Mesaba & Northern railway, and the men will return to work to-morrow morning. Their status will be the same as it was the day they voted to strike. The employees will be taken back by the company without prejudice, and the rate of pay they have been receiving under the verbal agreement with the company, which would not have expired until October 1st next, continues.

The strike lasted about two and half weeks, and was entirely free from any disorder.

There were a number of conferences on the strikes and at three of them a letter setting forth the position of the company was read. The last was delivered to the men this morning. The railroad officials adopted kindly tones in this final letter, stating they were willing to treat with their men individually or by committee on an open shop basis, and the men realizing that unless they accepted the terms offered by the company they would not be able to get back their old jobs, voted to return to work. The discussion over the letter was a long one, lasting over two hours.

The news of the ending of the dock strike was flashed to Evelith, Hibbin and Nashville, the three storm centres of the mining region, where trouble might originate, and the news was received with rejoicings. Everything at these points was reported quiet.

President W. J. Olcott, of the Duluth, Mesaba & Northern, said this afternoon that he was greatly pleased that the ore dock's strike was over. He said that operations would be resumed tomorrow. It is likely that the men at Two Harbors will follow the lead of the men here, as they have always taken that course. Shipping of ore can be started in full swing on short notice, as there are hundreds of loaded cars on the docks here and in the yards at Proctor Knott, besides a number of big piles at the underground mines which can be drawn up.

Situation on Ranges.

St. Paul, Minn., July 31.—After a consultation with his advisers this afternoon, Governor Johnson decided to send a personal representative to the iron ranges to investigate and report to him whether or not it would be advisable to send troops there. The governor's reports of the situation have been of so conflicting a character that this course of action was deemed necessary. This announcement was made after Frank B. Kellogg, attorney for the steel corporation, had been in consultation with the governor for some time.

The governor refused to state who his representative would be.

The companies of the First Regiment, most of whom are located in the Twin Cities, have been under waiting orders for several days. The addresses and telephone numbers of the men have been kept handy so that the troops could be assembled on short notice. Adjt.-Gen. Good returned from Camp Lake View to-day.

KOREAN ARMY TO BE DISBANDED

IMPERIAL EDICT HAS BEEN ISSUED

Forty Natives Killed and Wounded in Fight in Capital--Japanese Casualties Slight.

Seoul, Aug. 1.—At 1 o'clock Japanese troops surrounded the Korean barracks, after an imperial proclamation had been issued disbanding Korean army composed of 7,000 men.

Several hundred Koreans gathered at the Great Bell during a thunderstorm, and were dispersed by a company of Japanese soldiers.

The outlets from the Korean army barracks are guarded by machine guns. Two thousand of the Seoul garrison will be disarmed and disbanded to-day.

The proclamation disbanding the troops says that the disbanded soldiers will be granted one year's pay. The Emperor's bodyguard will not be disbanded.

Casualties in Fight.

Washington, Aug. 1.—A dispatch received at the state department to-day from Consul-General Thomas Simmons, at Seoul, says that forty Koreans were killed or wounded to-day in a fight precipitated by the disarming of the Korean army.

The casualties on the Japanese side, the dispatch adds, were slight.

MANY STOWAWAYS.

Seventy-Four on the Tumeric—Police at Funchal Assisted Them to Get Aboard.

Honolulu, July 25, via San Francisco, Aug. 1.—Immigration officers have conclusive proof that the Funchal police authorities actively aided stowaways to get aboard British steamship Tumeric when the vessel was in the port of Funchal, taking on immigrants for Hawaii. In all, 74 stowaways were aboard the vessel, several of them having been brought from the jail by the police. A policeman in uniform was stowed away and when found he had his official sword with him. This was taken away from him by the ship's officers. When he left the ship here he demanded the return of the sword. All of the stowaways who could qualify as immigrants were allowed to land here by orders from Washington.

MR. MARTIN WILL RUN.

Decides to Enter Field Against Hon. Mr. Bowser in the Terminal City.

Vancouver, Aug. 1.—Joseph Martin announced this morning that he would run in the bye-election here in response to popular demand and will stake his campaign on the anti-Japanese platform. Just to make things interesting, E. T. Kingsley will probably run for the Socialists.

PETER PAN LAME.

Champion Three-Year-Old Will Not Start in the Brighton Derby.

New York, Aug. 1.—Peter Pan, the champion three-year-old of the season, and winner of nearly $60,000 this year, will not start in the Brighton Derby on Saturday. While at work yesterday he struck one of his fore legs and limped home so badly that his owner declared him out of the race. The owner and trainer agreed that the horse must have a long rest.

The withdrawal of Peter Pan takes away much of the interest in the big $15,000 Derby. Kean's other entry, Zambesia, will not start. The best horses among present eligibles are Frank Gill and Charles Edward. The former has a bad knee, and it is quite likely that he will not face the barrier.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Executive committee of the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance has elected Joseph Gibson, of Ingersoll, to the presidency made vacant by the death of G. F. Marter.

ANOTHER ENGINE BOILER EXPLODES

Three Railway Employees Were Killed and One Fatally Injured--Four Cars Derailed.

Breckenridge, Mo., Aug. 1.—Three employees were killed and the fourth dying as the result of the blowing up of a Burlington locomotive drawing a freight train, one and three-fourth miles east of here last night. The explosion was heard three miles away. Four cars were derailed and the engine badly smashed.

BYE-ELECTIONS IN ENGLAND.

Liberal Elected in Staffordshire to Fill Vacancy Caused by Death of Sir A. Billson.

London, Aug. 1.—The bye-election for a member of parliament for the northwest division of Staffordshire has resulted in return of Albert Stanley, Liberal candidate, with a majority of 2349 over the unionist candidate. The seat was made vacant by the death of Sir Alfred Billson.

TRANS-PACIFIC RACE.

Subscriptions Being Raised to Build Yacht to Represent Hawaii.

Honolulu, July 25.—via San Francisco, Aug. 1—Active efforts are being made to raise $120,000 by subscription to build a yacht to be designed by Crowninshield, of Boston, to represent Hawaii in the trans-Pacific race from San Pedro to Honolulu in 1908.

FOREST FIRES.

Millions of Feet of Standing Timber Threatened With Destruction.

Bellingham, July 31.—Millions of feet of timber standing in Skagit County are threatened by the forest fires now raging near Birdsview, and unless a soaking rain falls soon thousands of dollars damage will be done.

The fire has been burning for some days, and now presents a front of fire four miles wide, and is rapidly sweeping up from the valley of the Skagit river northward, and nothing but rain will prevent its travelling across the divide to the south fork of the Nooksack, a distance of seven or eight miles. This stream is not wide enough to stay the flames, and from this point there will be nothing to prevent the fire spreading in each direction after crossing the south fork, and within a short time the flames will be burning Whatcom County timber.

PUMPED RIVER NEARLY DRY.

J. B. Duke Tried to Make Park Look Like Fairyland for Home-coming of Bride.

Somerville, N. J., Aug. 1.—In an effort to make his two thousand acre park like a fairyland, with gushing fountain, cascades and beautiful lakes, for his bride during their honeymoon, James B. Duke, president of the American Tobacco Company, pumped the Raritan river at this point nearly dry. Yesterday there was scarcely enough water left in the well of the Raritan woolen mills to keep the boilers going. About one thousand persons are employed and operations were brought to a standstill. To relieve the situation, Mr. Duke's manager ordered the pumping station closed down.

A PLEA FOR DOCTORS.

Member of British Association Contends Sick Persons Should Be Treated at Public Expense.

London, Aug. 1.—In convention at Exeter, the British Medical Association has almost unanimously supported a contention advanced by a member that sick persons should be treated at public expense. The points were made that the physician's work is now done under conditions involving the petty worries of fee collection, the stress of competitive commercialism and sweating of the profession by hospitals, friendly societies and similar organizations. The increasing number of cases treated at voluntary or state institutions was a phase of the movement.

LIBERAL LEADER CALLS MEETING

CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN VANCOUVER

Important Business Will Be Considered at Gathering in First Week in October

Vancouver, Aug. 1.—J. A. Macdonald, leader of the Liberal party in provincial politics, has issued a call for a general convention of the party to be held in Vancouver in fair week, the first week of October.

Notice of the call has been sent out to all Liberal associations in the province.

The Vancouver Association is making arrangements for the providing of accommodation for the visitors. The convention call has been sounded in order that business of vital importance to the party throughout the province may be discussed.

LINER IN COLLISION.

Hamburg, Aug. 1.—Officials of the Hamburg-American line confirm the report that the Kaiser Auguste Victoria had a slight collision in the Channel on July 27th with the French sailing ship Ville de Dijon. The Kaiser was practically undamaged and proceeded on her way.

THE MASSACRE BY ARAB CHIEFS

NUMBER OF REFUGEES REACH TANGIERS

Several Europeans Were Slain by Natives While Fleeing to Consulates for Protection

Tangier, Aug. 1.—Dr. Merall, who arrived here last night on a German steamer, which brought a number of Jews and refugees from Casablanca, is bearer of a report from the French charge d'affaires there showing that the slaughter of Europeans in Casablanca was an outcome of a war preached by the Arabs for the extermination of the Europeans.

On Monday a number of Arab chiefs entered Casablanca and demanded that harbor improvement cease. The Pasha of Casablanca pointed out that the works were being done with sanction of the Sultan, whereupon the chiefs replied that the Sultan was no longer their ruler as he obeyed the Europeans. They then began to hurl invectives at the Europeans in town.

On Tuesday morning the natives began their attack by stoning an European and when the man tried to flee he was surrounded and hacked to pieces. This was the signal for the general attack and as soon as the danger became known the French and Spanish residents rushed to their respective consulates for protection.

During this flight at least eight were murdered.

M. Douvelle, the French consul, demanded that the Pasha provide an escort for the recovery of the bodies. The Pasha pleaded at first that he had no cartridges, but upon further representations he finally provided an escort.

When this rescue party, however, reached the scene of attack, it was charged by a number of Arab cavalrymen and forced into flight.

In the meantime when the Jews and Christians were taking refuge on board a German ship, the Mussulman began to attack the other Europeans upon the harbor works. They fired on the workers and killed some men whose bodies were subsequently burned. One woman who tried to escape was shot in the water.

It is feared Casablanca will be invaded by twenty thousand Arabs today.

The French cruiser Galilee which left here last night for Casablanca should arrive there to-day.

Time For Action.

London, Aug. 1.—The morning papers comment strongly on the state of anarchy as revealed by the massacre at Casablanca, Morocco, and declare that it is evident that the Sultan is the most powerless to preserve order. The powers therefore, they assert, are bound to take measures to exact retribution and stem the lawlessness.

The Daily News says: "Nobody would blame France for deciding that its useless to proceed with a policy which merely toys with the fringe of the question. In the end, however, the Moroccan difficulties, must be solved in Berlin before the case is closed."

The Daily Graphic declared that the whole of Morocco is laughing at the inability of Europe to secure Maclean's release. The Algeceira compromise, it says, is worse than useless and the time has arrived for the powers to authorize France and Spain to occupy Fez. "It is impossible to believe," says the paper, "in the face of the case of the Casablanca massacre that Germany will longer oppose drastic action, and nothing less will meet the grave exigencies of the present situation."

French Ultimatum.

Paris, Aug. 1.—The Pasha of Casablanca will answer with his head to the French government for the general security of the city.

This is the ultimatum which the French cruiser Galilee, due to reach Casablanca to-day, is conveying.

The French cruiser Forbin, now at Azores, also has been ordered to proceed for Casablanca immediately.

Action by the French government will not for the moment go any further than this. The Galilee has been ordered to take on board all Europeans desiring refuge.

The French newspapers generally demand that the government not listen to the Sultan. They declare that the Magzen or governing power is directly responsible for the occurrences at Casablanca, as it persisted in maintaining the present pasha there in spite of protests of the diplomatic corps at Tangier.

The Eclaire says it considers that France has been caught in a trap and that the occupation of Oudja by France has only served Mussulman fanaticism without demonstrating the power of the government.

Advices received by the French foreign office here confirm the reports that five Frenchmen, two Spaniards and one Italian were killed and their bodies thrown into the sea.