

WRESTLING WITH PAVING PROBLEM

MATTER AGAIN UP AT CITY COUNCIL

Douglas Street Owners Willing to Leave Choice of Material With City Engineer.

The city council, sitting as a streets, sewers and bridges committee, Friday evening again wrestled with the pavement problem and some advancement was made towards its solution.

The members of the board were pleased at this action, as the owners on Douglas street had retroceded the right to name the type of paving material to be utilized.

HOW VICTORIA WON METHODIST CONFERENCE

Sending of Telegrams at Crucial Moment Secured Big Convention.

T. Albert Moore, secretary of the Methodist conference, which at its session in Toronto a few weeks ago decided upon selecting Victoria as the point to hold the quadrennial general conference of 1910, was in the city a few days ago, and while here conveyed to local parties a piece of very pleasing information.

It will be recalled that when it became known here that rival cities were putting up a strenuous contest for the conference, Mr. McGaffey got busy and arranged that the wires should be kept hot with telegrams urging the claims of Victoria.

Mr. Moore relates that when the messages were received, John Lake, the treasurer of the conference, was addressing the assembly, urging the claims of another city, but he was so impressed with the case for Victoria as put in the telegrams, that he there and then frankly confessed that Victoria was in his opinion the better city.

KILLED IN AUTO WRECK

Niagara Falls, Nov. 27.—O. A. Watson, aged 31, of Hawkinsville, Georgia, was instantly killed here in an automobile accident. He lost control of the machine, which crashed against a telephone pole.

LIGHT CARGO ON BELLEROPHON

BLUE FUNNEL LINER DELAYED BY GALE

Chief Engineer Collins Gone to Have Charge of New Steamer.

A much smaller cargo than usual arrived on Saturday on the blue funnel liner Bellerophon from Liverpool and the Orient.

The passengers were all Chinese and numbered 80, many of whom will be sent on to the United States and other ports.

The Bellerophon encountered the same gale that delayed the Empress of China and the Oceano, she was for several days buffeted by an easterly gale, and during some of the time it became necessary to slow down so that about thirteen hours was lost.

The Bellerophon has a new engineer in charge of her machinery on this trip, Chief Engineer Collins having gone to look after the new vessel, the Protosalaus. It is expected that this craft will be out here in the spring.

News was brought from the East of great improvements being made in the harbor of Taipeh. The breakwater and pier is being extended so that in the near future vessels as large as the Minnesota will be able to dock there.

On Tuesday, December 14th next, one of the most interesting and memorable Masonic functions in the history of British Columbia will be held in Victoria, the occasion being the celebration of the dual events of the opening of the new wing of the temple and the fiftieth anniversary of the introduction of Freemasonry into this province.

According to the Japanese newspaper the Emperor of Korea has expressed a wish to visit Japan and express to the Mikado personally his abhorrence of the deed of the assassin who did to death the Prince Itō. It is not probable, however, that he will do so.

After discharging her Chinese passengers at this port the Bellerophon left for Puget Sound.

NEGLECT CAUSES WRECK

Saskatoon, Sask., Nov. 27.—Inquiries at St. Paul hospital yesterday elicited the news that Engineer Shuttleworth, who had his hip fractured in the wreck of the C. N. R. yard, is recovering. His hurt is not serious, but very painful.

It is said that the yard switchman, who is said to be directly responsible for the accident, disappeared after the accident, and his present whereabouts is unknown. The matter is said to have been a case of neglect, and a severe penalty will be inflicted.

ACCUSED OF BIGAMY

Wainwright, Alta., Nov. 27.—Helen McGregor, charged with bigamy, was arraigned before J. P. Gregory yesterday. After all the evidence had been submitted she was committed to Fort Saskatchewan to await trial before the Supreme court. R. G. Wilson, of Fort Victoria, is the man she is alleged to have married in 1898 under the name of Gatalina Sterling, and William A. Gallinger, of this place, who married her in October last, were both in court.

ORIGIN OF FIRE ON STEAMER A MYSTERY

Inquiry Into Destruction of the St. Croix Continued at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 27.—The origin of the fire that destroyed the steamship St. Croix off Point Duane on November 20th, imperiling the lives of more than 100 passengers, has remained a mystery, although several officers of the vessel, several members of the crew and some of the passengers were put through a searching examination yesterday by Federal Inspectors of Steam Vessels Bulger and Bolles. Every question asked by the inspectors was framed with the object of eliciting information that might indicate the cause of the disaster, but not a statement was made that seems to throw any light on the matter.

HANGS HIMSELF

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 27.—Harold Perkins, aged 16, who hanged himself to his bedroom door after having been refused permission to attend the Drake-Ames football game, it is believed, expected his aunt to discover him and cut him down before he died. His neck was broken, however, in the jump from the chair. He was found by his five-year-old brother.



Dan Mack, it's late for Thanksgiving and early for Christmas, but here's a fine bird I got in the West.

BIG MASONIC FUNCTION HERE

CELEBRATE THE ORDER'S FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Ceremonies to Include Dedication of New Wing Just Completed.

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For weeks past a committee of the grand lodge has been making arrangements for the function and invitations are now being sent out by E. B. Fawcett, deputy grand master, who is chairman of the committee. Assisting him on the committee are J. S. Soloway, master of No. 1 lodge; J. S. Willis, senior warden of No. 2 lodge; W. J. Ward, master of Esquimalt lodge, No. 24; and T. A. Fox, master of lodge No. 49, Victoria.

The grand ceremony of the new hall will be performed. The new wing, which has just been completed by the contractors, Messrs. Dinsdale & Malcolm, at a cost of \$18,000, makes the temple in this city a very handsome lodge quarters in British Columbia. A fine new pipe organ, which has been secured by members' subscriptions, has been installed.

The grand secretary's office is situated on the ground floor, where also there are various ante-rooms and lavatories. On the second floor there is one large lodge room, the most spacious and handsome possessed by any lodge in the province. On the third floor there is a spacious banqueting room, a feature of the interior arrangements is a fine gallery extending all around the building, the design for the same being much on the lines of the gallery in the Grand Lodge officers from Washington, Oregon, and Saskatchewan and Alekya will also be present and deliver short addresses. On the conclusion of this feature of the function a repast will be served in the banqueting hall.

THE ALSOP CLAIM

Proposal to Ask King Edward to Act as Arbitrator.

Santiago, Chile, Nov. 27.—William Pierpont, American charge d'affaires yesterday made a proposal to the Chilean government that the Alsop claim be submitted to the arbitration of King Edward, who is friendly to both sides. The proposal was accepted and the two countries will ask the British monarch to act as arbitrator.

BANKER SENT TO PRISON

Former Vice-President Gets Ten Years For Stealing \$185,000.

Madison, Wis., Nov. 27.—Phel Allen, Jr., ex-vice-president of the First National Bank of Innes Point, Wisconsin, yesterday pleaded guilty to stealing \$185,000 of the institution's funds and was sentenced to serve ten years in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Debridge, Ont., Nov. 27.—Archibald McLaughlin has been committed to stand trial at the March assizes on the charge of murdering his wife and two children.

DEATH ON SATURDAY

OF MRS. W. W. NORTHCOTT

Esteemed Pioneer Resident Passes Away After Brief Illness.

Very great regret was expressed Saturday when it became known that death had claimed another esteemed pioneer resident of Victoria in the person of Olive Cronke Northcott, beloved wife of Wm. W. Northcott, city assessor. While deceased, had been in indifferent health for some time it was only within the past few days that her illness took a serious turn, and therefore the news of her death came as a great shock to the members of her family and her large circle of acquaintances.

The late Mrs. Northcott was born at Kingston Mills, in the county of Frontenac (then Canada) in 1839. Her family moved to Belleville, Ont., in 1862. There she was married two years later, when Mr. Northcott continued to reside until 1884, when he removed to this city, where the family has resided ever since.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Northcott leaves five children to mourn her loss—Mrs. J. H. Falconer, of Victoria; Mrs. (Rev.) W. J. F. Robertson, of Ladysmith; Mrs. Early, of Queenelle; Jos. R. Northcott, of Montserrat, and W. W. Northcott, jr., of 505 Montreal street, besides six grandchildren.

ANXIOUS TO SETTLE

DISPUTE WITH CHILE

United States Would Welcome Selection of King Edward as Arbitrator.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 27.—It is generally understood that the state department will welcome any move that will bring about an adjudication of the Alsop claim and the selection of King Edward as arbitrator, is entirely satisfactory. The question, so far as the American government views it, is clear and unmistakable and no fear is felt that an unbiased arbitrator such as King Edward is known to be will not settle the affair in favor of the Alsop claimants.

The report that King Edward had not been consulted in the matter is regarded as important, as it is not certain that the King would willingly assume the responsibility of patching up the differences between the United States and Chile.

EDMONTON THREATENED

WITH COAL FAMINE

Strike of Miners Likely to Result in the Closing of Schools.

Winnipeg, Nov. 27.—Two hundred miners employed in the Stanley mines around Edmonton, Alberta, struck work last night, being dissatisfied with conditions.

Already a coal famine threatens the city of Edmonton, and the schools and power house will have to be closed owing to lack of fuel.

LARGE HAILSTONES

Los Angeles, Nov. 27.—Hailstones as large as walnuts fell in various portions of this city late yesterday during a period of ten minutes. A sleet storm followed a sudden fall in the temperature, the sleet remaining on the ground for some time, affording an unusual sight for Southern Californians.

SCHEME FOR BEAUTIFICATION

FINE ENTERPRISE OF DOUGLAS ST. OWNERS

Urge City Council to Join Hands in Lighting of That Thoroughfare.

That the people of Victoria should systematically set to work on a beautification scheme for the city and that the property owners on Douglas street are desirous of setting the ball rolling was made plain to the council and Friday night's meeting of the streets, sewers and bridges committee, when the board heard the views of a large deputation of leading citizens interested in the welfare of the thoroughfare mentioned. The deputation was headed by Capt. A. C. McCallum, who acted as spokesman, and included E. R. Brown, W. Challoner, A. H. Mitchell, C. E. Bradshaw, J. A. Sayward, A. E. Todd and others, and after hearing their views the council promised prompt action towards forming of a scheme.

The scheme has already been outlined in the Times. The plan as proposed calls for the erection of handsome steel pillars about twenty feet in height at distances of every 100 feet, the cost of the poles would be a cluster of seven lamps and when the long rows on both sides of the street would be lit up, the effect would be strikingly beautiful. The owners would agree to defray the cost of the poles and the lamps if the city would install the same, provide the necessary conduits for the wires and supply the electricity free of charge.

Capt. McCallum, in urging the matter for the favorable consideration of the board, said that the property owners interested were of the opinion that instead of the citizens of Victoria waiting for the town to become more important as a commercial center, they should co-operate towards its beautification. It could be made, of much greater attractiveness as a tourist and residential centre and he believed that the scheme which was proposed for Douglas street should for these reasons receive warm encouragement.

Mayor Hall said that he personally was heartily in favor of the scheme, but the board could not give a definite answer to the deputation until they had a report from the city engineer and the city electrician as to the cost which would be involved. On his wife's motion a resolution was passed leaving the matter in the hands of those officials, and the deputation withdrew well pleased with their reception.

Business firms doing business on Government street, adjacent to the site of the Royal bank which is in course of erection, again complained that the barriers which had been erected by the contractors for the building greatly interfered with their trade, and they feared that their Christmas business would be seriously affected.

Ald. Turner, chairman of the committee, said that the matter had already been reported on by the city engineer, and he did not know what could be done to relieve the situation. The contractors were not exceeding their legal rights in maintaining such a barrier, and while everybody regretted that the business of the firms in adjacent premises was being interfered with apparently nothing could be done. The complainants will be so notified.

The city engineer in reply to the complaint of the B. C. Land and Investment Company, respecting the condition of the block pavement on Bastion Square, reported that the only thing which could be done to remedy the grievance would be to fill the holes in the pavement with a mixture of asphalt and stone chips. After considering the matter, the board decided to instruct the engineer to use new blocks to treat the street instead of the mixture he proposed.

Mr. Bryson reported that there were a number of streets in various sections of the city in a bad state of repair, and he asked what should be done about it. The board came to the conclusion that nothing whatever could be done, as there were no funds available. In respect to Herald street, which is said to be in a deplorable condition, it was decided to circumvent the deficit by doing \$400 worth of work on the roadway right away and charge the same against the local improvement, which will be done later.

HORSE THIEF ARRESTED

Man Arrested in British Columbia Committed For Trial at Saskatoon.

Saskatoon, Sask., Nov. 27.—Corporal Summers, R. N. W. M. P., has arrived in the city from Nakuson, B. C., where there to bring to this city Albert Vondale, charged with having stolen a team of horses, wagon and harness from Matt Jordan on October 22nd. The case was brought up before Captain Walker yesterday, and after evidence had been submitted, the prisoner was committed to stand his trial at the coming sitting of the Supreme court. The prisoner admitted his guilt.

ALLEGED PERJURY

Barrie, Ont., Nov. 27.—Mrs. Theresa Guthrie and her daughter, Clara Guthrie, were in the police court here formally charged with perjury in their depositions at the fire inquest as to their visits to Allendale. The information was laid by Attorney Cotter.

TORY MEMBERS TAKEN TO TASK

ENTHUSIASM DAMPENED BY FEDERAL MINISTERS

B. C. Representatives Indulge in Mild Jubilation Over McBride Victory.

Ottawa, Nov. 27.—The House of Commons had a taste of British Columbia politics yesterday afternoon, when the conservative members from that province interrupted the ordinary course of business to indulge in a little crowing over the triumph of their party at the polls. To enable his colleagues in the opposition to "demonstrate," J. D. Taylor, New Westminster, had to fall back on two questions that had already been disposed of, but they served his purpose, and the opposition had their burrah, though the jubilation was somewhat modified when Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. W. S. Fielding replied.

Mr. Taylor professed to be greatly concerned over a paragraph he had observed in the press to the effect that a Liberal organization in British Columbia had passed a resolution recommending the Dominion government to appoint P. C. Wade as lieutenant-governor of the province. Mr. Wade was a Liberal candidate in the recent elections, and Mr. Taylor based on these two circumstances an assumption that Mr. Wade had been persuaded to enter the campaign under a promise of reward. Having objected to anybody else offering the government advice, Mr. Taylor proceeded to give some, and it was to the effect that inasmuch as Mr. Wade had made an attack on the McBride administration, that gentleman was unfit to be entrusted with the office of lieutenant-governor.

Finally Mr. Taylor renewed his protest against the delay in the appointment of judges to the new Court of Appeals in British Columbia.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier declined to be held responsible for any recommendations which might be made by outside organizations. "We are responsible," he said, "for any action we might take, and once we had made the appointment referred to it will be open to approval or criticism, but not before."

Sir Wilfrid noted that Mr. Taylor had objected to a Liberal organization offering advice to the government, but if that body was open to rebuke what was to be said of the honorable gentleman himself when he presumed to advise the government not to appoint Mr. Wade.

"It shall be our duty to canvass the condition of the things in British Columbia and make the best appointment of a lieutenant-governor, and I have no hesitation in saying that the appointment will be satisfactory, even in spite of the criticism of my honorable friend."

Mr. Burrell, Yale-Cariboo, alluded to rumors that J. A. Macdonald, former leader of the opposition in British Columbia, was slated for the chief justiceship of the Court of Appeal, and to the fact that he had taken part in the campaign. He assumed that the two things were connected, and that Mr. Macdonald was to get a judgeship as a reward for his services in the campaign.

R. L. Borden also took it for granted that Mr. Wade had been promised the lieutenant-governorship as an inducement to take part in the campaign as a Liberal candidate, a suggestion which called forth a sharp denial from the premier. It was not made, nor even hinted at, declared Sir Wilfrid.

Mr. Borden then added a word of protest against the delay in the appointment of Court of Appeal judges, characterizing the delay as intolerable and disgraceful.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION OF ACETYLENE GAS

One Man is Dead and Five Others Also Sustain Injuries.

Ferry Sound, Nov. 27.—By an explosion of acetylene gas at the marine department gas manufactory here Jas. Kerr, an employee, received injuries from which he died four hours after, and A. Jones, foreman, was so seriously injured that his recovery is doubtful. It is thought he has lost his eyesight. Mr. Braise, agent of the marine department here, was also injured, but not seriously.

The accident happened while the storage tanks were being charged for lighthouse and gas buoys. The exact cause of the explosion is not ascertained. A small shed covering the gas generator and the apparatus in which Kerr and Jones were blown to pieces. James Kerr was an old resident of this place and the father of a large family. Jones was unmarried and formerly lived in Ottawa.

WILL REOPEN MINT

Denver, Colo., Nov. 27.—The Denver mint, which was shut down last July because of a surplus of all denominations of gold coins, will open the first of the year with between \$18,000,000 and \$20,000,000 in gold bullion on hand, according to an announcement to-day by Superintendent Frank Downer.