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TALK RESERVOIR BUT IN SECRET

MAYOR'S SUMMONS DID NOT INCLUDE PRESS

Practical Foreman Says All Big Basin Needs is Coat of Cement.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) There was a hurry-up conference of the city fathers last night, but a hint was given to the press by its coming off. Of course the press got to the fact of the meeting all the same, so that the veil of secrecy which it was sought to draw over it not only failed to hide the fact but it calculated have the effect of creating unjust suspicions in the public mind.

Smith's Hill reservoir was the subject of the conference to which the mayor summoned some of the aldermen by telephone. There were present his worship, Aldermen Henderson, Turner, McKeown, Bishop, Raymond and Ross; Water Commissioner Raymur, Thomas; and the waterworks foreman who had charge of the laying of the floor of the reservoir; and William Webster, who was foreman in charge of the construction of the walls.

His worship the mayor was asked this morning by the Times for a statement as to what took place at the conference and for his reason for not notifying the press, in view of the great public interest in the matter. He replied that it was not a conference; that he was there and thought as there was so much talk it would be well to have some of the aldermen hear what "they" had to say; that there was nothing in it for publication and if there was he would have notified the press.

It was pointed out to his worship that on Monday evening after council when he desired to make a statement regarding the fair, he had called the aldermen together in a similar informal way and invited the newspaper representatives to remain. "Oh, that was different," explained he. "The reporters were in the room and I intended to give them an opportunity to ask questions. In this case, however, I had no intention of doing so."

Asked what information, if any, had been given to the conference regarding the reservoir, the mayor said: "I don't know." "Did you not say, however, that you had been given to the conference regarding the reservoir, the mayor said: "I don't know." "Did you not say, however, that you had been given to the conference regarding the reservoir, the mayor said: "I don't know."

"Then the reservoir, has not been leaking and there is no work being done on it?" asked the reporter. "Oh, they are washing the wall," he replied. "Putting on a wash cement. There were some sun-cracks in the concrete."

"Was the concrete not covered from the sun after laying, as concrete always is?" "They could not get canvas enough to cover up that space; there is three and a half acres. It would cost a fortune."

It was suggested to his worship that the whole area was not done at once, and that it was impossible to get "Hing material." His reply was that "they" said they could not get coverings.

"Did Donovan not tell you anything specific about the reservoir?" asked the reporter. "They showed us the construction," he replied. "But surely they gave you some specific information as to why they were doing work on the reservoir?" "Yes," Donovan made specific statements.

"The only specific statement he made was that the bottom was all right—'hold water'." "And with this the reporter—and the public—had to be satisfied. Aldermen Believe in Publicity. The aldermen were not so reticent, taking the position that the public should be set at rest by knowing the actual facts. It is interesting to note that Thomas Davidson and William Webster as first-class workmen, they put a great deal of trust in their statements as to the ultimate staunchness of the basin.

While concrete is porous to a certain extent, he looked to all the pores filling up in a little time with the sediment which all water carries, if the public would have patience for six weeks or two months.

SOME OF THE ALDERMEN EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THERE HAD BEEN WORK NOT DONE AS IT SHOULD BE TO KEEP THE BOTTOM DOWN, AND IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE CITY BE ABLE TO LOOK TO A. L. ADAMS FOR THE EXTRA EXPENSE CAUSED BY THIS.

It is understood that Mr. Adams is through with the job, although he has not got his last settlement yet.

A well-known and successful contractor told the Times to-day that whatever the defects might be the bottom could be made absolutely tight. The way to do this was to mix cement very thin, pour it over the surface and work it right in with brooms, keeping this up till every crevice filled with cement.

He intimated cases where this method had been tried with success, and his opinion is backed up by other contractors experienced in such work.

SUSPECTED MURDERER IS HELD BY POLICE

Alleged to Have Killed Woman and Set Fire to House.

(Times Leased Wire.) Sacramento, Cal., Aug. 11.—James Cook, a cook, is held in the Sacramento jail on suspicion of having killed Mrs. Carrie Breslan, with whom he has been living for two years past, then burned their house to cover the crime at 11 o'clock last night. To the police he has told contradictory stories and denies that he was home after 7 o'clock in the evening. Cook was arrested in a saloon four blocks from the scene of the fire at an early hour of the morning.

The arresting officer's first question to him was: "Did you know there was a fire last night?" Cook's answer: "Do you think I set that fire and burned my own clothes?" Later at the police station he denied all knowledge of the fire. The police, however, found witnesses who heard the couple quarrelling a short time before the fire. The body was too badly burned to find any marks upon it.

According to Mrs. H. Patton, mother of the deceased, Cook had threatened to kill her and had beaten her many times in the past. Mrs. Breslan was the divorced wife of an employe of the Southern Pacific employees of this city.

IMPEACHMENT TRIAL OF STATE COMMISSIONER

Shively's Attorneys Confident Senate Will Sustain Demurrer.

(Times Leased Wire.) Olympia, Wash., Aug. 11.—A large number of legislators arrived in the capital on the noon train to-day for the impeachment trial of State Insurance Commissioner J. H. Shively, which opens in the Senate chamber at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

MANY CHANGES IN BUSINESS

TRADE DEVELOPMENT LEADS TO REMOVALS

General Shuffle Among Store Owners on Government Street.

A great many changes are taking place among the business houses on Government street in this city, caused by the growth of trade and the consequent scramble for the best locations on the principal business street. The trouble originated with Henry Young & Co. who have for some time felt cramped in their store at the corner of White House, and have given T. N. Hibben & Co. notice to move before the end of the year as the premises they occupy are required. Already building has commenced on the vacant space at the back of Hibben's store; in fact it is near completion, and will be opened for business as an annex to Henry Young & Co. early in September.

This building an entirely new department will be opened, consisting of ladies' costumes, jackets and other ready-to-wear articles. There will be a big opening when the fall goods are installed, about the first week of next month.

Mr. Young, seen this morning in respect to his plans for the Hibben block, said that he was unable as yet to discuss what they would be with the new addition. The Hibben Company will have to leave at the end of the year, and by that time they would have their plans all formulated. For a long time past the business has been cramped for lack of space, it having long ago outgrown their present premises. When the Hibben building has been added to what they have now, and with the new building which is about ready for occupation, the store will be one of the finest in the city.

The T. N. Hibben Co. will move from the corner of White House to the other side of the street, into the block which they own, taking the shops now occupied by the Morris tobacco shop and the Alaska curio shop. As the premises, where the Hibben factory is now situated, the old building will be torn out and a new four-story building erected to make it level with the three-story building in front. The whole of the first floor on Langley street, and the basement on Government street, will then be occupied by the box factory facing the government street will be remodelled and the whole interior torn out and a fine new store constructed on the ground floor with a frontage of 45 feet, and extending back to Langley street. Above it will be two flats of modern offices, which will be highly desirable owing to their central position.

Morris' tobacco shop will be moved to where Tomlinson's shoe shop is now placed, and the Tomlinson company being unable to find a good stand will probably have to close out.

Another change which is taking place in the same neighborhood is the retirement of Fred Carne from business. Mr. Carne has been in business in Victoria for the past forty years. For two years he worked for David Spencer, and since that time he has been in the grocery business in Victoria. He has made a fine record in the business, and is proud of the fact that ever since he started for himself he has been able to hold his customers. Fourteen families who commenced dealing with him at first are still doing business with him, and many others, too many almost to count, have dealt there for fifteen and twenty years. Those who most regret Mr. Carne's retirement are his customers.

Mr. Carne's shop will be occupied in a short time by the Montellus Piano Company, of Vancouver, who have been doing business here for some time in a small way, but who now intend to extend their trade by taking this fine stand next to the C. P. R. ticket office. For some time they have been looking for a suitable location.

Fred Carne, although giving up the grocery business, will not give up altogether. He will probably open at the beginning of the year in the commission business, and being well known here will doubtless do well.

The shops now occupied by Fred Foster and Bowmas' Hardware business will have to be empty by the end of this month, when the work of pulling down will commence at once and the new building for the Royal Bank of Canada be erected.

No fewer than nine business houses, as well as numerous occupants of offices, are being affected by these changes, which go into effect almost immediately. They indicate the change which is fast coming over Victoria, and the eagerness with which the positions along the leading business street are being taken up.

WAS MOURNED AS DEAD.

Mexican Returns Home After Wandering for Years in Woods.

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 11.—After wandering the woods for five years, his mind deranged, Francisco Martinez suddenly regained his senses and returned to his home near Villa Ahumada, Chihuahua, Mexico.

Martinez had been given up for dead long ago by his relatives, and his sudden appearance at his home, with a long matted beard and hair reaching almost to the knees, caused a superstitious panic for a time.

SUTTON WANTED TO FIGHT DUEL

OFFICER TESTIFIES AT INVESTIGATION

Declares Lieutenant Was Overbearing—Contradictory Evidence.

(Times Leased Wire.) Annapolis, Md., Aug. 11.—Versions concerning the character of Lieut. J. N. Sutton directly contradicting each other were made on the stand by witnesses to-day during the progress of the investigation into the manner of the young officer's tragic death during a campus fight at Annapolis two years ago.

Dr. Gilbert Coleman, who with Miss Mary Stewart, was Sutton's companion before the fatal automobile ride, declared Sutton to be lovable and cheery, and especially happy on the night of the tragedy.

Later, Lieut. Sumner averred that Lieut. Sutton was overbearing and untruthful. Sumner was brought into the case by one of his calling cards on which was written: "Sutton, I'm a damned fool. Call gun business off. Signed, Sumner."

Sumner explained that a year before Sutton's death Sutton challenged him to a duel while the two were drinking in a Washington hotel. Neither gave an apology, and to settle the difference without either's honor being tarnished, they agreed to write apologies at the same moment.

Sumner was asked to produce Sutton's apology, but he stated that he had unfortunately lost it, while Sutton must have kept his.

Dr. J. M. Wierfall, the undertaker who prepared Sutton's body for burial following the shooting, gave gruesome testimony regarding the condition of the young lieutenant's body, but he was not asked to testify as to whether the arm was broken, which was the point he was called upon to determine.

TUG FOUNDERS IN HEAVY SEA

FOUR MEN BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN DROWNED

Nine Survivors, Including the Captain's Wife and Son, Reach Shore.

(Times Leased Wire.) Boston, Mass., Aug. 11.—Telephone messages received from Gloucester state that six men were drowned off Cape Ann to-day, when the naval tug Neponset foundered in a heavy sea.

News of the wreck was taken to Lanesville by seven survivors from the Neponset, including the captain's wife and son. The six who are missing and are believed to have been drowned are: Capt. Thomas Evans, Dr. Trotter, Machinist Mate Byfield, Seaman Taylor and Edwards, the cook and another man whose name is not known.

The Neponset was bound from Portsmouth to Boston. The little vessel sank almost instantly when she was struck by an exceptionally high wave.

Two More Reach Shore. Boston, Mass., Aug. 11.—(Later.)—After a perilous battle with the ocean, Captain Evans of the naval tug Neponset, drifted ashore with Mate Byfield this afternoon. Four of the little ship's company are still missing.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Ex-Convict Kills Man Who Was on Jury Which Convicted Him and Ends Own Life.

Middletown, N. Y., Aug. 11.—Meeting Daniel Fenton, who was on the jury which sent him to the state prison, an ex-convict named McSorley yesterday deliberately drew a revolver and shot Fenton down, killing him instantly.

After assuring himself that his victim was dead, the ex-convict raised the revolver to his own head and blew out his brains.

The deed, was committed in the middle of the principal street of the town, and was witnessed by scores of people. Several women fainted. McSorley had been released from prison only a few days.

HAZING UNDER BAN.

Autorities of McMaster University, Take Steps to Check Rowdiness.

Toronto, Aug. 11.—In order to check rowdiness at the opening of the session of McMaster University, the authorities yesterday issued the following notice: "McMaster University discontemplates all proceedings commonly known as 'hazing' and expects the faculty and students to do their utmost to promote a healthy tone of feeling against such conduct. It is considered a gross misdemeanor for a student to interfere in any way with the personal liberty of another, and students who participate in such proceedings render themselves liable to immediate expulsion from the university."

AUTO MANUFACTURER DEAD.

Col. A. Pope Passes Away at His Summer Home. Boston, Aug. 11.—Col. Albert Pope, well known as a manufacturer of automobiles in the United States and Canada, is dead at his summer home at Cohasset.

Col. Pope had been in ill health for months, due to a nervous breakdown that followed the financial embarrassment of his bicycle company, the largest concern of the kind in the country. Pope began his business career as a clerk in a Boston shoe store at \$4 per week. He amassed a large fortune in the bicycle manufacturing business, but the sudden drop in the boom a few years ago caused him financial embarrassment.

STRIKEBREAKERS LEAVE ENGLAND FOR SWEDEN

Stockholm Dispatches Report Improvement in Situation in Cities.

(Times Leased Wire.) London, Aug. 11.—Desperate from lack of employment here several shipments of British strike breakers left Hull to-day for Sweden. Many more of unemployed likewise are ready to work in Sweden, despite the warning of the trades unions that they will be ostracized by organized labor henceforth if they work against the cause of the striking unionists in the northern country.

The English strike breakers have been warned not to take part in the labor troubles of Sweden by the British boards of trade.

Messages from Stockholm state that the situation in the Swedish cities has improved, but the condition in the country districts is still grave. Hundreds of farm hands are quitting their employers, and as it is harvest time the crops are threatened.

TWO WOUNDED AS RESULT OF VENDETTA

Young Sicilian Declares He Went to New York to Avenge Murder.

(Times Leased Wire.) New York, Aug. 11.—Seriously wounded and praying unceasingly for the death of Rafael Cascone, whom he shot five times and mortally wounded as the result of a Sicilian vendetta, Amat Santicello, a 17-year-old Sicilian, is imprisoned here to-day awaiting the outcome of Cascone's injuries. To kill Cascone, the youth said he came all the way from Italy.

CONSERVATION OF RESOURCES

RESOLUTIONS BEFORE IRRIGATION CONGRESS

Secretary of Interior Will Be Called Upon to Make Explanation.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 11.—That the publication of a dispatch from Helena, Mont., from Senator M. Evans, chief correspondent of the Spokane Press has caused a sensation here, was shown to-day by widespread discussion of the alleged grabbing of water power sites in Montana since Secretary Ballinger restored the lands withdrawn by President Roosevelt. It is probable that the secretary of the interior will be called upon for an explanation when they demand the rostrum this afternoon at the National Irrigation Congress. Pertinent questions will be asked him, particularly as to his haste in restoring the abandoned water power sites of Taft's predecessor. The effort already has been felt. E. D. Vincent, of Arizona, presented a resolution declaring: "This Congress endorses Roosevelt's policy and acts looking toward the conservation of natural resources and their preservation for and development by the people. It strongly deprecates the reactionary tendencies leaning toward the abandonment of that great principle. The Congress endorses as part of Roosevelt's policy the reclamation and forestry services."

The California delegation presented a similar resolution.

Wenzel Heirsche, of Nebraska, presented a resolution declaring: "The good work of the reclamation service protects the public depending upon it. They demand that the reclamation service be kept free from political disturbance of any kind."

A general discussion of lands and irrigation marked the morning session of the congress, Howard Elliott, of St. Paul, Minn., president of the Northern Pacific railway, spoke on "The Land of Fortune." Elliott commended the reclamation service, condemned the reclamation policies as useless agitation, and expressed confidence that the present administration will not disturb business. He then branched into a discussion of the eight-hour day law. He said: "The real railroad question of to-day is not whether the rate should be three or two cents, but whether the country shall permit rewards sufficient to induce strong men to invest their money so that facilities keep pace with demands. The eight-hour day doctrine tends to crush out ambition. There has been delay in the development of the western country because of attacks upon the rights of property."

Following G. O. Smith, S. H. Lea, state engineer of South Dakota, spoke on "Irrigation in South Dakota." United States Reclamation Work in the Northwest," was described by D. C. Henry, consulting engineer of the reclamation service for the Northwest. The remainder of the morning session was devoted to addresses by F. H. Griswold, assistant secretary of the Sixteenth National Irrigation Congress, who spoke on "The Message of the West to the East," and by Wm. L. Finley, field agent of the National Association of Audubon Societies, who discussed "The Value of Wild Birds to Forest and Field."

YOUNG WOMAN LOSES HER LIFE IN FIRE

Flames Destroy Hotel and Other Buildings at Hanlan's Point.

Toronto, Aug. 11.—Hanlan's Point amusement park and the Eastern League baseball grounds were saved by fire late yesterday afternoon. The fire started through an explosion in the Gem theatre, a moving picture concern, about 8.45 p.m. and by 6 o'clock there was not a building left standing in the entire grounds.

Miss A. English, the cashier in the theatre, was surrounded by flames before she could escape, and was so terribly burned that she died shortly after being removed.

The famous Hanlan's hotel, a five-story structure, which stood upon the bank of the lagoon, was destroyed. The guests barely had time to save their clothing before the entire place was in a blaze. They were taken off in boats from the rear entrance. The Gem stands which entirely surrounded the park, were the finest in the Eastern league, and which had only been in use one year, were also entirely destroyed, along with the ferry building, the amusement concern of all kinds, the boat house, the club house of the Toronto Rowing Club, and a number of summer cottages to the south of the park. Dynamiting was resorted to, but the strong wind blew sparks from buildings to buildings. The total loss will reach \$250,000, with about \$100,000 insurance.

NAVAL AND MILITARY DEFENCE.

Montreal, Aug. 11.—The council of the Montreal Board of Trade yesterday rejected the request of the London, Eng., Chamber of Commerce that it support a resolution passed by that body urging upon the Asquith government more attention to Imperial naval and military defence. The resolution was passed after a stirring address to the chamber by Admiral Lord Charles Beresford. The Montreal council decided that as Sir Frederick Borden and Hon. L. F. Brouder are now attending the defence conference in London, the best plan to adopt would be to leave the enunciation of Canada's attitude to them.

DUKE AS MAYOR.

In compliance with the unanimous request of the town council of Eastbourne, the Duke of Devonshire has agreed to accept the majority of the borough for the coming municipal year.

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