STRAIGHTENING OUT THE CIVIC TANGLE

CITY ENGINEER IS HOLDING DOWN JOB

By-law to Appoint Superintendent of Construction is Not Dealt With

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The suspension of the city engineer by Mayor Morley on October 27 was finally set at rest last evening at the city council meeting, when a resolution reinstating him, and ratifying his acts in the meantime was unanimously adopted.

The motion to this effect, moved by Alderman W. F. Fullerton, and seconded by Alderman Ross, was preceded by a letter from Mr. Speaker Eberts, stating that he could not give a ruling on the procedure of the council meeting of October 27 because he had been consulted before the council sought his opinion.

There was again a packed council chamber, whose occupants evidently came to see the outcome of this proposal, for as soon as it was completed the majority left.

Ald. Fullerton's resolution was as follows:

Whereas, a question has arisen as to whether resolutions passed at a meeting of the council held on Friday, October 27 last, after the hour of 11 o'clock p. m., were duly and legally passed and valid in law;

And whereas, doubt exists as to the position held by Angus Smith, C. E.;

Therefore, be and it is hereby resolved that the said Angus Smith, C. E., is hereby reinstated as city engineer for the city at the same salary as heretofore without any reduction during the temporary suspension by the mayor, all official acts of the said Angus Smith since date of said suspension to be ratified and confirmed."

The mayor suggested postponement when the matter was introduced by the alderman till a later stage of the proceedings, but the alderman said he did not wish to let the hands reach 11 o'clock, and have a repetition of previous objections.

The council having learnt from the lips of the city solicitor that no notice of motion was required under the circumstances, and from Ald. Moresby that Mr. Smith's salary was not affected, passed the resolution without further comment.

Later in the evening the council took up the consideration of Alderman Langley's motions to amend the by-law relating to the city engineering department, and also for the appointment of a superintendent of construction, copies of the by-law being laid on the table.

Alderman W. F. Fullerton saw in the proposal a scheme to oust the city engineer. There would be an everlasting clash of duties and jurisdiction if the resolutions carried, he said. The city engineer was quite competent to carry out the duties of his position.

Alderman Langley, in asking leave to introduce a by-law, hoped the aldermen would give the matter at least consideration, and the by-law he had laid on the table would be freely open for amendment. The time had come when they must appoint an assistant, and divide the duties. The engineer recognized that such an official must be appointed. His duties would be to have charge of construction and see that the engineer's plans were carried out. The speaker denied that the resolution sought to oust the engineer, who was a painstaking official. The by-law provided for the superintendent to engage his own men. Something must be done with the department, and at once.

Alderman Ross said it was strange to appoint a man as assistant at a greater salary than the chief, and the reply came that the figure was tentative, and could easily be changed.

Alderman Moresby advocated the appointment of a chief clerk like other similar departments possessed, to supervise office work, and said it was generally admitted the engineer had far too much to do.

The resolutions were then laid over for one week.

TWO SAILORS POISONED.

Third Man in Critical Condition as Result of Drinking Wood Alcohol.

Bremerton, Wash., Nov. 4.—From drinking wood alcohol, P. J. Halley and A. L. Law, sailors, are dead. Seaman Arthur Johnson is dying and a detachment of navy guards are seeking to find others in the cruiser Pennsylvania who may be dead or suffering from the poison.

The deaths occurred nearly simultaneously this morning.

It is believed that the men stole a quantity of wood alcohol left aboard the ship by workmen in the navy yard overhauling the Pennsylvania. The alcohol was used in the operation of spirit jacks employed in hoisting machinery. Possible extension of the tragedy to include more names is a cause of worry among officers of the ship.

Many sailors are ashore on leave, and it is known that others are known to be dead and sick by the partaking of the poisonous draught. Halley died after intense suffering in a hotel, and Law was able to reach his ship after staggering into town before he was stricken. There is little prospects that Johnson will survive.

WOMEN SEEK FRANCHISE.

Toronto, Nov. 4.—Ontario suffragists intend to take part in the Ontario election campaign, and the president has written the prime minister, Sir James Whitney, and the Liberal leader, demanding that the enfranchisement of women be included in their respective programmes.

TELEPHONE REPORT SHOWS DEFICIT

OPERATIONS OF MANITOBA GOVERNMENT SYSTEM

Commissioners Will Suggest Changes—Higher Rates Will Be Charged

Winnipeg, Nov. 4.—The Free Press says: "The operation of the Manitoba government telephone system for the year 1911 will show a loss of nearly $150,000. This will be the outstanding feature of the telephone report the government will present to the legislature when it meets early in the new year.

"Following this announcement the natural result will be that the telephone rates will go up all over Manitoba."

These few words of vital interest to nearly 200,000 telephone users in the province form the substance of statements to the Free Press yesterday by the telephone commissioners through F. C. Patterson, chairman. The commissioners will recommend to the government a number of radical changes bearing closely upon the matter of rates. It is true, the commissioners do not describe the proposed changes as increases but rather they explain as a necessary "re-classification" and a "measured service" system which they propose to introduce in order that the service given to subscribers may be more satisfactory and that the revenue received will be sufficient to prevent a recurrence of future deficits in the operation of the telephone system in Manitoba.

"Yes," stated Mr. Patterson, discussing the matter, "it is true that the commission intends recommending to the government a number of important changes in the rates. These changes are not all recommended on account of the fact that this year's operations will result in a loss. Even if there would not be a deficit this year the greater part of the recommendations would still be presented to the government, but in recommending a new basis for the computing of rates the commission expects that if their plans be carried out it will make a very material improvement in every way and at the same time will yield a revenue sufficient to meet all expenditures. This will naturally mean some increases and some reductions in the rates due to a re-classification of the service given and rentals charged in the various exchanges in the province."

IMMIGRANTS FROM UNITED KINGDOM

This Year 79 Per Cent Have Gone to the Overseas Dominions

London, Nov. 4.—For this year to date the percentage of immigration from the United Kingdom has been 20 per cent to the United States and 79 per cent to the overseas dominions. These figures are in striking contrast with a couple of years ago, 40 per cent of the immigration of 1909 being to the United States and but 59 to the overseas dominions.

USE OF AEROPLANE BY ITALIAN TROOPS

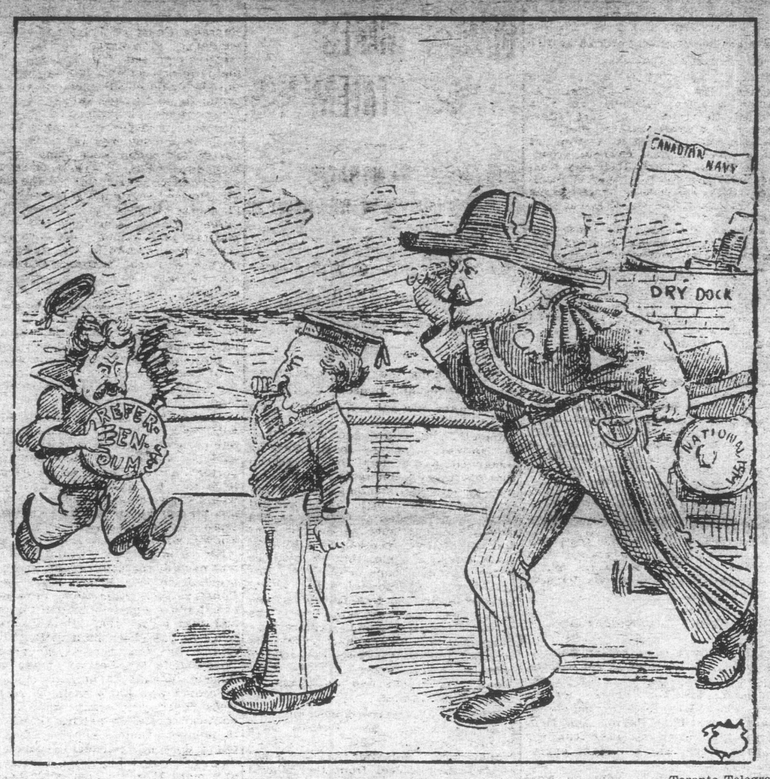
Dropping of Bombs Into Turkish Camps Not a Violation of Hague Agreement

Washington, Nov. 4.—Italy's use of the aeroplane in dropping grenades into the Turkish camps, it is declared here, is not a violation of the fourteen agreements of the Hague conference of 1907, prohibiting the use of air craft in dropping projectiles and explosives "or by other new methods of a semi-nature" insofar as that country is concerned. The last official report of countries which had signed the agreements enacted in 1907 conference, received at the state department last June, showed that while Turkey had signed this part of the agreement, Italy had not.

As the arrangement is only binding when war takes place between two or more signatories as in this case, it is binding on neither Power. In any event the convention is only binding for a period extending to the adjournment of the third peace conference.

WASHINGTON OFFICIALS.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 4.—Governor Marion E. Hay announced yesterday the appointment of George A. Lee, chairman of the state industrial insurance commission, to membership on the public service commission to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Chairman Harry A. Fairchild, Hamilton Higday, of Seattle, assistant industrial insurance commissioner, was appointed a member of the insurance commission, vice Mr. Lee. It is expected that J. C. Lawrence will be made chairman of the public service commission, and that Commissioner C. A. Pratt will be given the chairmanship of the industrial insurance board.



—Toronto Telegram.

THE ADMIRAL'S ORDER

ADMIRAL BOURASSA—Pipe all hands to blow up the Canadian navy.
BOATSWAIN MONK—Aye, aye, sir.

NATIVE CITY OF HANKOW BURNING

FIRES STARTED BY IMPERIAL TROOPS

Wesleyan Mission May Be Destroyed—Rebels Fire on Red Cross Steamer

Hankow, Nov. 4.—Via Wu Hu.—Almost the whole of the native city of Hankow is afire to-day and it is feared that the Wesleyan mission near the Han river, in which are fifty blind boys and 150 wounded persons who, with the staff of the mission, make up a total of 400 persons, will be destroyed. Dr. Booth, the head of the mission, asked the Imperial forces to grant an armistice of two hours to permit of the removal to safety of the boys and wounded, but the firing ceased for only a half hour.

A Red Cross steamer attempted to rescue the inmates of the mission, but was driven back by the fire from the rebel fort. One shell riddled the steamer's deckhouse.

When the vessel was compelled to turn back the mission house was still standing, but its position was hopeless, the flames being within 200 yards of it.

The fires in the town were started by the Imperialists, who threw inflammable shells into the place. A strong wind carried the flames across the river to Han Yang and a strip of that city on the waterfront a mile long was destroyed and it is still burning.

A few hundred rebels against whom the Imperialists are preparing to advance, occupy the district westward of the railway station almost to the Han river.

The chamber of commerce asked the foreign consuls to protest against the burning of the city but the consuls declined to do so.

Forts Surrender to Rebels.

Shanghai, Nov. 4.—The new revolutionary government which is apparently impersonal, nevertheless effectively controlled the situation in Shanghai and Yangtze delta to-day.

Since morning the rebel cause has been strengthened by the outfitting of all those who applied for rifles and ammunition. The rebels obtained not only the arsenal, but the powder factory, gunboats and an enormous supply of new and first-class Mauser rifles. Fully 10,000 rifles were given out indiscriminately to applicants this afternoon.

The forts at Wei Sung went over to the rebels without resistance and other up-river forts hoisted the white flag as in favor of the rebels. It was simply a change of control in which everybody acquiesced. About ten persons were killed and twenty others injured, but most of the casualties were accidental, due to the explosion of dynamite used to open the gates of the city, which had been practically closed.

The arsenal at Shanghai has a capacity for a great output and is now completely manned and is being operated. It can manufacture 50,000 cartridges daily.

The powder factory, which is the largest in China, is well stocked.

Up to 6 o'clock to-night there had not been a case of disturbance within the foreign settlement. Many foreigners visited the arsenal and everywhere they were treated with the utmost courtesy.

The foreign troops who had been guarding the railway station of the Nanking-Shanghai Railway, continued on duty there to-day, on order of the British consul. This action continued to cause comment and apprehension. The bonds of the railway company are owned in England and this appears to be the only reason for British interference.

Rear-Admiral Murdock, commander of the American Asiatic fleet, landed 200 marines to-day and marched them through the main streets of the settlement. Nanking road, which is a mass of revolutionary flags, is the main street of the settlement. Nearly every store displays rebel colors. All mandarins have found refuge in the foreign concessions. The American cruiser Albany has gone to Wu Sung.

ONTARIO LIBERAL PARTY'S PLATFORM

Will Be Announced on Monday—Liquor Licensing Reform Proposed

Toronto, Nov. 4.—While nothing has been given out authoritatively as to whether or not the Liberal provincial platform which is promised for Monday will contain a straight prohibition plank, it is understood that it has been practically decided by Leader Powell and the committee that they will not tackle this sweeping proposition at this election. It is expected there will be some proposal of liquor licensing reform as well as a denuciation of bilingual schools, assessment act revision and other features, but the opinion here is that those who had to decide reached the conclusion that straight prohibition should not be undertaken by the party just now.

TWO INNOCENT MEN CONVICTED

Former Judge Takes Steps to Secure Pardons for Prisoners

Chicago, Nov. 4.—Two men have served seventeen years of life sentences for murders of which they were innocent and are still in the Illinois state prison, sacrificed to the police desire to "get a conviction," according to the belief of former Judge Henry Freeman, who sentenced them, and to the testimony of several police officers.

The men are Charles Kurtz and Thomas McNally, sentenced for the murders of Patrick and Peter Prundy. Former Judge Freeman has instituted active steps to obtain pardons for them.

The testimony of Police Captain John M. Haines and Patrolman August Weber before the pardon board indicated that the police suppressed evidence at the trial before former chief Joseph Kipley. Captain Haines said he was reprimanded for expressing a belief in the innocence of the men.

"I think the evidence which procured their conviction was created by the police and was not truthful, though I did not dream of it at the time," said former Judge Freeman.

POISONING MYSTERY.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 4.—That some other man than his client gave Avis Linnell the poison from which she died, was the assertion yesterday of John Lee, of Lynchburg, Va., senior counsel for Rev. C. V. T. Richeson, who is under indictment charged with the murder. Beyond saying that he had hoped to accumulate enough evidence to satisfy a jury of the guilt of another man, Mr. Lee would not speak of plans of the defence.

THRESHING IS DRAWING TO END

REPORT ON OPERATIONS ON THE PRAIRIES

Number of Complaints Are Made Regarding Shortage of Cars

Winnipeg, Nov. 4.—The Winnipeg Telegram says: Any apprehension that winter would be upon the west before the threshing was half completed may be set at rest, for threshing is drawing to an end.

The Telegram wired over a hundred of its correspondents throughout the west, querying with special regard to the average yield, progress of threshing and marketing, quality of grain and the situation as to cars, elevator accommodation and the labor supply.

The replies received show that in Manitoba the wheat has yielded from 9 to 32 bushels to the acre. The average is about 29 bushels to the acre. The heaviest yield comes from Northern Manitoba, and the lightest from the south. Eighty per cent. of the crop is threshed and 50 per cent. of it is marketed. The wheat has also graded well, 80 per cent. at least of the total being better than No. 4 northern and 50 per cent. No. 2 or better. Some 40 per cent. of the districts heard from complain of shortage of cars and lack of storage room in elevators. There has been no lack of labor to handle the crop.

In Saskatchewan great progress is being shown in threshing in the past week, and about 60 per cent. of this work is done. About 30 per cent. of the Saskatchewan crop is marketed. The bulk of the grain is grading below No. 4 northern, and the yield of wheat varies from 8 bushels to 34 bushels to the acre. The average would seem to be about 22 bushels. Thirty-five per cent. of the places heard from complain of shortage of cars and full elevators. The labor supply is short in 20 per cent. of the cases, but not seriously so.

In Alberta, yields are averaging, but threshing is backward. About 30 per cent. is done, and little grain has yet been marketed. Cars have been on the short side and labor has been lacking, but there has been no serious inconvenience from any cause.

The oat crop throughout all three of the prairie provinces has been a remarkable one, Barley has also yielded well.

Flax in many districts has been a splendid crop, but in about 60 per cent. of the cases has suffered badly from frost. Less than one week will see threshing completed in Manitoba, two weeks will bring it to an end in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

ONTARIO NOMINATIONS.

Orillia, Ont., Nov. 4.—East Simcoe Conservatives yesterday nominated J. I. Hartt by a new ballot to oppose J. B. Tudhope M. P. P. for provincial election.

Ottawa, Nov. 4.—Napoleon Champaigne, city controller, has been nominated by Ottawa East Conservatives to contest the seat for the legislature. He is a brother of Mr. Champaigne, Liberal member for Battleford.

EARLY CLOSING AT TORONTO.

Toronto, Nov. 4.—A motion will be introduced in the council providing for the closing of all bars at 8 p. m. on all days except Saturday, and that on Saturday the closing hour be 12 noon.

LITTLE PROGRESS ON PROGRAMME

ESTIMATES ALONE READY FOR PARLIAMENT

There Will Be Practically No Other Business for Consideration

Ottawa, Nov. 4.—According to indications the government will meet parliament eleven days hence with practically no business ready for consideration, except the estimates for the balance of the current fiscal year. Since the cabinet assumed office there has been not more than a dozen cabinet meetings and practically only routine departmental business has been considered. The ministers have spent about half their time away from the capital and there has been hardly any attention devoted to the business of getting ready to meet parliament or to the consideration of matters of legislative policy.

Starting on Monday daily cabinet meetings will be held until the house assembles on November 15, but the time left is getting short to catch up with the large accumulation of departmental business now awaiting the cabinet council's action and allow also of any serious or thorough discussion of the sessional programme.

Outside the private jobs to be considered it now looks as if the members will have nothing to do until the Christmas adjournment but pass the balance of supply for the fiscal year as left over by the Laurier government and amended by the new government. So far the administration of affairs has to all intents and purposes been going along on the momentum given by the old government.

Notice of a petition against the election in Soulanges was formaly served on Sir Wilfrid Laurier yesterday. There are general charges of irregularities on the part of agents, but it is not expected that the protest will actually go to trial. Meanwhile, however, the effect will be that Sir Wilfrid, who was also elected for Quebec, will not be in a position to resign either seat pending legal proceedings.

Liberals view the situation with equamity, believing that before long the expected split in the Nationalists-Conservative administration will come and a bye-election in either constituency would be even more welcome and significant a little later than at the present time.

GERMAN OFFICER SENT TO PRISON

Convicted in England of Spying—Sentenced to Twenty-One Months in Jail

Exeter, Eng., Nov. 4.—Lieut. Philip M. Schultz, of the Thirteenth Hussars, stationed at Frankfort-On-The Main, was convicted at the Devonshire assizes yesterday on the charges of spying and sentenced to 21 months imprisonment.

It was alleged by the prosecution that Schultz was commissioned by the German authorities to secure information as to how far the British government was supporting France in the dispute over Morocco.

IMPERIAL CHALLENGE RIFLE CONTESTS

Competition Organized to Encourage Boys to Learn How to Shoot

London, Nov. 4.—The new Imperial Challenge rifle competition will be held throughout the Empire on any available range between April 15 and May 14, 1912. Lieut.-Col. Shumacher has given a challenge cup of 100 guineas with silver and bronze commemorative medals, and £400 in prize money. The contest is open to teams of forty from any unit in His Majesty's services, the first prize being the Empire Challenge Cup and £100 in money with forty commemorative medals for the senior and junior contests for the Imperial Challenge Shields, valued at £100 each, which Col. Shumacher has offered, will take place in June, the object being to encourage boys throughout the Empire to learn the use of the rifle.

FOUND DEAD.

Tacoma, Nov. 4.—Mrs. Melissa Reed, wife of a Northern Pacific engineer, was found dead on the floor in her nightdress when her husband arrived home yesterday, after being at work all night. The gas was turned on and she had died of asphyxiation. He said he knew of no reason why she should commit suicide, but rather believed it to be an accident, and thought she had got up to heat water for a sick headache, with which she had been suffering recently.

When perched on trees or bushes, birds serve as weathercocks, as they invariably arrange themselves with their heads to the wind.

SUSPECTED BANK ROBBER ARRESTED

MAN REMANDED AT NEW WESTMINSTER

Police Confident Three of Culprits Will Shortly Be Taken Into Custody

New Westminster, Nov. 4.—It is confidently expected that within a short time at least three of the men who robbed the Bank of Montreal in this city last September will be safely locked up in the city jail. Chief of Police Bradshaw and his staff are working day and night in an effort to capture the men, and the chief is leaving no stone unturned.

A man who was arrested in Vancouver as a suspect appeared in the police court yesterday before Police Magistrate Edmonds, and was formally charged with breaking into the Bank of Montreal and stealing on September 15. The case, on the request of Chief of Police Bradshaw, was remanded for one week.

Searches were made to-day, but no loot was found, and there are many rumors as to why the money was hidden under the sidewalk. It may be that the robbers finding their load too heavy were forced to abandon some of it. Others claim the robbers are still lurking in the vicinity. If the robbers went to Vancouver after the theft, how did they go? is the question, for although an attempt was made to steal an automobile, no automobiles or conveyances were missing, and if they had brought an automobile with them, no attempt would be made to steal another.

Find Money on Suspect.

Vancouver, Nov. 4.—Lying in a cell in the city police station at New Westminster is a young Austrian named John Bozyt, who has been charged with the robbery of the Bank of Montreal recently, when some $258,000 in notes and gold were taken. The man was gathered in by the Vancouver city police, acting on information supplied them by Chief of Police Bradshaw, and on Thursday night was taken to New Westminster and was at once placed under arrest and locked up. He was brought before Police Magistrate Edmonds yesterday and formally charged with the crime.

On the suggestion of the chief of police, the case was remanded one week, until next Friday, in order to allow the police further time to make investigations.

The city of New Westminster is filled with police and detectives, and interest in the robbery of the Bank of Montreal has been greatly stimulated by the finding of a part of the loot and by the arrest. While the officials in charge will not talk, they admit that they expect developments shortly which will result in the arrest of all of the parties implicated in the robbery.

Bozyt was arrested in Chinatown, Vancouver, Tuesday night, and after being held there for some days on a vagrancy charge, was taken to New Westminster. The arrest of Bozyt is the result of weeks of patient search on the part of the Vancouver police. Not long after the bank was robbed some of the new bills which formed part of the loot, and whose numbers were known, passed into circulation, and from time to time since some more have been following. Whenever any of the banks or trust companies in the city received one of the bills the police were notified and attempts were made to trace them. At first, the police were baffled by the fact that the trail always led them to a foreigner, and from him through several other foreigners, and then was lost. The clue that finally led to the arrest of Bozyt was the passage of several hundred dollars in Chinatown. The police learned that it had been passed by an Austrian with one hand and one eye. With such a description it was easy to find the man. When he was arrested several hundred dollars in new money was found on him, and when his room in the city hotel was searched $4,000 more of the missing bills were found.

The suspect was placed under arrest on Tuesday and closely questioned by the police. On Thursday, it is understood, he intimated that he was willing to tell where more of the loot was to be found. To give him an opportunity to point out the spot, Deputy Chief Mulhern with Inspectors McRae and Jackson took the man in an automobile to New Westminster. They had just arrived when they learned that nearly $25,000 of the loot had been discovered by accident. This evidently upset the plans of the officers somewhat. The suspect could not or would not tell where any more money was to be found.

How much or how little the man really told the police is not known. The detectives, it is understood, believe he was the man who did the actual safecracking. They are of the opinion that he lost his eye making experiments with blasting powder.

ON WAY TO COAST.

Winnipeg, Nov. 4.—Premier R. P. Roblin left yesterday afternoon for the Pacific coast accompanied by some of the well-known eastern bankers. They will look over some mining properties.

SEEKS EXTENSION OF TIME.

Ottawa, Nov. 4.—Notice is given that the Calgary and Fernie railway company will apply to parliament for and act extending time for construction and completion of its railway.

NEW AUSTRIAN CABINET.

Vienna, Nov. 4.—The new ministry of Count Stuergh was formed to-day with Count Stuergh as premier.