

COUNCIL AND BOARD OF TRADE

FRICION DEVELOPS BETWEEN TWO BODIES

Long Debate on Request for Information on Water Question.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

A simple request of the board of trade that a committee appointed to study the water problem of Victoria, with the object of assisting the citizens in solving it, be furnished with an information bearing on the subject in possession of the city council, caused a half-hour's debate to no purpose at the meeting of the latter body Monday evening.

That any objection would be made to such request from such a body as a great surprise to the majority of the board, but as soon as the city clerk had read the communication from the secretary of the board of trade, Ald. Fullerton arose and asked the mayor if he thought a similar request would be granted. He did not like the tone of the letter. The board of trade was not a responsible body.

Mayor Hall could not for the life of him see any objection to granting such a request. Any body in the city could have the right to ask for such information.

Ald. Stewart inquired whether the Trades and Labor Council was any more of a responsible body than the board of trade. He had no objection whatever to granting the request. The board of trade was representative of the whole city and the council should at all times be given all the information at its disposal to anybody on the water question.

Ald. Fullerton persisted in his opposition to the request. He did not want any organization granted special privileges.

Ald. Turner could see no objections to doing what the board of trade asked. The board of trade was representative of all interests in the city and should be made acquainted with the whole situation affecting the water problem.

Ald. Fullerton argued that the board of trade had not acted in proper fashion in taking a partisan attitude on the question of the by-law for the appropriation of Goldstream.

Mayor Hall differed with Ald. Fullerton on this point. The board of trade had taken no part in the campaign for the passage of the water by-law.

Ald. Henderson took a similar position to that of Ald. Fullerton. The board of trade was asking for all the information available, suggesting that they wished to work with the city council. He did not like this proposal. The council was elected to manage the city's affairs and should not allow any other organization to work with them.

The board of trade was getting too intimate with the city council. During the campaign on the by-law many members of the board of trade took an active part in favor of one by-law at least. If the citizens were desirous of becoming familiar with the facts on the water question the council would prefer to lay the cards before them. The council would present the facts in straight fashion. The board of trade might twist the information to suit its own views. The council should show its position as the governing body of the city's affairs and not surrender any of its rights to the board of trade.

The Mayor—the letter is a very simple request. Any citizen could prefer a similar one and the council should be glad to supply the information. No special privileges were being asked for.

Ald. Stewart said he was much surprised at the objections to the request. The council should give everybody who asked all the information at its disposal. Ald. Henderson seemed to be under the impression that the council had something to hide. He was getting just a little tired of Ald. Henderson. He knew of no member of the board who had such an ability to twist a simple matter into the form of a mystery.

Ald. Henderson wanted to know if it was not true that the board of trade had appointed a committee to work with the city council on the water question.

The mayor replied that it had not, and he read from a letter to show that this was correct.

Ald. Turner again pointed out that the people were entitled to every particle of information which the council could give them regarding any civic scheme.

Ald. Ross—Here you are again, talk, talk, and doing nothing. To my mind you made a great mistake when you took the referendum. Why not get all the reports necessary on the water question and go ahead?

Mayor Hall explained that no referendum had been taken on the question of determining Sooke Lake as a source of water supply.

Ald. Henderson and Ald. Fullerton contended that there had been, and the mayor explained that the only question which the electors had been asked to vote upon was, should the council acquire rights at Sooke.

After this long debate the matter was disposed of by a decision being reached to grant the request of the board of trade.

IMPRISONED FOR ROBBERY.

Revelstoke, Sept. 15.—As the result of the prompt work of Chief of Police Parry, George Hicks, one of the men concerned in the robbery of \$200 from the lumber-jack, J. Landrey, who has been working for the Adams River Lumber Company, was captured at Vernon. He was on Saturday brought before Police Magistrate Foster and sentenced to four months' imprisonment in Kamloops jail.

Landrey gave evidence of two men doling him on the river bank, when one of them knocked him on the back of the head, made him dizzy, and when he recovered he found his money gone.

John Stover, who had also been arrested on suspicion of being the other man concerned, was discharged.

PROGRAMME FOR EXHIBITION

JUDGES SELECTED TO OFFICIATE NEXT WEEK

Airship Display to Be Given Each Day on Grounds.

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The following judges are announced for the Annual Fall Fair to commence Monday next at the fair grounds, Wilwos Beach, and to run the full week: Light horses—George Gray, Newcastle, Ont.

Heavy horses—W. Elliott, Galt, Ont. Cattle, sheep and swine—Prof. Gris-dale, Ottawa.

Dairy produce—Miss Laura Rose, Guelph, Ont. Fruit—J. S. Shepard, Salem, Ore. Horse show—George Gray, W. Elliott, T. S. McGrath of Portland, and one other judge to be named.

The full programme of events to be given in addition to the show is as follows: Monday. 11 a.m.—Judging commences. 2 p.m.—Opening ceremony. 2.30—Airship flight. The airship will make three flights each afternoon. City band, musical selections. 7.45 p.m.—Fireworks display. "The Bombardment of Alexandria by the British Fleet."

Tuesday. Morning—Judging continued. Afternoon—Airship flights. 2.30—Races, first day. 3 a.m.—Exhibition of guideless trotting by Lou Creana. Night—Illuminated airship flight. Fireworks.

Wednesday. The programme will be similar to that of the preceding day, with the exception that judging will have been completed and that the horse show will commence in the evening, with a musical programme by the Fifth Regiment band.

Thursday. 11 a.m.—The annual meeting of the British Columbia Agricultural Society will take place at the offices on the ground, and at noon the stockmen's dinner takes place in the restaurant. At 2.30 the horse show will be open and again at night. The regular afternoon races and airship flights will also take place. The same programme will be continued Friday and Saturday.

In connection with the airship flight the secretary of the association started local merchants by an enquiry for sulphuric acid and iron filings. Two and a half tons of the former and two tons of the latter are required to make the flights possible for the full week. A local firm asked if they could supply the goods wired to Vancouver and found that 100 pounds of sulphuric acid could be obtained, and thought this would be sufficient. They were amazed when the order came through for two and a half tons. The demand will, however, be filled.

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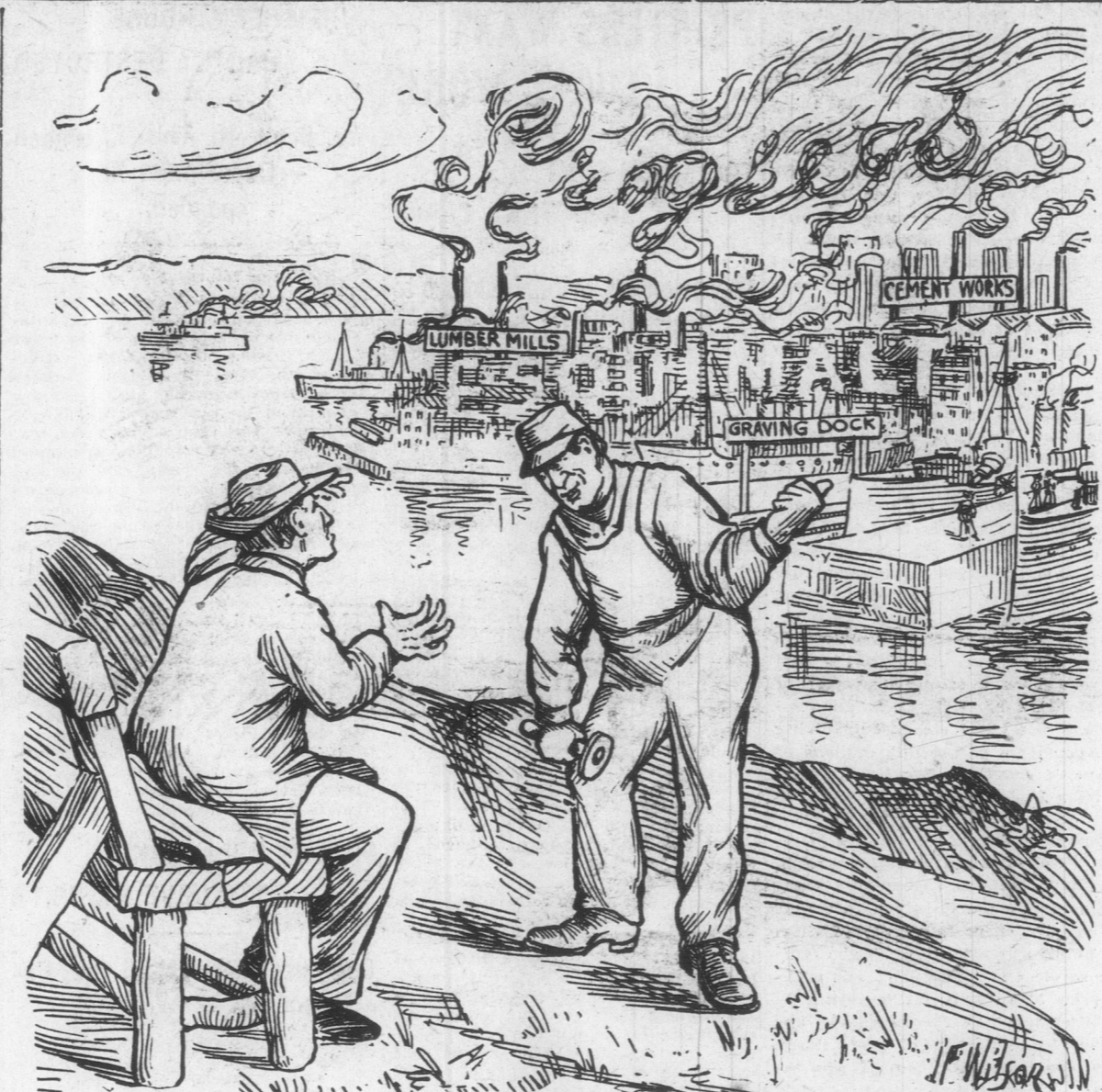
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IN 1912.

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PLAN RECEPTIONS FOR EXPLORERS

CITIZENS OF NEW YORK MAKING ARRANGEMENTS

Rear-Admiral Schley Praises Dignified Stand Taken by Cook.

New York, Sept. 14.—New York today is North Pole mad. Criticism of Dr. Cook, who is on his homeward journey, is being heard to the westward.

Commander Peary, who is somewhere in the far north country on board the steamer Roosevelt, also bound for America, are heard on every hand, the partisans of each being, to all appearances, about equally divided in numbers. Comment on the relative merits of the two explorers is animated and frequently bitter to the point of scoldery.

In the clubs, the hotels, business houses, in homes and on the streets, the North Pole question monopolizes the conversation. It is the topic of the hour.

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William Shiells Stabbed to Death During Drunken Quarrel.

Prince Rupert, B. C., Sept. 14.—Murder was perpetrated last night in the Maple Leaf cafe. Wm. Shiells, a stranger, was done to death in a drunken quarrel. The murderer is Chas. Egan. He used a knife, gashing his victim in the left breast. Egan and another man named McKenzie, who was with him, are now in custody.

The murdered man had been in town two weeks and was drunk all the time. Egan came down the river last evening and the two quarrelled in the restaurant. Egan stabbed Shiells twice with a knife, one blow being over the heart. The murderer will be given a hearing to-day.

FOUR DROWN IN RIVER IN ALASKA

Boat is Wrecked by Striking Rock While Running Through Canyon.

Cordova, Alaska, Sept. 14.—Four men of a party of five who were descending the swift Nizina river were drowned near Box Canyon when their boat, driven against a high bluff, was wrecked and the men thrown into the water. The only man to escape was a son of Congressman Andrus, of New York, a wealthy manufacturer and banker of Yonkers. Those lost were: James Hinton, Robert Furst, Benj. Mullendorf and David Piper.

The men had been employed at the mine of George Esterly on the Nizina river and were coming out for the winter. They had successfully negotiated the rapids in the canyon when a swift current hurled the frail craft against the rocks, and in a twinkling the occupants of the boat were being carried down the swift stream.

Andrus was luckily washed ashore and was later picked up by a passing boat. Only one of the bodies of the victims of the accident was recovered, that of Hinton, which was buried on the shore where it was found.

HARRIMAN'S WILL TO BE PROBATED THIS WEEK

Estimates of Railway King's Fortune Vary From \$50,000,000 to \$200,000,000.

New York, Sept. 14.—The will of E. H. Harriman will be filed for probate some day this week, probably Thursday, according to one of the family attorneys. It is believed that a board of trustees will be named to control the estate. This board is expected to comprise Judge Lovett, chairman of the executive board of the Union Pacific railway, and Chas. A. Peabody, Harriman's personal attorney.

Estimates of the fortune left by the railway king vary from \$50,000,000 to \$200,000,000. It is believed that a majority of the money left by Harriman will go to the widow and children.

LIGHTNING STRIKES CHURCH.

New Orleans, Sept. 14.—St. John's Catholic church was almost totally destroyed by fire as the result of a stroke of lightning yesterday. The loss is \$200,000. About fifty persons who were in the church at the time received slight shocks.

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Underwood, Ont., Sept. 14.—Donald McPhail, aged 75, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed his home yesterday. A son resides at Arcola, Sask.

BRITISH STEAMER FOUR DAYS OVERDUE

Adelaide, South Australia, Sept. 14.—The British steamer Port Caroline, from Cape Town, August 24th, is now four days overdue. It is suggested that she may have picked up the British steamer Waratah, missing since July 26th.

BOY SUCCUMBS TO BULLET WOUND

Utica, N. Y., Sept. 14.—Freddie Infusino, the little six-year-old boy who was injured by a supposed agent of the black hand, and who was found beside the body of Teresa Percopio, eight years of age, and his wounded three-year-old sister Fannie, died early to-day at the local hospital.

In spite of the fact that the police with blood hounds have been following every available clue, they are unable to find the perpetrator of the crime.

The police are confronted with several theories. One of them is that the man who shot the children is a maniac. Warning has been issued to parents to watch their children carefully, because of the belief that a maniac child-slayer is at large.

Another theory is that the man is an enemy of the Percopio family, and that he chose a fiendish method of revenge upon them.

BREMERTON CITY COUNCILMAN ARRESTED

Is Accused of Conducting Gambling Games in His Cigar Store.

Bremerton, Wash., Sept. 14.—On a complaint sworn to by City Attorney George A. Padlock, City Councilman J. L. Humble was arrested here yesterday afternoon on a charge of conducting gambling games in his place of business. Four men were arrested on a charge of gambling in the councilman's store. Councilman Humble and the other men gave bonds for their appearance and were released. When the trials are held some interesting inside history of Bremerton is likely to be brought forth.

Councilman Humble is the proprietor of a cigar and candy store on Front street. City Attorney Padlock charges that Humble has been conducting poker and other card games in a back room of this establishment for several months.

TWO MEN KILLED.

Victoria Mines, N. S., Sept. 14.—By an explosion which occurred in the smelter here Sunday, two Poles are dead and a third dying. The water jacket surrounding the smelter broke and the water coming in contact with the hot smelter, caused the explosion. The three men were sitting close by and were deluged with molten metal. Brick and scrap iron. The flesh of all three was practically roasted off them.

KILLED IN COLLISION.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 14.—Frank Hale was almost instantly killed and George Cart was probably fatally hurt yesterday afternoon when a wagon in which the men were riding was struck by a Sutter street car. Hale was hurled some distance and struck on his head. Cart sustained a fractured shoulder and severe internal injuries.

ANOTHER MERGER.

Montreal, Sept. 14.—The Standard Ideal Foundry Company, of Port Hope, and the Amherst Foundry Company, of Amherst, N. S., manufacturers of porcelain and enamel baths, are to be merged with a capital of \$2,000,000.

BRUTAL MURDER AT NANAIMO

GUS CARLSON STRANGLED IN HOME BY ROBBERS

His Wife Bound and Gagged by Murderers, Who Stole \$90

Nanaimo, Sept. 14.—The town is horrified this morning by the news of a dastardly murder which was committed last night in Haliburton street, one of the principal streets of the town. Gus Carlson and his wife had been to the moving picture show last night. They returned home about 9:30, and a few minutes later retired to bed. Some time later they heard a noise in one of the other rooms, and thinking it was a cat Clatter, according to the story of his wife, got out of bed to put it out. The next thing she knew two masked men walked into the bedroom and demanded to know where she kept her money. She immediately complied with their demands and they took all there was, about \$90. They then tied her hands and feet, gagged her and left the room. After working with the gag and the bonds for some time she succeeded in slipping the gag off and at once shouted for assistance. This was at once forthcoming. She was freed from her bonds and then asked where her husband was, and upon a search being made he was found lying prone on the floor of the sitting room. He was quite dead. He had been struck on the side of the head behind the right ear, but this was not the cause of his death.

The fiends responsible for the deed had evidently stunned him as soon as he entered the sitting room and then, as he lay unconscious, had tied a slipping rope around his neck. The rope had first been drawn tightly around the neck of Carlson by a noose and then for the rest of its length, about eight feet, coiled as tightly as it could be pulled around the neck. The man had been strangled, and strangled in the most brutal manner.

Robbery was the only motive for the crime. There was \$90 in the house, and from this paltry sum Carlson was brutally murdered. The body was removed to the undertaking parlors, there to await the inquest, which will be held to-day.

So far the police are without a clue to the perpetrators of the crime, but Mrs. Carlson describes one of the men as having a heavy beard and moustache. It is the first crime of the kind ever to happen in Nanaimo, and to-day the murder is on everybody's tongue. The whole town is horrified at the thought of such a brutal crime being committed in its midst.

THE DUKE D'ABRUZZI.

Rumor That Announcement of Wedding to Miss Elkins Will Soon Be Made.

Marseilles, France, Sept. 14.—The Duke d'Abuzzi, upon returning from his expedition to the Himalayan mountains yesterday, "declined to answer the point blank question as to whether he expects to marry Miss Katherine Elkins, daughter of United States Senator Elkins. He admitted, however, that after visiting the king and queen in Italy, he will go to Badgastein to seek the Duke and Duchess of Aosta.

The duke apparently desired to appear ignorant of the fact that Miss Elkins and her mother are at Badgastein.

It is believed now that the duke has won over the opposition of his royal relative and that the announcement of the wedding will soon be made.

When asked directly regarding his engagement to Miss Elkins, the duke solemnly replied:

"I am going to Recongniti to see the king and queen and will then go home. Then I will go to Badgastein to see the Duke and Duchess d'Asota."

Stories are current in the gossip circles of Europe to the effect that cable messages have been exchanged between the Italian nobleman and the American heiress almost every day when he was within reach of Europe by wire.

ALDERMEN RESENT CRITICISM.

Montreal, Sept. 14.—A number of the aldermen members of the Lemieux Club including Aldermen Maderic, Martin, M. P., Alderman Giroux and Alderman Martin, hotly criticized Hon. Rudolph Lemieux at last night's meeting of the club on account of the minister's recent attack on the corrupt administration of the city. The aldermen's supporters in the club have decided to call a special meeting to discuss the question of whether Hon. Mr. Lemieux's name shall be withdrawn as patron of the club.

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