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London, Aug. 24.—Premier Morris, of Newfoundland, before sailing for home, said that the Imperial defence conference had been a wonderful success. It would be regarded by historians as the most effective step taken in our day to preserve the peace of the world by maintaining England as mistress of the seas. During the conference there was not one discordant note.

"Every British colony," he said, "was anxious to share the burden and responsibilities of empire, and to contribute to a central fund for the maintenance of the whole family. They do not want their lives, trade and liberty any longer to be protected by the British 'tar' and soldier without contribution to the maintenance of both or by sharing in the work of both."

CABINET TO DISCUSS
NAVAL PROBLEM

Meeting Will Shortly Be Held
at Federal Cap-
ital.

Montreal, Aug. 24.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. R. Lemieux are in the city en route to attend the first cabinet meeting since the holiday. The naval problem is one of the first to come before the cabinet for discussion. Hon. Mr. Lemieux stated that the all-ried line negotiations are proceeding satisfactorily. The question depends on the comfort record, aspirant for membership yesterday in a steady stream, and amidst the clatter of many typewriters and the signing of sundry tickets joined the greatest scientific institution on earth.

INVESTIGATE COMPLAINT
OF LABORERS' UNION

Council Will Look Into Matter
of Laying Cement on Store
Street.

There is apparently some element of mystery surrounding the matter of a quantity of cement which has been laid on Store street by the city's street repairing gang and afterwards tampered down by a Chinaman employed by the E. & N. railway company, and the council has determined to look into the matter at the request of the Laborers' Protective Union, the secretary of the Protective Union wrote Monday night asking that the matter be investigated. When the question came up Ald. Fullerton was surprised at such a statement. The city would not knowingly assist in the employment of Chinamen.

The mayor explained that the city had laid some concrete on Store street, and afterwards some Chinamen employed by the railway company came along and spread it. But the city had no control over the Chinamen.

Ald. Henderson thought the city should either do all the work or leave it alone. He moved that the city engineer report on the matter.

Ald. Bishop seconded the motion. Some inquiry should be held, he thought.

The motion carried.

Gavin H. Burns, relative to the old Babbington Club property, complaint of damage being done as a result of street improvement work. Some valuable trees had been destroyed and the entrance blocked. The city would be held to strict account. He asked to be informed of the intentions of the city for further work so that the owners may know what to expect.

Sonator Macdonald wrote to similar effect.

Several of the aldermen explained that Mr. Topp, the city engineer, had taken every precaution to prevent any damage being done adjacent property in the improvement of Gordon street.

The letters were referred to the streets committee and Mr. Topp will be asked to report to that body.

J. A. Mars thanked the board for having named him a director of the Jubilee hospital.

J. A. Ematt, secretary of the Agricultural Association asked the board to pass a resolution favoring the construction of wharf at Oak Bay, which would greatly assist in making the exhibition a success.

The council agreed to the request heartily endorsing the petition and a wire will be sent to the Ottawa government.

Crane, Crane, Crane, acting for Major Dupont, wrote saying they were filing plans for lots 3 and 4, Fernwood estate. The letter was received and filed.

The city engineer will be asked to report on a complaint against damage done the wharf owned by Messrs. Worthington Bros., by rolling creosote thereon.

CASSEL'S MAGAZINE.

Cassel's for September has an exceedingly timely article on "The Rise of Germany," an interesting description of Germany's war weapon makers, the extension of whose works of late years has given Germany something akin to the battleship capacity of British yards. The featured article for the month is entitled "Some Canadian Women Artists," and deals with a new chapter in Canadian art. There is also a good complement of fiction.

BLERIOT BREAKS
AEROPLANE RECORD

Curtiss Reported to Have Re-
ceived Offer From British
Government.

(Times Leased Wire.)
Rheims, France, Aug. 24.—Bleriot, the French aeronaut, this afternoon lowered Curtiss' record by 29.1 seconds when he covered the course in 8.33.5. Bleriot's flight was made despite the high wind, and when it was found that he had lowered the record, the daring aeronaut was tendered an ovation.

Bunau Varilla made a daring flight late this afternoon when he ascended in a 15-mile gale. His bi-plane was rocked like a ship in a storm, and he was wildly cheered when he landed in safety.

Gley Curtiss, America's only representative at the aeronautic contests being held here, is to-day considering an offer said to have come from the British government for the purchase of the bi-plane in which he made the great flight.

J.B.A.A. REGATTA.

Annual Event to be Held at Gorge on
Saturday, September 4th.

The annual regatta of the J.B.A.A. will be held at the Gorge on Saturday, September 4th, and the lists for entries are now open for members. There will be a number of events, among them being the usual four-oar race, the number being regulated by the number of entries received. There will also be junior and senior singles, canoe race, swimming races, tilting, canoe upset, double dinghy and other events. It is expected that the number of entries in all events will be greater than in former years.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

Distinguished Members Are Arriving at
Winnipeg Where Meeting Will
Be Held.

Winnipeg, Aug. 24.—It is now assured that the figures for the meeting of the British Association will be the highest on record. Aspirant for membership poured into the secretarial offices yesterday in a steady stream, and amidst the clatter of many typewriters and the signing of sundry tickets joined the greatest scientific institution on earth.

Among yesterday's members was Colonel Sir Charles M. Watson, K. C. on Tuesday on the steamer Makura. This, in spite of the fact that representatives from that country are in London trying to evolve an Imperial defence policy, and are being held in different parts of Australia, and at every luncheon or dinner the same topic crops up.

Speakers at the gatherings all dwell upon the importance of the navy in the outlying portions of the British Empire. The necessity of keeping open the ocean trade routes at all times was emphasized, and the fact that neither of the new dominions were in a position to do this. At these gatherings much enthusiasm was shown, and the general trend of public opinion in the new dominions was drawn along her fair share in the matter of defence.

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There will be races for both seniors, and juniors under 18 years of age. For the senior championship races of 100 yards, 440 yards, life-saving, emergency swim of 100 feet and the relay race will be held. For the juniors there will be a 100 yards swim, and for the ladies a 50 yards race has been arranged. This programme, although a little short, will nevertheless prove interesting.

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FAVOR SHIP
SUBSIDY BILL

EARLY PASSAGE OF
MEASURE PREDICTED

U. S. Congressmen Declare
Action Will Be Taken Next
Session.

(Times Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 24.—At a banquet tendered the members of the congressional party en route to Honolulu last night in the Colonial ballroom at the St. Francis hotel, a number of congressmen assured the people of the Pacific coast that a ship subsidy bill to build up the American merchant marine would be passed by the house at the session of the first congress.

Congressman Brachfield, of Pennsylvania, said:
"We are positive joke among the nations of the world in maritime matters. My suggestion is to add \$5,000,000 or \$6,000,000 to the expenses of running the government for the purpose of encouraging commerce by subsidizing merchant lines between our ports and those of South America and the Orient."

Congressman Richard Bartholdt, of Missouri, stated that he favored discrimination in favor of the American ships and his colleague, Congressman Elkins, averred that he would vote for the ship subsidy bill at the first opportunity.

A number of other congressmen said they favored the passage of the bill, and only a small number expressed doubts as to the practicability of ship subsidy scheme to build up America's depleted shipping industry.

AUSTRALIA STILL
TALKING DEFENCE

At all Gatherings Question
Comes to Fore and Meets
With Favor.

National defence seems to be the one topic of discussion in Australia at the present time, according to the passengers who arrived from that country on Tuesday on the steamer Makura. This, in spite of the fact that representatives from that country are in London trying to evolve an Imperial defence policy, and are being held in different parts of Australia, and at every luncheon or dinner the same topic crops up.

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MAY SAVE MONEY
ON TENDERS FOR PIPE

Council to Investigate Attract-
ive Offer From J. H. B.
Rickaby.

Monday evening's meeting of the City Council the purchasing agent and the water commissioner submitted a report on the tenders recently received for gate valves and castron pipe. In view of the attractive offer of J. H. B. Rickaby of what is known as Mannesman welded steel tubes, a committee consisting of the Mayor, Aldermen Turner and Stewart will pass on the merits of this particular tender.

The tender for valves will be awarded to J. Forsyth & Co. of Vancouver, at \$2,750.50.

The lowest tender for castron pipe was that of R. Angus at \$48,000, and for pig lead, Robertson, Godson & Co. at 3.45 per pound.

Mr. Rickaby's tender for the same quantity of castron pipe was \$9,334 less than Mr. Angus, while the weight of the tubes is 483 tons, compared with 1,346 tons of the castron pipe. Should the steel pipe be used only one-half the quantity of lead will be required.

Ald. Stewart said he was informed that by waiting a little time Mr. Rickaby would be in a position to save the city a considerable sum of money. The effect of the German surplus figured in the matter to some extent, and he favored Mr. Rickaby's offer being carefully looked into.

Ald. Turner spoke to similar effect, and the council agreed to the suggestion as mentioned above.

THREE STRIKERS FOUND
DEAD AT MCKEE'S ROCKS

Believed to Have Died From
Wounds Received Dur-
ing Riots.

(Times Leased Wire.)
Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 24.—The bodies of three strikers were found this afternoon in a clump of bushes near the town of McKee's Rocks. They are believed to have been killed in Sunday night's battle between state troopers and strikers and their sympathizers. This brings the total of dead resulting from the rioting up to eleven. The troopers are incensed over the killing of several of their number and threaten to show no mercy to the strikers if they attempt any more violence. Their anger was increased this afternoon when it was learned that the body of Trooper Williams had been robbed of his watch and a watch after quiet had been restored.

Eugene V. Debs, the Socialist, is scheduled to address the strikers late this afternoon at a meeting on the Indian mound.

NO EXTENSION OF
SOCKEYE SEASON

Why Department Refused to
Grant Request of Can-
nerymen.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Aug. 24.—The fisheries department has given out the following statement in explanation of its refusal to extend the season:

Every fourth year occurs what is known as a "big run" of sockeye, years having very much less productive. Hence, on the advent of the "big" run extensive preparations are made by cannerymen and fishermen for a large catch and consequent high harvest. This season for sockeye salmon, which is the choice fish for canning purposes, closes on August 28th, and so far as the fish are gathered, the catch of British Columbia fishermen has not reached expectations, although the United States catch in Puget Sound traps has been very large. Urgent representations were made to the department of marine and fisheries by the British Columbia Cannery Association that, owing to the run being two weeks late this season, the pack was smaller than had been anticipated. The cannerymen were practically unanimous in requesting an extension of the sockeye fishing season, to and inclusive of September 3rd. It was likewise represented by the association that fishermen had fared very poorly and had not secured enough to pay for their nets.

On the other hand, one of the important canning firms opposed the request for the extension decided upon at a meeting of cannerymen, on the grounds that it was not consistent and that it would be practically valueless as the run of first class sockeye was practically over, also that it would endanger the reputation of the pack by utilizing inferior fish, while it would jeopardize the "big" run four years hence, by not permitting a sufficient number of fish to reach the spawning grounds, and the same time make injuriously influence Canadian position in urgent protection measures on the United States authorities for the conservation of the fisheries.

There was a request also from the president and secretary of the British Columbia Fisheries Union of New Westminster that there be no extension granted in sockeye fishing this year.

In view of the diversity of opinion, involving the objections raised, and having due regard to the loss of the department, it was considered inexpedient to grant the extension asked for.

In celebration of the tenth anniversary of the commencement of business in the city of Victoria, the firm of Smith & Champion are going to give their employees a grand picnic on Labor Day. The picnic will be held at the Lake of the Mountains lodge. Mr. R. W. Smith, an old resident, having been some twenty-five years in Cumberland and the district.

FUNERAL OF W. REID.

(Special Correspondence.)
Comox, Aug. 22.—The funeral of William Reid, of Cumberland, took place on the 18th inst. at Courtenay under the auspices of the Masonic lodge. Mr. Reid was an old resident, having been some twenty-five years in Cumberland and the district.

GREAT PRESSURE
OF CIVIC WORK

COUNCIL AUTHORIZES
MORE IMPROVEMENTS

Great Quantity of Street Work
in Order to Keep Pace With
Growth of City.

While a tremendous quantity of local improvement work has been done by the corporation this summer—an amount, in fact greatly in excess of any previous year in the history of the city—a vast quantity yet remains to be attended to, so rapidly is the city expanding in every direction. Just as long as the good weather continues civic improvement must be busy in full force to carry out the great amount of new work ordered, and throughout the winter months, whenever climatic conditions may permit, the same energy will be shown in an effort to keep pace with the growth and requirements of Victoria.

Many new undertakings will be under the charge of the city engineer's department were authorized at Monday's meeting of the council. A by-law will be immediately prepared recommending work as follows:

To grade and rock surface Catherine street from Esquimalt road southerly to the harbor and permanent sidewalk on both sides of same; to grade and rock surface Pembroke street, between Fernwood road and Pandora avenue to its full width, and to the proper grade between Houghton street and Shakespeare street; to grade and rock surface Pandora avenue from its intersection with Pembroke street to Mount Tomlin road, and construct permanent sidewalks on both sides of said portions of Pembroke street and Pandora avenue, except where sidewalks are already constructed on Pembroke street; permanent sidewalk on the west side of Vancouver street from Pandora avenue to Humboldt street; to grade, rock surface and drain Rockland street from Vancouver street to Moss street and construct a permanent sidewalk on the north side from Linden avenue to Moss street, and boulevard on both sides from Cook street to Moss street, with curbs and gutters; to grade, rock surface and drain Pendergast street from Vancouver street to Cook street and construct permanent sidewalks on both sides of the same; to grade, rock surface and drain Cook street on both sides; to grade, drain and rock surface Harbinger avenue from Richardson street to Fairfield road and construct permanent sidewalks on both sides.

Notice will be given by advertisement of the intention to proceed with the following public works:

To grade and rock surface Grant street between Stanley and Belmont avenues, and construct permanent sidewalks on both sides of the same; to grade, rock surface and drain the permanent sidewalks on both sides of Rose street between Hillside avenue and King's road, on both sides of the permanent sidewalks on both sides of Hillside street between Hillside avenue and Bay street and on both sides of Work street between Hillside avenue and Bay street, the owners to pay four-fifths of the cost in each case.

The electric light committee recommended that a committee be authorized to proceed with the work of securing permission from property owners to erect such pipes, fastenings, etc., as may be required in connection with the proposed installation of underground wires. This was adopted.

The following report of the streets committee was also adopted:

Re communication of Messrs. Lemon, Gomberson & Co., asking that the surplus of the lot 42 and 43, Government subdivisions 42 and 43, Government subdivision 42 and 43, be sold to the company to have said lot filled in.

Recommended that the writers be informed that there has always been a natural water course through this lot, it will be necessary for the company to construct this drain at their own expense.

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VANCOUVER WEDDING
OF INTEREST LOCALLY

General Manager of Electric
Company Married to Miss
MacPherson.

A very picturesque wedding and one of interest to many Victorians was solemnized last Wednesday at Christ Church, Vancouver, the contracting parties being Mr. R. H. Sperling, general manager of the B. C. Electric railway here and in Vancouver, and Miss Dolly MacPherson. The church had been elaborately decorated with palms and white satin streamers, beginning at the church door, the aisle being a perfect conservatory of flowers. The altar was covered with white roses and maiden hair fern. The bride, who was escorted by her uncle, Mr. J. G. Woods, was beautifully attired in white chiffon broadcloth, handsomely braided with white silk braid, with which she wore a large white hat and carried a shower bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaid, a sister of the bride also wore white broadcloth and white picture hat and carried a bouquet of pink roses. The bride's mother, Mrs. Capt. Beethin, wore a very becoming and smartly made black silk crepe de chine dress, and the groom's mother, Mrs. W. F. Brougham, who sang an air from Romeo and Juliet.

The groom's gift to the bride was a magnificent diamond ring and to the bridesmaid, a bracelet watch. Among the lovely gifts showered upon the happy couple was a cabinet of silver presented by the members of the staff of employees of the B. C. Electric railway in Victoria. The gift was taken over to Vancouver by a delegation of the men consisting of Messrs. Gardner, Mason and Fraser, who were deputed to convey the congratulations and best wishes of all to Mr. and Mrs. Sperling.

Mr. and Mrs. Sperling are spending their honeymoon on Vancouver Island, the bride and groom were to be seen at Nanaimo to be placed in care of another society. It did seem to him that the city should not be ignored in the matter of arranging for the disposition of the children in a safe way.

Ald. Bishop said he had been informed that the city of the children was employed in Vancouver at \$3 per day.

Mayor Hall made a plea for the establishment of a home for the care of neglected children. But he agreed with Ald. Henderson that the city ought not to be held liable for the payment for the care of children who would be sent out of the city.

Replying to Ald. Stewart the mayor said he understood that the city could apply for an order against the father for the collection of the amount paid out for the maintenance of the children.

Ald. Stewart moved that the matter be referred to the city solicitor to take whatever action might be possible in the circumstances. This motion carried.

The city solicitor gave it as his opinion that it might be possible in the order of the magistrate ought not to have been made in the first instance.

PRISONER ESCAPES.

Young Man Who Fled With Widow's
Watch and Money Eludes Guard.

Sydney, N. S., Aug. 24.—D. J. Smith, hailing from Boston, who had been stopping at a hotel in Sydney for some time, disappeared last week, leaving a board bill of \$100. During the latter part of his stay Smith had been paid to the office in quest of a \$1,000 cheque which he expected from friends in Boston. Finally the money arrived, and the recipient disappeared.

While awaiting the arrival of the funds, the man paid ardent attention to a pretty young widow, proposed marriage and was accepted, and the wedding was to come off as soon as the cheque reached him. The woman gave him her watch and a considerable sum of money to keep for her.

It was the old story of woman's trust and man's porfity. The police sent a telegram to New Glasgow, and the fleeing lover and board bill jumper was captured at Truro. He was being returned, and while the train was going at a fast rate Smith asked permission to go to the lavatory. Once inside he locked the door, and forcing open the window made good his escape. Search has been made, but Smith has not been located.

MEXICAN SITUATION.

Troops Are Not Trying to Capture
General Reyes.

Laredo, Tex., Aug. 24.—From a reliable source in Monterey it is denied that there has been any concentrated movement of federal troops looking to the arrest of General Bernardo Reyes, governor of Nuevo Leon. It is also stated that General Reyes is still visiting in the neighborhood of Galena, and that no endeavor on the part of the federal authorities had been made in any way concerning Reyes.

There has been no movement recently of troops from Saltillo, Monterey or Montemorelos towards Galena. It is said. The source from which this information comes ridicules the story that federal troops are endeavoring to bring about the arrest of Gen. Bernardo Reyes, and points out that such action would only result in a state of affairs that has thus far been avoided. General Reyes is taking no active part in the political efforts of the Reyes to bring about the candidacy for the office of vice-president.

CAPTAIN CUSHING DEAD.

Long Beach, Cal., Aug. 24.—The body of Captain Wm. Cushing, senior captain of the revenue cutter service of the Pacific coast, who died here last night, will be cremated in Los Angeles to-day.

Capt. Cushing came here from Port Townsend, Wash., in June. He had served in nearly every station