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IMPROVEMENT TO WATERFRONT

TO RECLAIM LAND NEAR BRIDGE STREET

Project Advanced by Mr. Sorby to Come Before the City Council.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Mayor Hall is conferring with Thos. Sorby, secretary of the Inner Harbor Association, on the details of a proposed reclamation scheme which, if carried through as projected, will result in great improvement to that section of the upper harbor adjacent to Bridge street. Mr. Sorby's plan, which has been commended by all who have had it laid before them, is to construct a retaining wall across the mouth of a straight line across the bank of the water in the land back of this wall. Bridge street runs from the Rock Bay hotel to the Gorge road. It makes a detour to the east to escape an inlet cutting in from the Arm above Point Ellice bridge and crosses a small bridge en route to the Gorge road. By Mr. Sorby's scheme this bridge will be abandoned and the street continued in a straight line across the inlet to the site of the old Adams' mill.

The mills of the Cameron Lumber Company are on the same side as the old mill alluded to, and the Moore & Wittington Lumber Company. In the intervening waterway the water varies in depth from eight to four feet—the latter depth being obtained as the small bridge is approached. It would be part of the plan after the improvement mentioned has been effected to dredge this waterway to a uniform depth of six feet. This would enable small tugs with booms of logs to navigate here.

It is believed that when the area back of the proposed retaining wall had been filled in the land thus reclaimed would make another admirable mill site, while at the same time resulting in a great improvement to that section of the city.

The sawmill companies located in the vicinity are understood to be strongly in favor of the project and willing to co-operate in the work of reclaiming—using the spoil back of the wall for a dumping ground.

Preparatory to taking the matter up in practical fashion, Mr. Sorby has been urging on the council the necessity of obtaining from the Dominion government rights to the street ends in the locality. The necessary applications have already gone forward to Ottawa, and it is hoped to bring the question of the proposed improvement before the council at an early date and authorize the commencement of the work.

Mayor Hall announced at last Monday evening's meeting of the City Council that he had the question in hand with Mr. Sorby, and he proposed to go into the whole question of regulating the sawmills on the waterfront in the matter of encroachments in the harbor.

CASH POURING INTO TREASURY

PROPERTY OWNERS RUSH TO PAY CITY TAXES

Thirty Thousand Dollars Received Yesterday—Monday Next is Last Day.

That conditions in Victoria are prosperous to a degree never before known in the history of the city, and that the people are hopeful as to the outlook for further progress and development are reflected in the prompt manner in which property owners are paying their taxes this year. Yesterday no less a sum than \$30,000 was taken in to City Treasurer Kent and his staff at the city hall. On Tuesday \$25,000 was deposited in the bank, this sum having been collected in one day.

Tuesday was a remarkable day in some respects in regard to the manner in which taxes were paid. So great was the rush of small property owners that at times it was impossible for the treasurer's staff to handle the cash office. This of the proposition which he has made to the city for aid in the establishment of steel and iron works in the vicinity of Victoria.

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FASTS FORTY-THREE DAYS.

Willets, Cal. Oct. 23.—J. D. Barnwell, his city, today entered upon his forty-third day of fasting, and he declared that he is not ready to stop yet.

EXPLORER AND GUIDE TO MEET

BARRILL SAYS HE WILL EXPOSE COOK

Declares Companion is Ready to Support Charges Against Brooklyn Explorer.

Missoula, Mont., Oct. 28.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, explorer, and Edwin N. Barrill, guide, are to meet in a joint debate to-night at Hamilton, Mont. Dr. Cook is the Brooklyn explorer, who in addition to claiming that he was the original discoverer of the north pole also declares that he ascended the summit of Mount McKinley, the highest mountain in Alaska. Barrill is one of the guides who accompanied Dr. Cook on the mountain climbing expedition, and he has made an affidavit in which he says that the Brooklyn explorer never reached nearer the summit than fourteen miles, and that the photographs of Barrill and the stars and stripes, purporting to have been taken on the summit were taken on a lower level, perhaps 20 miles distant from the summit in an air line.

Dr. Cook left Missoula early to-day for Hamilton, where he is to deliver a free lecture to-night, explaining in detail all the hardships he endured in making the record-breaking climb. Barrill, who has promised to be present, says that he will call the explorer's bluff and tell the people of Hamilton exactly what Dr. Cook did on the Mount McKinley expedition.

Barrill also has promised to bring with him Pprints, another guide, who is said to have accompanied the Brooklyn explorer on a part of the expedition, to corroborate his statements.

Dr. Cook is full of fight and says that he is anxious to face his traducer.

In his affidavit Barrill maintains that he and Dr. Cook were alone in the ascent and that the explorer never reached within a certain miles of the mountain's summit.

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THREE PERSONS LOST IN SIERRA MOUNTAINS

Two Men and Woman Believed to Have Perished in Snowstorms.

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 28.—Missing for more than eight weeks in the fastnesses of the Sierra mountains in Inyo county, W. N. Weinspach, his wife, and Jesse Thornton, of this city, are thought to have perished in the snow storms that have been raging there for the last month. The party with three pack animals started late in August for a mountain vacation trip. They intended to spend a month in the Black Rock ranch district, 80 miles from Bishop.

Alarmed by the long absence of the trio, Henry Thornton, a stock dealer, brother of one of the missing men, has reported the case to the county officials here, and it is probable that a searching party will be dispatched into the mountains from Bishop late this week.

DECISION CONFIRMED.

Toronto, Oct. 28.—Justice Britton yesterday confirmed the decision of Official Referee Kappelle, confirming the agreement between the Bank of Montreal and the Ontario bank, under which the shareholders of the latter become liable for the money borrowed from the Bank of Montreal. The amount involved is over a million dollars.

HEAD OF THE STEEL PROJECT HERE AGAIN

E. A. Moore, of Seattle, is Not Yet Ready to Submit Concrete Proposal.

J. A. Moore, the well known Seattle capitalist and head of the Irondale Steel and Iron Works Company, is again in the city, a guest at the Empress hotel. To Times reporter this morning Mr. Moore said he was here this time on private business and was not prepared to discuss just now the details of the proposition which he has made to the city for aid in the establishment of steel and iron works in the vicinity of Victoria.

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PACKING PLANT INQUIRY.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 28.—Chief Inspector Steadman of the bureau of animal industry, and four assistants, arrived in East St. Louis to-day for the purpose of investigating several packing plants located there. The investigation follows the alleged discovery of thousands of pounds of diseased meats which had been shipped to neighboring cities.



ANOTHER AIRSHIP REFUSES TO RISE.

THE POLITICAL AVIATOR:—More hot air, Billy. More hot air! This thing won't go up! THE ASSISTANT:—No, nor "down," either.

INDEFATIGABLE IS LAUNCHED

TWELFTH DREADNOUGHT OF BRITISH NAVY

Builders Confident Vessel Will Attain Speed of Thirty Knots.

Devonport, England, Oct. 28.—Great Britain's twelfth Dreadnought battleship cruiser, the indefatigable, was launched from the government dock yard here to-day by Lady Loreburn, the Lord Chancellor's wife. The ceremony was the usual one. Prayer was first offered, after which Lady Loreburn broke a bottle of wine on the vessel's bow and with an ornamental mallet and chisel severed the cords connecting the last supports, letting the vast mass of metal slide down the ways and take the water to the strains of the National Anthem and the cheers of a great crowd of spectators.

The indefatigable was only laid down last February. It displaces 19,000 tons, 1750 more than its three sister ships of the "Invincible" class, and is considerably longer and more heavily armored. A more effective arm of the two centre turrets also gives the indefatigable's eight 12-inch guns a wider arc for concentrated fire. Twenty four-inch guns comprise the secondary armament and with its 45,000 horse power turbines, the craft will have a contract speed of 25 knots. The builders are confident, however, that it will attain a speed of thirty knots.

RELEASED ON BAIL.

G. de Lara, Mexican Socialist, Secures His Freedom.

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 28.—L. Gutierrez de Lara, the Mexican Socialist, who is charged with being an alien anarchist, was released from the city jail shortly after noon to-day on bail of \$3,000.

Clarence Darrow, the Chicago attorney, who defended Moyer, Pettibone and Hayward in their trial for the alleged murder of Governor Steunberger, of Idaho, will come to Los Angeles to defend L. Gutierrez de Lara in his hearing before Immigration Inspector Ridgeway, if the members of the de Lara Defense League deem it necessary.

De Lara was arrested October 10th while delivering a Socialist address in the Los Angeles plaza. He was released October 18th only to be re-arrested as he left the jail, upon orders from the Immigration department in Washington. He was charged with being an alien anarchist and placed in the county jail.

SUFFRAGETTE TRIES TO DESTROY BALLOTS

Four Election Officials Are Burned by Acid in Polling Booth.

London, Oct. 28.—Mrs. Alice Chapin, a suffragette, to-day attempted to destroy the ballots in an election booth at Bermondsey, smashing a bottle of corrosive acid upon a box containing the ballots and throwing the contents about the booth. Four election officials were so badly burned that they had to be taken to hospital.

Mrs. Chapin was arrested. None of the ballots were destroyed.

The London Times says that the governor-generalship of Canada when Earl Grey retires will be offered to a member of the British cabinet.

SURPASSINGLY LOVELY SAYS W. J. BRYAN

Winnipeg, Oct. 27.—Speaking of his trip to Canada and impression of the cities he visited, William Jennings Bryan said to-day:

"The coast cities are very beautiful, Victoria in particular struck me as surpassingly lovely."

WALSH RETAINS LIBERTY ON BAIL

COURT REFUSES PROSECUTOR'S PETITION

Convicted Banker Will Have Opportunity of Retrieving Part of Fortune.

Chicago, Oct. 28.—The Federal court to-day refused the petition of Prosecutor Sims for the immediate imprisonment of John R. Walsh, who has been convicted of wrecking the Chicago National Bank, of which he was formerly president and who is out on bail.

Walsh has appealed to a higher court from his sentence, and the Federal court ruled that the banker should not begin his term at Leavenworth until the court acts upon his petition.

This means that in spite of the petition of Prosecutor Sims, who perhaps is responsible more than any other man for the banker's conviction, that Walsh will remain free for a time, at least, and have a further opportunity of retrieving a part of his fortune that was swept away in the failure of his bank.

From New York comes word that the United States steel corporation, through J. P. Morgan and company, has advanced \$100,000 to Walsh to bind a long contract for the purchase of his railroad at a price said to be in the neighborhood of \$27,000,000. The money advanced by Morgan will be used by Walsh. It is said to pay in interest on the note of \$7,121,837, held by the clearing house banks of Chicago, the interest on which now totals \$71,218. By paying this interest the banker will be enabled to gain time in which to close up the details of the prospective transfer of his companies.

Although a representative of Morgan & Company has denied that the purchase of the Walsh road had been completed, a Chicago director of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Gary railroad, controlled by the United States steel corporation—has declared that the money will be paid over to Walsh to-day.

E. C. Richter, Walsh's attorney, announced to-day that money had been secured to pay the interest due to the clearing house banks. He refused to say, however, who furnished the money.

In rendering its decision, the Circuit Court of Appeals held that while Banker Walsh may not be imprisoned the government may keep him under surveillance pending the decision of the United States supreme court on the writ of certiorari which he will ask.

To-day's decision is considered to be a great victory for Walsh.

Chairman Garry, of the directors of the United States steel corporation, to-day denied that his corporation has taken over the control of the Walsh railroads. He declared that he did not know whether anyone else had secured the roads, but stated that he was sure that the steel corporation had no intention of purchasing them.

TAFT TRIP DOWN MISSISSIPPI.

Helena, Ark., Oct. 28.—Hours behind his scheduled time, President Taft, who is due to arrive at Vicksburg at 3 o'clock this afternoon, will probably not arrive there until dark this evening. This will mean that the Oleander with the president aboard and the fleet carrying the 26 governors and 117 congressmen, as well as other delegates to the waterways convention in New Orleans, will sail down the Mississippi to-day without making a stop until Vicksburg is reached this evening.

BANK OF TORONTO PAYS BIG FIGURE FOR SITE

Moody Corner Acquired at a Cost of \$100,000—High Water Mark in Real Estate Values.

(From Thursday's Daily.) High-water mark was touched in real estate values in this city when this morning the Bank of Toronto closed an option on the Moody corner, Yates and Broad streets, for \$100,000.

The lot has a frontage of fifty feet on Yates street and sixty feet on Broad street.

This is the highest price paid for any property off of Government street, and indicates how rapidly realty is appreciating in value. It runs to \$2,000 a front foot. Only ten days ago the opera house in Vancouver was sold for \$500,000, which is about \$2,500 a front foot, and this was considered an amazing price even in that city where prices have been climbing to fabulous figures.

The building is at present occupied by Arthur Holmes, clothier, whose store is on the corner on the ground floor; W. H. Penneck, the jeweller, and a fruit dealer. Upstairs there are the offices of Dr. T. G. Moody, the rooms of Eyres, the photographer, and Sprinkling, the tailor.

It was owned by the Moody estate, and negotiations for the purchase, which has now practically been completed, have been going on for some time. The bank mentioned has been endeavoring to obtain a site here for a considerable length of time, and was evidently not to be balked by a seemingly high price.

DENIES DISAGREEMENT.

C. M. Levy Says Relations With J. J. Hill Were Perfectly Friendly.

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 28.—Charles M. Levy, the newly-elected vice-president and operating chief of the Western Pacific, who is familiarizing himself with the new work before the line begins actual operations in California, to-day denied the story from Tacoma to the effect that he resigned from the Northern Pacific owing to an alleged misunderstanding with James J. Hill. He said:

"My relations with Mr. Hill were perfectly friendly when I resigned. I consider the position I have taken with the Western Pacific to be as important as the work I did for the Northern Pacific."

Levy spent all day hard at work at organizing his operating department. He refused, however, to make any announcement regarding the personnel of his staff.

MAN AND WOMAN LOSE THEIR LIVES IN FIRE

Fourteen Persons Also Injured—Incendiaries Burn Tenement House.

New York, Oct. 28.—Two persons were burned to death and fourteen others were seriously injured to-day in a fire of incendiary origin which destroyed two three-story tenement houses on East Fifteenth street.

The dead: Herman Tiedt, aged 34 years; Emma Tiedt, aged 27, his wife. Those who are responsible for the blaze made careful preparations to the end that the structures, filled with sleeping people, would be burned. Oil was poured over the floors in the basements and lower floor of one of the buildings, and piles of inflammable articles were piled in a back room where the fire was started. The police are now searching the vicinity for the guilty persons.

The loss will total \$50,000.

COUNT BONI WINS CASE.

Former Wife Loses Her Appeal For Custody of Children.

Paris, Oct. 28.—The Princess de Sagan, who formerly was Anna Gould of New York, to-day lost her appeal for the custody of her children. In obtaining her divorce from Count Boni de Castellane a court ordered the princess to educate her children in the schools of Paris, and designated the institutions in which they should be placed.

Princess de Sagan appealed from this decision and asked permission to withdraw her children from the Paris schools and place them in the private schools of Normandy. Count Boni objected to this, and the court to-day sustained his objections and divided the cost of the suit equally between the princess and Count Boni.

MURDERER DECLARES HE IS BIGAMIST

Man Who Confessed to Killing Wife is Being Examined by Coroner.

Ilellp, Long Island, Oct. 28.—The county coroner to-day is trying to get Frederick Gebhardt, alias Otto Mueller, to tell what he meant when he last night declared that he had killed other women besides his wife, who formerly was Anna Luther, and "that he wanted to make a clean breast of it all."

Gebhardt apparently regrets his statement and will tell no more. The coroner is working in conjunction with the New York police, who believe that the prisoner is a member of an international band making a practice of marrying women and then robbing and deserting them. The victims generally are believed to be servants and immigrants.

KOREAN ASSASSIN LAUDED FOR ACT

Honolulu, Oct. 28.—Resolutions expressing satisfaction over the assassination of Prince Ito at Harbin by a Korean were passed by the Korean Patriotic League here.

The resolution is couched in strong terms and the murderer of the Japanese diplomat is lauded for his act.

NEW YORK MAYORALTY FIGHT.

New York, Oct. 28.—The officials at the headquarters of all three mayoralty candidates issued confident reports to-day, but they admitted confidentially that the situation is uncertain.

The situation is so peculiar, with the Republicans backing Bamard and Hearst having been nominated as an independent splitting the Civic Alliance forces, that any day's developments may change the whole prospect.

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