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CITY ADMINISTRATION IS ALL TIED UP

Revolutionary Action of Last Year's Council is Very Far Reaching

CITY IS UNABLE TO ORDER SUPPLIES

And Nothing can be Done Now Until After January 14

On account of the action of some members of the city council of 1906 at the very last meeting of the council, which was held a couple of days before the expiration of the year, the city is in a peculiar position. The condition of affairs cannot be described as chaotic but there will be a considerable period, the very best in the year, when nothing can be done.

It was at first thought that the first meeting of the council under the statute would be held on Monday next. In years past the first meeting of the council was held on the first Monday in the new year. But it is different now.

In the amendments which were passed at the last session of legislature this part of the charter was amended to read as follows:

"The council shall meet on the second Monday in January in each year and thereafter on every alternate Monday during the year at such time, etc.

So that means that there will be no meeting until Monday, January 14.

PRAYER FOR THE EDITORS

Man in Audience in Knox Church Believes they are in dire Need

MR. HUNTER SPEAKS ON SUBJECT OF FAITH

Interesting service held in Knox Church Last Night.

In spite of the cold Knox church was more than half full last night when Messrs. Crossley and Hunter continued their series of revival services. On the platform, in addition to the evangelists, were Rev. G. W. Kerby, Rev. J. A. Clark and Rev. F. W. Patterson. After the opening hymn Rev. Patterson addressed the meeting and asked the members of it to evangelize like other men the evangelists required. He also stated that some of the hymns which were sung at the meeting were only to be found in the Mission Hymn book.

When these preliminaries had been disposed of Mr. Hunter preached upon the importance of faith and kindred subjects.

"Christ was the searchlight," said Mr. Hunter, and he added that he thoroughly agreed with the idea. Dilating upon the necessity of a Christian life he mentioned that one of the hardest workers of the Salvation Army, who was present in the audience, had been converted but recently. Mr. Crossley intervened and said that that was not so and that although the person had only recently joined the Army the date of his conversion was some time previous to that. "Moody," said Mr. Hunter, "found salvation in a shoe shop and if people spent the time upon salvation which they spend upon their business, Calgary would be a better city. Show a man a business proposition and he is up at four in the morning."

Mr. Crossley followed. After singing a song entitled "My Name is Mother's Prayer," he dealt with the different views of God which were held by people in Calgary. A God of love and neither the view of God which regarded Him as an abstraction, nor the view which made Him out to be a hard master was right. The narrow view was also wrong, and the monstrous view which represented the Son as intervening between an avenger and a sinner, and a sinful world was also mistaken. God was no Shylock who exacted His pound of flesh. God was no besom who wished to sweep away men and who would do so unless Christ intervened. After comparing the Trinity to the electric light burner Mr. Hunter, although containing the three attributes, but they do not care to come in without a conference with some official body, and they have not been able to secure such a conference on account of the abolition of the commission and no meeting of the council for eleven days, there is practically no municipal administration.

No effort was made to get signatures to petitions either in Hillhurst or Bankview.

13 Banks in Calgary

The thirteenth bank opened its doors in Calgary yesterday. That was the Royal Bank which has taken up temporary quarters at the Al-ander corner. The banks now represented in this city are: The Imperial (2 branches), Montreal, Molsons, Union, Commerce, British North America, Nova Scotia, Merchants, Northern Traders, Dominion and Royal. It is understood that branches of the Toronto Bank and another or eastern bank will be opened in Calgary shortly.

ITALY HAS GREAT PROSPERITY

The Annual Statement Shows Very Fine Surplus

Naples, Italy, Jan. 2.—The prosperity of this country continues, as the budget statement shows an unexpected surplus of more than \$10,000,000 for the current year with an estimated surplus of \$5,000,000 for the next. A great movement is impending towards the relief of taxation and the relief of local finance. At the opening session of parliament a sum of \$122,400,000 will be asked for to improve the railways in the country.

CANT GET BLUE JACKETS

Great Difficulty found in Getting Recruits for U. S. Army

Washington, Jan. 2.—Owing to the continued serious falling off in the number of naval recruits several battleships are at present undermanned and strenuous efforts are about to be made by the head of the navy to further encourage enlistments. In accordance with a plan recently adopted Commander William E. White, U. S. N., is touring Ohio seeking recruits, but is not meeting with the success he expected. Further inducements are about to be offered to recruits and a determined attempt will be made to have all the war craft fully manned during the forthcoming North Atlantic cruise.

MELBA WELCOMED TO UNITED STATES

The Great Song Bird Makes Her Appearance in New York

New York, Jan. 2.—Mrs. Melba made her debut as a member of the Manhattan opera company tonight and was given a welcome back to America after an absence of several years which seemed as sincere as it was demonstrative.

RAILWAY MEN ASK FOR INCREASES

Demands Made by 57,000 Locomotive Engineers in Chicago

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Demands on all the railways operating west of Chicago for an increase in wages and an eight hour day were made today by 57,000 locomotive engineers. The railroad managers will reply tomorrow. The increase in pay is asked by the switching engineers, 40 cents being demanded instead of the present minimum of 35 cents an hour. The shorter work day is asked by freight engineers, who now work ten hours.

Tax Rate Will be Greatly Reduced

With Large Assessment, Will be Down to 15 or 16 Mills

A number of persons who have been studying very carefully the books of their assessment notices have come to a conclusion with some fear and trembling. They figure out that their taxes will be considerably increased because of the increase in valuation.

But that does not follow necessarily. The rate will be considerably reduced. At this time little more than an estimate can be formed of the size of tax rate, but it will not be surprising if it is not kept down to 15 or 16 mills.

With the valuation this year, an assessment of 15 mills would mean a revenue from taxes alone of something like \$20,000 more than last year when the tax rate was 22 mills.

AUSTRALIAN COAL ON U. S. MARKET

First Cargo Arrived in San Francisco Yesterday

San Francisco, Jan. 2.—The first cargo of Australian coal arrived today on the British steamship Ellice from Melbourne. For want of coal the Alaska Treadwell stamp mill has been closed down, as the Dinamit mines are getting their output in reserve. Further cargoes from Melbourne are due.

NOMINATIONS FOR VANCOUVER CITY

McInnis will go into the Fight Where it is Thickest

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 2.—The Liberals tonight nominated W. W. B. McInnis, T. F. Noel and Judge Henderson, R. P. McLennan and J. W. Deb Farris as candidates for the Conservative convention tomorrow night.

LAND FOR THE PEASANT

Government Allocating Tracts Already Supplied With Cattle

DETACHING PEASANT FROM REVOLUTIONISTS

The Russians to Introduce Bill for Compulsory Education

St. Petersburg, Jan. 2.—Government officials are today allocating to the peasants large tracts of land at very low prices in the regions of Nijni Novgorod, Kostroma and Vladimir where the famine is most acute. The farms are partly stocked on the government loan system. It is plain however, that this generous action of the part of the government is to detach the peasants who care little for politics, from the revolutionary movement, by settling the Agrarian problem as far as it is solvable. Jews are now being admitted to the technical institutions in larger numbers than ever before and in some cases they now number 40 per cent of the whole. The Minister of Public Instruction has prepared a bill to allow the Jews open educational establishments on the same lines as all Russian institutions. Compulsory education is also about to be introduced. The government is doing all in its power to relieve the terrible distress but the local governments are pilfering the supplies and selling them.

JAP EDITOR ACCUSED OF ANARCHY

The Editor of Revolution Described as a Dangerous Person

Washington, Jan. 2.—A request was received today from Immigration Commissioner North of San Francisco by the officials of the department of commerce, who participated in a warrant for the arrest of T. Takeuchi, the publisher of the paper known as "The Revolution," on the allegation that he is an anarchist and a dangerous person.

The matter was considered by the department officials in the light of the department's determination, and Commissioner North was notified by telegram that the case as it stands before the department at present does not warrant an arrest.

GREATER CALGARY IS NOW IN SIGHT

Rouleauville Petition, it is Believed, Has Been Satisfactorily Signed

Within a very few days Calgary will be Greater Calgary, though its greatness as far as area is concerned will not be satisfactory to the people of Calgary.

It is believed that the petition in Rouleauville has been satisfactorily signed and that it will come into the city in the regular way.

The people of Bankview are quite prepared to come into the city, in fact are anxious to come into the city, but they do not care to come in without a conference with some official body, and they have not been able to secure such a conference on account of the abolition of the commission and no meeting of the council for eleven days, there is practically no municipal administration.

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RETURNS OF CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES

The Census Department has Nearly Completed its Work of Enumerating

ENUMERATOR FROM NORTH DELAYING THE REPORT

Some Surprises in the Figures given out by the Department

Calgary, Jan. 2 1907.—The Alberta is in receipt of a complete statement of the population of the cities towns and villages in the three prairie provinces. The returns of the enumerator in Lesser Slave Lake are not to hand and that is all that is delaying a complete statement for this province.

The returns are as follows:

ALBERTA	
Cities	Incorporated Villages
Calgary	11,967
Edmonton	11,183
Lethbridge	2,313
Medicine Hat	3,050
Wetaskiwin	1,652
Towns	
Cardston	1,001
Clareholm	680
Oldblair	477
Fort Saskatchewan	585
High River	1,018
Innisfail	943
Lacombe	1,015
Macleod	1,174
Okotoks	508
Olids	554
Pincher Creek	559
Ponoka	529
Raymond	1,568
Red Deer	1,418
St. Albert	545
Strathcona	2,921
Vergerville	344
Vermillion	623

RAILROADS COULD NOT KEEP UP THE PACE

Railways Were Responsible for Unfortunate Conditions in Western States

ROADS WERE OVERBURDENED BY THIS YEAR'S CROPS

Westbound Traffic was so great that Cars were not Available

Washington, Jan. 2.—The causes of, but not the cure for, the car shortage in the Northwest and the consequent coal famine in North Dakota have been determined by the members of the interstate Commerce Commission, who participated in the recent hearings at Chicago and Minneapolis.

Franklin Lane, who served as chairman of the investigation committee, filed his report with the full commission today, and sent it to President Roosevelt, who ordered the inquiry. He finds that it is a fair inference from all the testimony that the real cause of the coal shortage in North Dakota was such an abundance of west bound traffic at the head of the lakes that cars were not available in the congested state of transporting coal to North Dakota.

In his letter of transmission to the President, Mr. Lane said that the report will be followed in due course by the special recommendations of the commission as a whole, as to whatever legislation, if any, may be deemed advisable.

The report says: "The commission has gained the indisputable proof of an agreement between coal dealers to maintain prices, and to boycott all who do not so agree, but there is no evidence at all justifying the contention that this combination is chargeable with the coal shortage prevailing, nor that the railroads were a party in any way to such a conspiracy."

Cotton Exchange a Gambling Concern

Such is the Charges Made to the United States Government

Washington, Jan. 2.—Charges of fraud were filed today with Postmaster General Cortelyou against the officials and members of the New York Cotton Exchange by Representative Livingston and Harvey Jordan, President of the Southern Cotton Association of Atlanta. On the charges they base a request that the post office department issue a fraud order against the officials and others of the New York Cotton Exchange, bar them in the use of the United States mails in conducting what the charges are fraudulent practices.

Postmaster General Cortelyou after going through the papers, referred his callers to Judge Goodwin, Assistant Attorney General for the post office department. It is likely that a hearing if the charges, will be held by Judge Goodwin before a determination of the case. The charges in brief are that New York, has ceased to be a commercial spot on the cotton market; that the New York Cotton Exchange operating under debased and fraudulent contracts has developed into a purely speculative or gambling exchange.

THIRTY-FIVE MEXICANS KILLED AND BURNED

Another Horrible Wreck Reported. — This time in State of Kansas

PINIONED UNDER SEATS AND SLOWLY DESTROYED

Accident due to Young Operator Making Mistake in the Orders

Topoka, Kas., Jan. 2.—Thirty-five persons, all Mexicans but three, were killed, 55 persons were injured and the bodies of 30 Mexicans were incinerated today in a head-on collision of two passenger trains on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad, near Volland. The wreck occurred while both trains were running slowly on a curve in a cut where the grade was steep.

All the killed were in the southbound train, except a tramp on the northbound train. He and a negro porter and a workman accompanying a gang of Mexican laborers were the only Americans killed so far as known, although a passenger said that a woman and child were burned in a tourist car.

There were 32 Mexicans and five Americans composing the gang of railroad workers, and they were in the smoking car of the southbound train.

Most of the injuries were due to the setting of the emergency brakes, which threw almost every passenger in the southbound train to the floor. The northbound train was running up grade. The Mexicans were pinioned under the seats and the doors were jammed so they could not get out. In the chair car also many passengers were held down by the seats.

The train caught fire from the gas tanks which were broken.

The passengers in the rear car escaped in their nightclothes and dresser and in the mud beside the track. Then came cries for help among the Mexicans in the smoking car and the people pinioned fast in the chair car. Every man and nearly every woman on the train tried to rescue the unfortunates, but the flames soon became too hot to permit of approaching the car.

The injured were removed from the chair car with less difficulty and all were rescued alive from these cars.

John Lynch, 19 years old, telegraph operator at Volland, who left the southbound train get by his station, where it was to pass the northbound train, made the following statement tonight before being taken to jail: "I had been awake all night and was sober. About four o'clock this morning the despatcher gave me four orders; one was that the southbound train meet two trains at Volland instead of at Alta Vista, as previously arranged. The southbound train headed into a switch and the northbound train backed out of the switch and headed down the main line, without waiting for the other train. I thought it was going to stop to take water as other trains have been doing but instead it went by at about ten miles an hour. The southbound board was at 'danger' according to the lever in my office, but the train did not stop and I ran out with my lantern, but with one swing across the track it went out. Then I ran to the pump house, grabbed the pumper's lantern and waved it four times, and it also went out. I also called the pumper, telling him what had happened. I went back and told the despatcher that the southbound train was by, and we waited to see if it was about to come back or hit the northbound train. I told the despatcher that I was coming to Topoka, and was trying to get there when arrested."

Look to Prairies For Their Horses

J. A. Turner Returns from Short Trip to the Old Land on Business

John A. Turner returned from his annual visit to England yesterday. Mr. Turner goes to the old country to buy horses and sheep every year. He has brought with him a number of Clydesdale horses and also a number of Shropshire ewes. Mr. Turner states that the price of horses is rising in England and western Canada is now recognized as the place to get heavy horseflesh. Mr. Turner sold 14 horses at Guelph, Ont., on his way back.

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