

NEW SCALE OF WATER RATES

TWENTY PER CENT. JUMP FOR ALL RESIDENCES

A Comparison Between the Existing Charges and Those Proposed.

The new scale of water rates was submitted to the city council Tuesday night by Water Commissioner Ray-

There is an increase all round in the rates. The flat rates for residences are twenty per cent higher than the existing rates in each case except that of ten to twelve-roomed houses, where it amounts to only 12 1/2 per cent.

Table with 4 columns: Proposed Flat Rates, Monthly Rate, With Dis., Dis. Rate. Includes categories like 'Each dwelling not more than four rooms' and 'For each board house'.

The following meter rates are proposed: For residences within city limits: For the first 2,000 gallons...

All other consumers, under 75,000 gallons per month, per 1,000 gallons, 23 1/2 cents.

All meter rates to be due and payable on the last day of the month, and to be subject to a discount of ten per cent, if paid on or before the 15th of the month following.

A special discount of twenty per cent to be allowed charitable institutions, e.g. Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital, St. Joseph's hospital, St. Ann's convent, Refuge Home and Chinese Girls' Home.

The following are the meter rents, which are unchanged: 5-8 inch, per month \$.25; 2-4 inch, per month \$.50; 1 1/2 inch, per month \$.75; 1 inch, per month \$ 1.00; 3/4 inch, per month \$ 1.50; 2 inch, per month \$ 2.00; 4 inch, per month \$ 2.50.

For all connections outside the city limits the rate will be, for every 1,000 gallons, 33 cents per 1,000 gallons, provided that no monthly meter bill shall be less than \$1.25, exclusive of meter rent.

In all cases where a main pipe of four inches or over is laid in any street a frontage tax of two cents per front foot is to be paid by all property which it passes, whether that property is served with water from it or not.

residences within the city is twenty cents a thousand gallons, for the first 5,000 gallons and ten cents a thousand for all water over that quantity.

For large users of water the meter rates are: Twenty cents per 1,000 gallons where the quantity used is under 75,000 gallons per month; seventeen and one-half cents per thousand for over 75,000 gallons and not exceeding 100,000; and fifteen cents per thousand for over 100,000 gallons a month.

TRAINS SOON TO FRENCH CREEK

SERVICE MAY BE POSSIBLE BY JUNE

R. Marpole Reports That Satisfactory Progress is Being Made on Extension.

"Trains will probably be running as far north as French Creek, on the E. & N. extension, by June," was a statement made by R. Marpole, general executive assistant of the C. P. R., and president of the E. & N. railway, this morning.

With regard to the building of a new station for the E. & N. in this city, Mr. Marpole said they were waiting to see what would be done with the Indian reserve before moving in the matter.

EIGHT LIBERALS GO IN BY ACCLAMATION

Indications of Clean Sweep for Good Government in Alberta.

(Special to the Times.)

Edmonton, Alta., March 18.—Returns from yesterday's nominations for the provincial elections show eight Liberals and no Conservatives elected by acclamation, as follows: In Paken, Mr. Lessard; in Lac Ste Anne, Mr. Gunn; in Sturgeon, Mr. Boyle; in Victoria, Mr. Walker; in Sedgewick, Mr. Stewart; in Ledoux, Mr. Telford; in Pembina, Mr. McKenney; in Lacombe, Mr. Puffer.

WILL MAKE FIVE-YEAR COURSE FOR MEDICINE

American Medical Association May Raise Standard of Educational Requirements.

New York, March 18.—The Association of American Medical Colleges at its meeting here yesterday decided that for the present it will not attempt to raise further the standard of educational requirements for admission to medical schools of this country.

ZEPPELIN'S LATEST TRIUMPH IN AVIATION

German Inventor Lands on Ground Without Specially Prepared Platform.

Frederichaven, March 18.—Count Von Zeppelin's new model airship, with the inventor and four other men aboard, made a successful descent in a field on the shore of the Lake Constance to-day. It was asserted that the count could not land on the ground without an especially built platform, but this has now been disproved.

One of the steering plates was slightly damaged by coming in contact with a tree, but it was repaired on the spot. Lieut.-General Linker and a number of other army officers were present to witness the manoeuvres.

OH! IF THAT CAUCUS COULD ONLY SEE ME NOW!



BOWSER, ON THE ROAD TO EPSOM

GENERAL STRIKE NOT EFFECTIVE

POSTOFFICE EMPLOYEES REPORT FOR DUTY

Communication in Paris Only Partially Tied Up—Government's Attitude.

Paris, March 18.—The general strike of the telegraph, telephone and postal employees of the state, voted with so much enthusiasm last night, is turning out to-day to be anything but effective.

An overwhelming majority of the day shifts in all the branches of the service reported for duty this morning. Hundreds of men who were present at the meetings last night apparently had concluded, after sleeping over the matter, that they would not run the risk of losing permanent employment.

The government shows no signs of giving in. On the contrary, M. Slimyan, under secretary of posts and telegraphs, announces this morning that a revolt on the part of the servants of the state cannot be tolerated.

There is reason to believe that the cabinet at its regular meeting to-day will temporarily forbid further meetings of postal employees on the ground that such gatherings endanger the public service.

FIGHTS, TWO DUELS, AND KILLS BOTH OPPONENTS

Jealousy Prompts Civilian to Slay German Army Officers.

Eisenach, Germany, March 16.—A civilian fought two duels here to-day with officers of the army and killed both his opponents. Pistols were used. The civilian's name is Schutzbler Milg and he is a wealthy land owner residing near Hohenau.

RECLUS'S RETICENCE.

Windsor, Ont., March 18.—Because he objected to acknowledge his identity and declined to state whether he possessed sufficient funds to make him eligible to enter Canada, Francis Pettigill, member of a religious brotherhood, spent several hours on the Detroit river. Pettigill, who is a member of the Christian Brethren, was on his way from Cincinnati to Chatham to enter a retreat. He finally capitulated and showed that he possessed several hundred dollars.

FORCES JAPANESE TO HAUL DOWN FLAG

Occupation of Islands Is Forced by Protested by Chinese Authorities.

Hongkong, March 16.—Chinese fishermen, engaged at Pratas islands, having sent an urgent appeal to the Viceroy of Canton, alleging that Japanese were occupying the islands, the Chinese cruiser Feuyang and two destroyers were dispatched to investigate the alleged occupation.

The squadrons spent four days at the islands and returned. Commander Woo, who seized the Japanese steamship Tatsu Maru in 1907, reports that he found the Japanese flying a flag on the islands and more than a hundred Japanese established in a permanent settlement, actively engaged in the removing of phosphate, pearl shell and tortoise shell without the permission of the Chinese government.

The Japanese claimed they discovered the islands eighteen months ago. They had destroyed an old Chinese temple, driven off many fishermen, burned six junks, and continually threatened others with death if they persisted in landing on the islands. Commander Woo compelled the Japanese to haul down their flag and destroyed the post which announced the alleged discovery of the islands.

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LA GRIPPE KILLS MANY INDIANS

72 DEAD IN MACKENZIE RIVER DISTRICT

Over a Hundred Reported Dying—Awful Severity of Weather.

Winnipeg, Man., March 16.—Seventy-two Indians dead from the grippe and more than 150 dying at four points on the Mackenzie River district of the Hudson's Bay Company within the Arctic circle, is the startling news brought in to-day by Inspector Beaholt, of the company.

Hunters on the trail have been stricken and trappers in the bush have been seized with fatal results. There is a sudden weakness and then the malady attacks the victims in the lungs.

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LLOYD-GEORGE WINS

Gets Substantial Damages From London Weekly Newspaper.

London, March 16.—The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rt. Hon. David Lloyd-George, brought suit for criminal libel against a Sunday newspaper called The People, which asserted that he had been made co-responsible in a divorce suit brought by a Liberal member of parliament. The result of the suit is that the paper is forced to apologize to Mr. Lloyd-George and to pay him a large sum as damages.

WAR! UNLESS SERBIA YIELDS

TENSION IN BALKANS OF GRAVE CHARACTER

Austria Demands a Clear Explanation—Turkey's Part in Crisis.

Berlin, March 16.—Advises received at the foreign office to-day concerning the strained situation between Austria-Hungary and Serbia indicate that the crisis is still in an acute stage. It is affirmed that Austria-Hungary is about to make another effort at Belgrade with the view of bringing Serbia's views into accord with her own. The nature of these representations is not disclosed, but it can be said that the dual monarchy will demand a clear explanation of Serbia's intention. Officials say that if Serbia yields, the negotiations will pursue a peaceful course, but if not hostilities are inevitable, and the only task of the powers will be to localize the conflict.

The report that Turkey will demand an explanation of Serbia's intentions with regard to the large quantities of war material now lying at Salonika has been officially confirmed. Should the reply be unsatisfactory an embargo will be placed thereon. In the meanwhile Serbia has prepared to get munitions of war and supplies, via Bulgaria, but pressure will be brought upon Turkey to prevent the passage of military supplies through the Dardanelles.

DIFFERENCE ABOUT MANITOBA'S BOUNDARIES

Province Wants Larger Slice of Keewatin Under New Extension.

Ottawa, March 16.—The Manitoba boundary question will likely have to stand over until next session of parliament. The Manitoba government declined to accept the proposed boundary as outlined in the resolution of last session of parliament, and subsequently demanded a larger slice of the territory of Keewatin. This necessitates consultation with the Ontario government by the Dominion authorities, and it cannot be done before the end of the session, if prorogation is to take place at an early date.

PERSIA MAY BE GIVEN A CONSTITUTION

Shah May Summon Convocation to Discuss Needed Reform.

St. Petersburg, March 16.—The Novoye Vremya publishes a dispatch from Teheran saying the Shah of Persia has assented in principle to the urgent recommendations of his ministers, and that a constitutional convention will be summoned to Persia. It is reported that this convention will meet on March 20th and that it will be chosen from the prominent residents of Teheran.

ROOSEVELT WRITING ON NATIONAL SUBJECTS

Prepares Number of Articles Before Leaving for Africa.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., March 16.—A fellow passenger of Ex-President Roosevelt and the other members of the Roosevelt Smithsonian African expedition on their voyage from Naples to Mombasa on the steamer Admiral, is to be the noted naturalist Richard T. Lauder, who has already left New York for Europe. He is going in about the same country as Mr. Roosevelt's expedition, but will not join that party.

ROOSEVELT RUNS GRAVE RISKS IN ITALY

Vengeance of "Mafia" May Fall on ex-President—Police Alarmed.

New York, March 16.—The World prints this cablegram from London which was written by the Daily Chronicle correspondent at Milan:

"The Italian police are in a state of trepidation over Mr. Roosevelt's arrival in Naples early in April, and they learn with dismay that the ex-president's wife and three children intend to sojourn in South Italy until June. Every effort will be made to dissuade Mr. Roosevelt from setting foot in Sicily and the earthquake region. The Messina district, from time immemorial, has been the stronghold of the 'Mafia,' and in view of the ex-president's strenuous campaign against secret criminal associations, such a movement would be attended with grave risk."

FUTURE OF OSCAR STRAUS

Washington, D. C., March 16.—Ambassador O'Brien at Tokyo will remain at that post. Former secretary of commerce and labor, Oscar Straus, will be appointed to some other embassy.

CLEARED LAND TO GO ON SALE

E. & N. WILL DISPOSE OF FIRST BLOCKS

Five-acre Lots Near Ladysmith Will Be Offered Next Month.

Next month, the first block of cleared land under the Vancouver Island land clearing scheme will be put on the market by the E. & N. Railway Company. This will consist of a block of nearly 150 acres, which has recently been cleared at Ladysmith. It is designed primarily for use as fruit lands and will be marketed in five-acre blocks. This land has been cleared by the aid of an engine and stumping outfit.

At Little Qualicum, between Nanaimo and Comox, more extensive clearing operations are in progress. Two engines are at work on a tract of 50 acres, which has already been cleared of timber and brush, and will be ready for the market in the near future. This land will be offered in blocks of from 20 acres upwards. A man purchasing a forty acre farm will have ten acres fit for the plough, ten acres cleared but not stumped, and the other twenty acres will be bush land which he can clear himself in his spare time.

All these lands are in the neighborhood of the line of railway which is being built northward. Pamphlets are already in the press, setting forth the qualities of these lands and will be issued shortly, so that it is to be expected that in the very near future the population of Vancouver Island will be materially increased through the efforts of the railway company.

R. Marpole, who is in the city, gives the above information. He will leave to-morrow morning for a tour along the E. & N. and extension primarily for the purpose of selecting more land upon which the contractors will continue their clearing operations. This is a clear indication that although the price of stumping the land has proved higher than was at first expected, the plan is a success.

DISENGAGED TONNAGE INCREASED DURING WEEK

Coastwise Freights Are Dull—No Change in Rates.

Nothing has transpired in the grain freight market during the week, and very little in the lumber market, says the Commercial News of San Francisco. Grays Harbor to Antofagasta has been done at 4 1/2 3/4, Puget Sound to Sydney at 30s and Eureka to Sydney at 30s. The European, Oriental and South African markets are reported dull and uninteresting. Coastwise freights are dull, with no change in rates.

The disengaged tonnage at this port has been considerably increased during the week and now numbers 12 deep water ships available for grain or lumber, and 30 tons on the stocks. The idle list numbers 6 vessels of 18,000 tons, and at Portland 4 of 8,301 tons, a total for the coast of 22 vessels of 47,130 tons.

Offshore rates are quoted approximately as follows: Lumber from Puget Sound or British Columbia to Sydney, 27s 6d @ 30s; to Melbourne or Adelaide, 30s; Port Pirie, 30s @ 32s 6d; to Freemantle, 37s 6d; to Japan ports (steamer), 30s; Callao, 35s 6d @ 40s; direct ports, 35s @ 40s; Valparaiso for orders, 42s 6d @ 45s 6d; to 50s less to a direct port; to South Africa ports, 42s 6d; to U. K. or continent, 42s 6d @ 45s 6d; Guaymas, 45s 6d; Santa Rosalia, 45s 6d. Liverpool mail arrivals give the following fixtures: Sull market busier. Liverpool to North Pacific Is., Clyde same 10s 6d; Fleetwood and Clyde to Portland 10s and 11s; Antwerp to Portland 10s and 11s; 3d, option Antwerp and Thames 10s, or Antwerp and Swansea 10s 9d. Nitrate freights firm at 13s prompt, 15s May and June and 16s 6d September and October. Australian wheat, paying full unit rates.

Waddell, Turner & Co.'s Australian freight report dated London, February 23rd, says:

West Australia—March steamer fixed for sleepers to Calcutta at 22s per load. South Australia and Victoria—Several prompt ships fixed for wheat to U. K. or continent at 21s to 23s, while 25s has been paid for a February steamer and 24s for two March-April boats. New South Wales and Sydney—Spot ship fixed for U. K. or continent at 22s wheat. Newcastle—West Coast done at 18s, and direct nitrate ports 16s 6d.

CANADA'S ORDNANCE STATIONS

Ottawa, March 16.—A militia order issued yesterday says the ordnance stations in Canada have been reclassified as follows: 1st class, Halifax, Ottawa, Quebec and Toronto; 2nd class, Montreal, Kingston, Esquimaux and Winnipeg; 3rd class, Calgary, St. John, London and Charlottetown.

CHARGE OF PERJURY.

Albany, N. Y., March 16.—The court of appeals to-day decided in effect that John R. Hegeman, president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., stands on the charge of perjury in connection with alleged misstatements made in his annual report of the Metropolitan Life filed with the state superintendent of insurance on January 1, 1908.

NEW STORE FOR REGINA.

Regina, Sask., March 16.—It is understood that the Robert Simpson Company of Toronto has purchased a large lot on one of Regina's principal streets at the price of \$25,000. It is said they will erect a large department store this summer.

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