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BY-LAWS SHOULD FIND SUPPORT

IMPORTANT MEASURES BEFORE THE PEOPLE

Some of the Reasons Why Ratepayers Should Sup- port Them.

(From Monday's Daily.)
In just ten days—to be exact, on Thursday of next week—the ratepayers of Victoria will be called upon to pass judgment upon two of the most important by-laws ever presented in the history of the city, and there is general agreement that the future of Victoria will be influenced materially by the decision of those who cast their ballots. These measures are for convenience sake styled the "water by-law" and the "electric by-law"—the former giving a guarantee to the B. C. Electric Railway & Lighting Co. that the corporation shall not become a competitor in its business or bonus any competing company; and the latter authorizing the city council to proceed to expropriate the property and plant of the Esquimalt Waterworks Company at Goldstream.

In respect to both by-laws considerations of the greatest importance impell all classes in the community to show the liveliest concern in their fate. In the one case, the certainty that its passage will be followed by the expenditure of a large sum of money in development work and the opening up of adjacent district, enlists in its support all the progressive elements in the community, and in the case of the other measure—the water by-law—the opinion is unanimous that the city must secure facilities for a greater water supply at the earliest possible date.

The Electric By-Law.

The principal features of the agreement which the city proposes to enter into with the B. C. Electric Railway & Lighting Company may be thus enumerated:

The company agrees to expend the sum of \$15,000,000 in erecting and maintaining a power plant as near as possible to the city of Victoria within a period of three years. This ensures the distribution of large sums of money in the city in the purchase of supplies for the big gangs of workmen who will be employed on the huge undertaking, the site of which, is unofficially stated, is at Jordan river.

With the increased power and lighting facilities which will be available on the completion of the work, the company will be in a position to extend their street railway lines and transmission wires to a wide radius beyond the limits at present served, and that the company will not be lagard in this work is shown by the clause in the agreement which stipulates that it shall, for the purposes mentioned, expend a quarter of a million dollars, over and above the amount mentioned, as meeting the cost of the improvement to the power plant.

When the new plant shall have been placed in operation the rates for electric light and power shall be reduced to the schedule rates now charged in the city of Vancouver. This will mean a very substantial reduction.

The company agrees, if the city so desires, to light the public streets at half the present cost, and if the city shall require, as it undoubtedly will, to extend its street lighting system, the increased service shall be supplied by the company at the same reduced rate. No monopoly is given the present company, the city having reserved the right to give a franchise at any time to any other company, but without bonus or any other aid.

Should the city at any time go to Sooke lake for a water supply, the company is compelled to purchase water for power purposes, if such surplus water shall be available.

In an interview with the Times, A. T. Goward, the local manager of the company, while declining to state in express terms the nature of locality, the improvements and extensions to the local system, just as soon as the improved plant shall have been placed in operation, gave it to be understood that the utmost dispatch would be displayed by the company in seeking new business.

It is the common impression that Spanish peninsula will be one of the first districts to benefit from the increased facilities which will be available.

The Water By-Law.

In respect to the by-law authorizing the expropriation of the property and plant of the Esquimalt Waterworks Co., Ltd., at Goldstream, its main features are:

The city intends to offer the company the sum of \$500,000 for the property, and if the offer is refused to proceed to expropriate the undertaking as a whole under the powers defined at the last session of the legislature. In this connection it may be mentioned that Mayor Hall has the opinion of Arthur Adams, the water expert, that the city would be justified in paying as high as \$500,000 for the property. As to the company opposing expropriation proceedings, in well informed quarters it is not felt that the company would take any such action, as the rights of the city to such procedure are said to be indisputable.

Should the city secure the entire undertaking of the company at Goldstream it will take over and fulfill all existing contracts between the company and its patrons. Thus the contract under which water is supplied to the power to the B. C. Electric Railway Co. fixes the price at \$2,000 per acre (Concluded on page 5.)

WIRELESS ON PACIFIC COAST

GOVERNMENT WILL RETAIN STATIONS

No Foundation for Report That They Will Pass to Private Company.

(From Monday's Daily.)
From time to time announcements have appeared in the press that the wireless stations in British Columbia, built and operated by the Dominion government, would be taken over by a private company, which would build more stations and operate all the wireless in British Columbia. These statements are inaccurate, and there never has been anything to warrant their publication save the expressed desire of private companies to control wireless telegraphy in British Columbia.

The policy of the Canadian government respecting wireless on the Pacific coast, which was deliberately entered upon a few years ago after an unsatisfactory experience with the Marconi Company on the Atlantic coast, is to own and operate all wireless stations in this province. The first object of the government in establishing wireless stations was to provide an aid to navigation, a convenience to the shipping interests. No private company would do this without a government subsidy or aid of some kind. There is little or no revenue in that class of business, and private companies would not concern themselves with providing wireless stations at places where commercial business does not originate, unless such stations were necessary as links in a chain binding important commercial centres together. As a matter of fact, there is practically no revenue from the stations already established. With the completion of the chain of stations at Prince Rupert, which is expected this summer, and with night and day operators, there will be no doubt be considerable revenue, as it is the intention of the government to operate the system for revenue purposes as well as an aid to navigation.

The policy of the Department of Marine and Fisheries is to maintain and operate all the wireless stations on the Pacific coast. Other systems, or other wireless stations, will not be licensed, and without a license no person can operate wireless telegraphy in Canadian Steamships and vessels of all kinds will be left to private companies, and in the case of vessels of Canadian register licenses will be issued to the owners of the vessels.

TEN DIE IN COLORADO RAILWAY COLLISION

Wife of Fireman Witnesses Husband's Death—Forty Persons Injured.

Colorado Springs, Col., Aug. 16.—The number of fatalities resulting from the wreck on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad at Husted on Saturday was increased to ten yesterday by the death of C. M. McCreary, of Dallas, Texas. None of the injured, numbering forty, is believed to be in a critical condition.

Engineer Lessig, driver of the lead engine of the northbound train, and who disappeared immediately after the wreck, has been found at his home in Denver. He refuses to answer any questions regarding the cause of the accident.

John Gossage, fireman for Lessig, was the only one of the engine-men to meet death. The wreck occurred within sight of his home and his wife, who was standing in the doorway watching the train go by, witnessed the accident. She was among the first to reach the scene and her grief was pitiful.

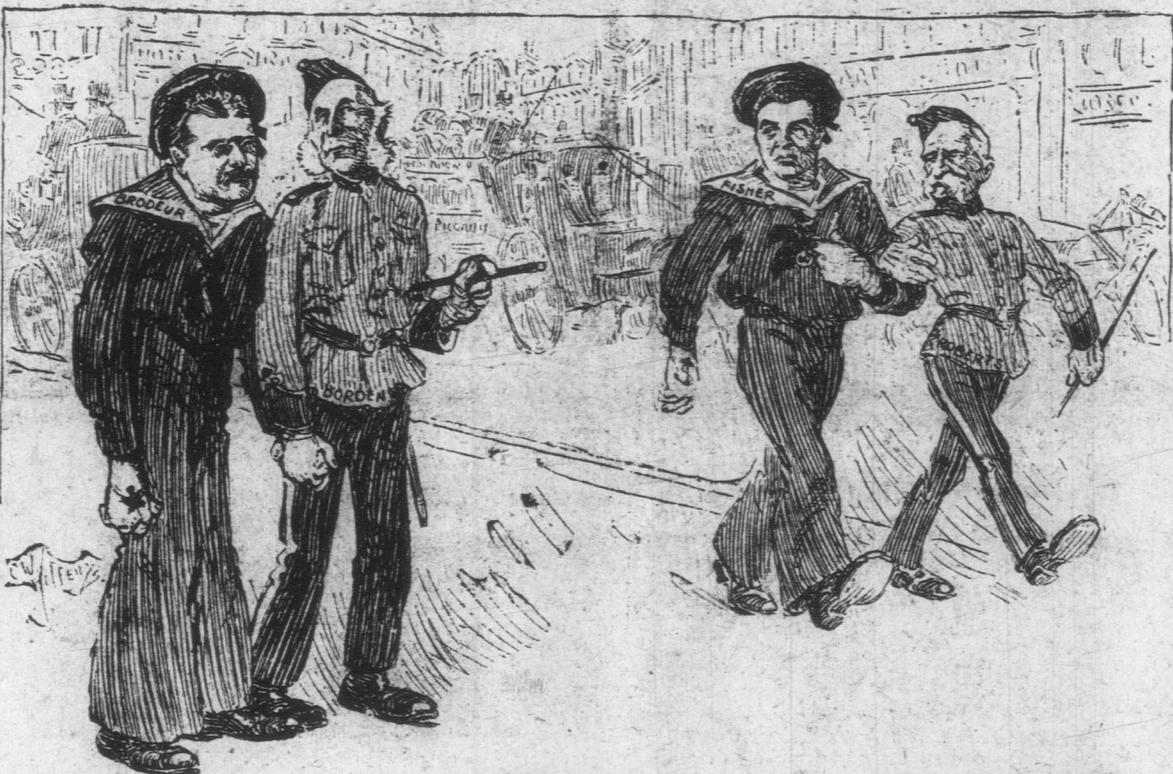
RIVAL RAILWAYS CLASH AT TACOMA

Northern Pacific Men Tear Up Track—Rails Relaid by Milwaukee Crew.

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 16.—A climax of the competition between the Milwaukee and the Northern Pacific railroads came yesterday, when a crew of men, personally directed by Division Superintendent Albee, of the Northern Pacific, tore up a spur track running through the Tacoma Mill Company's property, and which is claimed by the mill company. A few hours later the track was relaid by a Milwaukee crew. It will now be watched, and if the Northern Pacific makes another attempt to tear it up, serious trouble may result.

TOWN PRACTICALLY DESTROYED

Missoula, Mont., Aug. 16.—Practically the entire town of Iron Mountain, Mont., in the Coeur d'Alene district, was destroyed by fire last night. The fire started in the kitchen of a hotel. No one was injured. The loss is estimated at about \$50,000.



IN LONDON.
Able Seaman Sir John Fisher—"I say, Bobs, 'oos them?"
Corporal Bobs—"Them, wy them's the new Canadian recruits."

ADJOURNMENT OF COMMISSION

NO SITTING WAS HELD THIS MORNING

Forestry Inquiry Proceeding This Afternoon in Parlia- ment Buildings.

(From Monday's Daily.)
The timber and forestry commission opened this morning, but did not examine any witnesses owing to the fact that one of the members, Arthur S. Goodeve, was not present. Hon. F. J. Fulton presided and sitting with him was A. C. Flumerfelt, of this city. It was decided that owing to the non-arrival of Mr. Goodeve it would be well to await the arrival of the afternoon boat from Vancouver, after which no further delays will take place.

When the session opened the secretary, R. E. Gosnell, read the proclamation appointing the commission, and also the oaths of the two members who were present.

Hon. F. J. Fulton announced that unless there were any witnesses who could not possibly attend any other sitting of the commission they would adjourn until this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. Fulton also said that the commission would be glad to have the help of counsel, but they would be allowed to cross-examine only on questions of fact and not on questions of opinion.

Professor Craig, of Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, was present, but arrangements were made for him to attend later. J. A. Harvey, K. C. of the firm of Taylor & Harvey, Vancouver, was there to represent the lumbermen, and there were also present watching the proceedings M. S. Logan, vice-president, and W. A. Anstie, secretary-treasurer of the British Columbia Logging and Forestry Association of Vancouver, B. C. Arrangements have been made also for Gifted Pinchot, head of the United States Forestry service, to give evidence before the commission.

The commission is using the luncheon room in the legislative building for their meetings in this city. The tables have been cleared out, and one or two wall maps hung which will be useful for reference by the members of the commission. The press arrangements are unusually good. Doubtless this is because R. E. Gosnell, the secretary of the commission, is himself a newspaper man, and he knows how this department is sometimes neglected.

MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS MAY HAVE PERISHED

Two Men Caught in Blizzard While Ascending Mount Rainier.

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 16.—T. F. Calaghan, of West Seattle, and James W. Stevens, of Trenon, N. J., are probably lying mangled and dead at the foot of one of the Mount Rainier crevasses, while a searching party under Jules Stampfer, a guide, is vainly searching for the men, with little hope of success.

The lost men made up a party of three and started out Friday morning at 9 o'clock to explore the mountain, the third member being J. P. Sturley. Sturley went with them as far as Gibraltar rock. A blizzard had come up when they reached the rock and Sturley returned to camp at Paradise Valley, reaping there Saturday night. The others kept on. No guide accompanied them.

This morning E. I. Phillips and A. H. Swartz, mountain guides, came into camp and reported that they had found a crevasse with tracks leading up to the brink, indicating that the men had fallen into the depths. At noon the searching party under Stampfer signalled that no trace of the men had been found.

SAN FRANCISCO BANKER FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE

Has Been Missing From the Bay City Since Thurs- day.

San Francisco, Aug. 16.—After searching for four days for W. C. Hays, late manager of the United States Savings and Commercial Bank, Chief of Police Jesse Cook to-day declared the banker a fugitive from justice.

Immediate steps will now be made to post a picture of the man in every police station and sheriff's office on the coast, with a description of the man and an account of his alleged crime.

Hays has been missing since Thursday, when he announced through his attorney, Joseph Jordan, that he would surrender as soon as he could procure the necessary bail to keep from being imprisoned.

PAYS \$2,500 FOR PITCHER.

Aberdeen, Aug. 13.—Pernoll, the star southpaw pitcher of the Aberdeen baseball club, has been bought by the Detroit American League team, for \$2,500, according to an announcement made here to-day by President MacFarlane. Pernoll will stay with the team until the close of the season.

SPANIARDS MOVE AGAINST MOORS

FIGHTING RESUMED AROUND MELILLA

General Marina Assumes Ag- gressive—Number of Can- non Landed.

Madrid, Aug. 16.—Fighting between the Moors and Spaniards resumed to-day at Melilla. After a disastrous week for the forces under General Marina, during which time the Moors have kept the garrison of 33,000 men closely hugging the walls of the city while they poured shot into the fortifications from the mountain side, Marina moved aggressively against the tribesmen to-day, bearing the Sultan's orders that the tribesmen cease attacking the Spaniards. At the same time the Sultan instructed the Morocco special embassy at Madrid to advise the Spanish government of General Marina's mission and to request that General Marina, Spanish commander in Morocco, be ordered to refrain from making an offensive movement against the tribesmen.

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NATURAL GAS EXPLODES.

Six Men Are Injured, Two of Them Fatally.

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 16.—In a natural gas explosion here to-day, which blew out the entire front of the four-story plant of the Wierick Storage Company, J. W. Montgomery and Edward Dunn were fatally injured and four others badly hurt.

Following the explosion three wooden buildings adjoining the plant caught fire and were totally destroyed.

MURDERS WIFE AND ENDS OWN LIFE

Man, in Fit of Insanity, Also Tries to Kill Three Children.

Chicago, Aug. 16.—Driven insane because of his inability to secure employment, Gustave Herring, aged 54 years, an expert accountant, early to-day murdered his wife, fatally shot his son, Gustave, and blew out his brains after making ineffectual attempts to kill his daughters, Marguerite and Clara.

When the son rushed to the room to protect his mother, Herring turned on the boy and shot him through the head. After killing his wife, Herring went to his daughters' room but found the door locked. After making several fruitless attempts to kill the girls through the transom Herring blew out his brains.

STRIKERS DRIVEN INTO OHIO RIVER

CLASH WITH STATE TROOPS AT PITTSBURG

Gatling Guns Placed on Boats for Protection of Car Plants.

Pittsburg, Aug. 16.—Gatling guns mounted on river boats to protect several thousand workmen that the local car companies have brought in to take the places of their striking employees, are held in readiness to-day to resist any attack upon the works.

A pitched battle between mounted state constabulary and the strikers occurred last night and the rioting ceased only when a number of strikers were driven into the Ohio river by the troops.

The attack started when a force of strikers fired on a steamboat carrying strikebreakers into the Pressed Steel Car Company's works. The boat was forced back from the landing which was crowded by a mass of strikers. The constabulary were ordered to clear the pier and the charges followed. Revolvers were fired on both sides, but no one was injured by bullets.

When the mob was dispersed 230 non-unionists were taken into the plant. Rumor that 1,000 more would be brought in to-day led to the prediction that a serious clash would occur and the precaution of mounting the machine guns by the state troops was taken.

Fifteen hundred strikers are patrolling the Ohio river to-day to prevent the Pressed Steel Car Company from ferrying strikebreakers to its McKee's Rocks plant. Fearing a repetition of yesterday's attack, no attempt was made to-day to get any workmen into the plant.

ARMS FOR PERU.

Believed to Be Preparing For Trouble With Chile.

Valparaiso, Chile, Aug. 16.—The steamer Alexandria, Hamburg to South American ports and San Francisco, which sailed from Valparaiso for Mollendo, Peru, has on board, it is reported, a cargo of arms and ammunition for Peru.

This has led to the belief here that Peru is secretly arming against Chile.

MONUMENT TO MEMORY OF VALENCIA VICTIMS

Marks Resting Place of Fifteen Unidentified Pas- sengers.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 16.—With simple but appropriate ceremonies, the monument erected in Mount Pleasant cemetery by organized labor in memory of the 15 unknown dead whose bodies were recovered from the wreck of the ill-fated steamer Valencia, which was lost off the coast of Vancouver Island early in 1906, was unveiled yesterday afternoon. Short addresses were made by Rev. J. M. Wilson, of the Westminster Presbyterian church, Seattle, and Charles P. Taylor, of Tacoma, secretary of the Washington State Federation of Labor. The monument is a field stone shaft seven feet high, and was erected by the labor organizations of Seattle at a cost of \$1,800.

During a thick fog, January 22nd, 1906, the Pacific Coast S. S. Company's steamer Valencia, coming from San Francisco, ran on the rocks on the west coast of Vancouver Island, and was lost with a death toll of 117 lives.

FIRE BREAKS OUT ON LINER LUCANIA

Steamer Sunk at Dock by Ex- tinguishing Flames—Is Seri- ously Damaged.

Liverpool, Aug. 16.—The Cunard line steamer Lucania, which was seriously damaged by fire and sunk at the Huskisson dock last night, has been refloated with the aid of tugs and pumps and to-day she is being dry docked for repairs.

The fire broke out on the big liner on Saturday evening, and is supposed to have originated in the saloon kitchen. The flames spread until they reached the stowage, consuming all the woodwork and then attacked the fore-hold. Thousands of persons were attracted to the river to watch the flames shoot high from the vessel which was a roaring furnace.

Early Sunday morning the vessel was flooded and soon settled on the mud bottom. The second-class quarters and the after part of the boat, including the engine room, escaped injury, and little damage was done to the exterior of the vessel. Some of the hull plates were warped by the heat.

CRETANS DEFY ORDER OF POWERS

CONTINUE TO FLY THE GREEK FLAG

Government Has Resigned and Committees Administer Affairs.

London, Aug. 16.—The Cretan situation, thought to have been peacefully settled, is again causing disturbance, and a naval demonstration by the powers is to be made. The population of Crete has shown such strong Greek sympathies as to induce Crete to defy the order of the protecting powers to haul down the Greek flag, which was raised when the troops of the powers recently evacuated the island. As a result of this difficulty the situation has again become acute.

The powers, Great Britain, France, Italy and Russia, have ordered warships to Crete and probably will re-occupy the island in order to force compliance with their wishes.

Government Resigns.

Canea, Crete, Aug. 15.—Nearly the entire Cretan army joined the mutineers to-day to resist the orders of the powers that the Greek flag be lowered. According to reports the flag will come down before night, and serious trouble is feared.

Trouble is also fermenting in the interior and an extensive campaign by foreign forces may be necessary to quell the threatened uprising.

A message to-day states that a number of Moslems have been massacred in the interior.

The Cretan government officials have resigned and the administration of the island has been entrusted to provisional committees.

The committees have had the armed possess expelled from the fortress, which they occupied on Saturday night, intending to resist the orders of the powers that the Greek flag be lowered. Italian and French warships are expected to arrive in the harbor to-day to force compliance with the powers' wishes.

"SAN FRANCISCO TRAGEDY."

Woman Found Dead and Police Hold Husband Pending an Investigation.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 16.—August Bergstrom is in jail here to-day pending police investigation into the tragic death of his 16-year-old wife, Mary, who Bergstrom declares killed herself after a quarrel.

The couple entered their rooms on Fourth street late last night. Shortly afterward they were heard quarreling by a roofer. Then a shot rang out and Bergstrom ran from the room shouting that his wife had committed suicide. The police were called and Bergstrom was taken to jail. The roofer who heard the shot told the authorities that he heard Mrs. Bergstrom say that she would kill herself a few moments before the tragedy occurred.

ABANDONED IDEA OF AVIATION YEARS AGO

Thomas A. Edison Tells of His Early Experiments With Airship.

New York, Aug. 16.—In an interview published here to-day, Thomas A. Edison says that he abandoned the idea of aviation forty years ago and is devoting himself to matters more important to humanity.

Regarding aviation he said: "I came to the conclusion that there was nothing practicable in it. I was asked by one of your most widely known newspaper proprietors to make certain experiments. I made elaborate preparations. I built a model, with planes and the best engine of the day, a non-combustion type. When the whole machine was finished I put it on a big scale instead of going out in the open air and set the engine going.

"The weight of the thing pulled down the scales until the engine started, the scales slightened, just so much as the lift of the engine lightened the weight. It was a novel way, I know—quite novel in that day—but it proved to me the impracticability of flying with the machine that we had had, which was the best of its kind. I made the engine myself; to be sure it was right."

The wizard said that he is most interested now in his plan of model houses for working people. Expressing his present ambition, he said: "I am going to depopulate the tenements of New York, going to drag the people out of them, going to give the man who earns a dollar and a half a day a chance to live in a home instead of a pig-pen."

MAN FOUND DROWNED

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Aug. 16.—The body of a man 65 years old, five foot 10 inches in height, and weighing 150 pounds, was taken from the whirlpool Saturday. Identification may be es- tablished by a clover-leaf pin set with a brilliant. The body had been in the water only a short time.