

THE TROUBLES OF AN NAVY LEAGUE

OFFICIALS OF NEW BODY EXPRESS OPINION

Action of Local Branch Results in Statement Being Made.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The latest number of Canada contains the following interesting information based upon the resolution passed by the local branch of the Navy League at a recent meeting.

We have received from Mr. Pierson, the secretary of the Victoria and Esquimalt branch of the Navy League, which is one of the most active of the league's offshoots in the Dominion, the following cablegram, dated May 1st: "At the annual meeting of the Victoria and Esquimalt branch of the Navy League, which was held last night, a resolution was passed endorsing the action taken by the committee with regard to the split which has taken place in the parent body and desiring the action which will result in the formation of a separate body. The resolution proceeded to the effect that as the objects of the old and new leagues were identical, the members of the Victoria and Esquimalt branch recommended and pressed for such a resolution as would make adhesion to both bodies possible for their members, so doubling instead of dividing strength to fight for the original purpose for which the Navy League was formed. The resolution was proposed by Mr. Clive Phillips-Wolley, and seconded by Mr. Redfern, ex-mayor of Victoria."

Upon the receipt of this cablegram a representative of Canada called at the offices of the Navy League and was informed by the president, Mr. R. A. Terburgh, that the only statement he would make on the matter is that so far as the Navy League is concerned it is not the intention to make the slightest overtures to the seceding members for the purpose of re-union. He then interviewed Mr. G. B. G. Horton-Smith, K. C., and Mr. Harold F. Wyatt, honorary joint founders and secretaries of the newly formed Imperial Maritime League, who made the following statement: "The resolution passed by the Victoria and Esquimalt branch of the old Navy League, in favor of reunion with the Imperial Maritime League, was a natural and most patriotic. Unfortunately those who adopted it did not, and could not, know that throughout the whole period of controversy, dating from our resignation and those of other members of their body, the executive committee of the old Navy League have peremptorily rejected all ideas of compromise, and have resolutely adhered to their attitude of blind support of the naval policy of the present government and of Sir John Fisher. We back Sir John Fisher, were indeed, the actual cause used by the executive committee of the old Navy League in a recently published interview."

"Briefly, the position is this: that the Liberal government are the tool of the little England and little navy section of their supporters, that Sir John Fisher is the tool of the Liberal government, and that the old Navy League is the tool of Sir John Fisher. In that capacity the Navy League bustles itself in stifling criticism, and in condoning, palliating, and defending the financial starvation of the British navy, with all the deadly evil which such starvation has occasioned. "The old Navy League has even approved the abandonment by Britain of the attempt to command the Pacific, an abandonment which is and will be denounced to the utmost by the Imperial Maritime League. "We may mention that Mr. H. W. Wilson, one of the foremost naval writers in the Empire, and for many years editor of the old Navy League's journal, has just left the Navy League in final disgust, and has transferred his support to the new organization, the Imperial Maritime League, joining both its council and the executive committee. "Inasmuch as the Navy League declines to publish in the Navy League Journal communications from us (for that has been the case up to the present), it has not been possible for the branches of the old league overseas, or indeed for members and associates of the old league in the mother country generally to ascertain (except in so far as they may have seen letters from us in the public press) the actual state of the rest situation. We cannot but think that the real situation once grasped, the Navy League adherents would insist upon the Navy League committee taking a different attitude to the one which they are in fact taking. "The Imperial Maritime League was founded on January 27, 1908, by Mr. Smith and Mr. Wyatt, who succeeded from the committee of the Navy League as a protest against the policy followed by the latter league in connection with naval matters. Mr. Smith was now vice-president of the Cambridge University branch of the Navy League and chairman of the universities sub-committee. Mr. Wyatt at one time acted as honorary secretary, also Navy League envoy to the colonies. The council and committee of the Imperial Maritime League include many prominent members of the peerage and the naval and military services. The objects of the new league are stated to be: "To secure that the primary object of the national policy shall be to win and hold command of the sea. "The creation of a strategy department within the admiralty with authority in matters relating to the maintenance of a navy fully up to the 'two-power' standard, as defined by Lord Cawdor (late first lord of the admiralty) on the 3rd November, 1906, and tailoring the additional needs of the Empire in regard to cruisers—and, further, the maintenance of such navy in an indubitably efficient state. "To carry out the unfulfilled general aims of the old league in their widest application. "The consideration by parliament of the best means of reducing, so far as

EXCITING RUNAWAY.

Occupants of Hask Norewsky Escape by Jumping from Window. Vancouver, May 27.—Frightened by an auto-delivery wagon, a team of horses ran away along the C. P. R. wharf this morning and overturned a wagon with two girls and two children inside. The police wagon went right through the windows of the hack, but the occupants escaped without injury.

The team was drawn a contractor's wagon when a big auto van came along the wharf. The scared horses backed, and the rear wheels of the wagon went over the edge of the wharf. The team jumped down and took one rein, while a spectator took the other, and the horses were dragged free with the wagon, but got away and dashed down the narrow wharf. Coming down the waterfront was Stanley park, and a hack, inside of which were Dr. McConnell, of Texas, his wife, another lady and two little children.

The hack driver saw the runaway team coming down on him, and turned in between cars 3 and 4 sheds, but did not get clear, the heavy wagon over-smashing through the glass. Help was promptly forthcoming, and the frightened people extricated, when it was found that they were not even scratched.

Mrs. McConnell and the children experienced a miraculous escape at Esquimalt a few days ago, when in a runaway rig, and they were on their way to join the Queen City, en route for home, when the accident occurred this morning.

CONTRACTORS PLAN ACTIVE WORK IN B. C.

G. T. P. Construction From Prince Rupert to Aberdeen to Be Undertaken.

Prince Rupert, May 24.—J. W. Stewart, managing engineer in Canada of Foley, Welch & Stewart, who have contracted to build hundreds of miles of the Grand Trunk Pacific, and who are building the first hundred miles east from Prince Rupert, arrived here on Wednesday night from Montreal by the C. P. R. steamship Princess Beatrice. He was accompanied by J. B. L. Macdonald, the firm's superintendent, and by Neil Keith, contractor of Winnipeg, and others who will take charge of the work.

EMPIRE DAY ON PENDER ISLAND

Time Beguiled by Many Sports—Occasion Proves Noted Success.

Pender Island, May 25.—Empire Day was celebrated on the island by a picnic held near Hope Bay, the place of gathering being one of the most desirable for the occasion, as the long stretch of level green gave ample room for sports, while the nearby maples afforded shade when desired. In the early part of the morning the weather threatened tears, and even shed just enough to help nature perform her ablutions, and be in readiness to hold her annual reception. Then with the optimism of British Columbia summer sunshine the clouds dispersed and old Sol came forth with a beneficent warmth, converting the day into a glorious one.

The popularity of this annual celebration as well as the patriotic spirit of the residents, was well shown at Rupert. We will be in a position to let the work to other sub-contractors who are here, or are expected to arrive within a few days. When at Copper Island we will more than likely let contracts for clearing the right-of-way on the Copper River and the Kitimat branch. The work of clearing the Kitimat section will be commenced by Brothers as soon as they finish the piece of clearing work they have at Prince Rupert.

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TWO JAPS DROWN DURING HEAVY GALE

Vancouver, May 27.—The heavy gale that prevailed on the Gulf and along the coast on Sunday morning, wrought havoc on many small craft and led to the present two fatalities have been reported.

K. Nakano, aged 51, and M. Inonaya, aged 24, two Japanese fishermen, were out in the storm. As they were nearing Steveston a huge wave struck the boat and the frail craft capsized. The men were poor swimmers and were not able to battle in the angry sea. The bodies were brought to the city yesterday and the funeral took place yesterday afternoon. Rev. Sasaki conducted the service according to the Buddhist rites, and the bodies were interred in Mount View cemetery.

COUNCIL BUYS SMITH'S HILL PROPERTY OWNERS AND CITY AGREE

Fifteen Thousand Dollars is Price—Amusement By-law is Now in Force.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The effects of the holidays were reflected in the energy displayed at last night's council meeting. The members present, while apparently willing to forego their sleep in order to transact the city's business, nevertheless sighed a breath of relief when the council adjourned a few minutes after 10 o'clock. No momentous question came up for consideration and so the aldermen had an unusually quiet meeting. One important announcement made at the meeting was contained in a report that the owners of the property on Smith's hill had agreed to accept \$15,000 for it.

Mr. Adams' estimates for the new distribution system \$7,000 was placed down as the likely cost of this property. Among other matters that came up was Ald. Gleason's amusement by-law, known also as the Sunday closing by-law, which was reconsidered, adopted and finally passed, and all licenses issued for billiard and pool rooms, bowling alleys, skating rinks, dance halls and other licensed places of amusement will in future be closed on Sunday. The recipients bid themselves not to open their places of business on Sunday. The by-law also requires that these places close each night at midnight. Ald. Gleason's estimates for the new system and also for a scow and for towing garbage out to sea. The location of the dog pound came up again, another subject which was referred to it having a decided kick to register.

All the members of the council were present except Aldermen Fullerton and Stewart. He was accompanied by J. B. L. Macdonald, the firm's superintendent, and by Neil Keith, contractor of Winnipeg, and others who will take charge of the work. Mr. Stewart may be quoted as saying: "All the work between Prince Rupert and Aberdeen has been let, excepting a piece extending around Porpoise Island and Inverness. The following named contractors will, no doubt, be allotted work as soon as they can inspect it, commencing at Aberdeen: Neil Keith, of Winnipeg; Macdonald & McAllister, of Vancouver; J. B. L. Macdonald, of Vancouver; M. Shady, who was with us in double-tracking the C. P. R. between Winnipeg and Port William; Smith Brothers, of Kenora, who are off the same work; and Messrs. Stein & Co., of Vancouver, who have been with us at Copper River.

"Mr. Macdonald and myself will take the steamer Port Simpson at Port Eslington and our return to Prince Rupert. From there we intend to drop down the river in a rowboat, and make a personal inspection of the line, so as to be able to divide the work between our return to Prince Rupert. We will be in a position to let the work to other sub-contractors who are here, or are expected to arrive within a few days. When at Copper Island we will more than likely let contracts for clearing the right-of-way on the Copper River and the Kitimat branch. The work of clearing the Kitimat section will be commenced by Brothers as soon as they finish the piece of clearing work they have at Prince Rupert.

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WEDDED AT NANAIMO.

Nanaimo, May 27.—A very pretty wedding took place on Monday at St. Peter's church, when Rev. Father Heyman officiated in the bonds of holy matrimony Joseph V. Gibson, of Vancouver, and May Greenwell, also of Vancouver, but formerly a resident of the Coast City. The bride, who was given away by Mr. John Slaven, Jr., looked charming in a cream silk dress, with a cream chiffon hat, and has many friends both in Vancouver and Nanaimo. She was assisted by Miss Alice Cody, of Vancouver, who wore white organdy with a white hat, trimmed with blue flowers. Mr. John Greenwell, brother of the bride, was best man. After the ceremony, a reception and wedding breakfast were held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Slaven. The table was very prettily decorated and the guests did ample justice to the sumptuous wedding breakfast so well prepared by the friends of the bride, Mrs. Slaven and Mrs. Kaleen. The honeymoon is being spent here and in Victoria, after which the happy pair will return to Vancouver, where they will take up their residence at 1030 Richards street.

A PRETTY WEDDING HELD AT COWICHAN

Miss Ford and Dr. Elliott Were Married Yesterday. At Mapleknova, the residence of the bride's parents, yesterday, the residents of the Cowichan district assembled to witness the wedding of Miss M. Ruth Ford to Dr. Robert Elliott, of Wilmer, which took place at two o'clock, Rev. M. Robertson officiating. Miss Ethel Ford and Miss Kate Robertson acted as bridesmaids, while Stanley Gledy supported the groom. Dr. and Mrs. Elliott arrived in Victoria last evening on the E. & N. train, and are guests at the Empress hotel. After spending a few days here they will leave for the Harrison Hot Springs, and will spend some time on the Malahat before returning to Vancouver Island. The guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ford at Mapleknova were high in praise of the decorative design of the apartments prepared for the ceremony in the family home, which had been in the hands of Miss Bell of Victoria. One of the most noteworthy features was a large bell, formed of dogwood blossoms, which early in the spring converts the Cowichan valley into a natural garden. The wedding ceremony was performed under this bell. The bride wore a dress of crepe de chene over white tulle, and the bridesmaids wore dresses of pink organdy.

Tenders for the 310 valves required for the new waterworks distribution system were received as follows: Canadian General Electric Company, Vancouver, \$4,300; T. McAvity, St. John, B. C., two tenders, one at \$3,600.50 and the other at \$3,775; Coldwell Bros. & Co., Seattle, \$5,047.50; Robertson-Gordon Company, of Vancouver, \$3,830.25; W. E. Winterburn, Victoria, \$4,300; R. Rithel & Co., Victoria, \$5,455; Robertson Ward & Co., Limited, Victoria, \$5,230; Walter S. Fraser & Co., Limited, Victoria, \$3,674.57; John T. Farmer, of Montreal, and Mitchell Bros, of this city also tendered, but their offers were not totaled up, and the amounts were not available. The tenders were referred to the water commissioner, the city electrician and the purchasing agent for report.

Tenders for the scow required by the city for the disposal of garbage, and for towing the garbage out to sea, were received as follows: John Gillis, scow \$250; William Turpel, \$3,800; Victoria machinery depot, \$3,225; L. Beckwith, with the use of a tug, \$475 per month; Michael Hare, \$8 per trip, if the city supplied a man on the scow and at the same wharf, and \$8 per trip, if the city did not, or \$156 per month, if the city supplied a man on the scow and at the wharf, or \$248 if the city did not, these monthly figures to include all trips that would be necessary to make. J. Goodwin, \$350 per month, if he supplied the scow, and \$250 per month if the city supplied it; Richard Bennett, to construct a scow, \$2,775; Alex. Watson, Jr., scow \$2,350; A. C. Gardiner, supply scow and make 30 trips per month for \$300 per month, with all extra trips at the rate of \$4 each; T. P. West, scow as it stands at present for \$1,000, or put into shape for use for \$1,500. The tenders were referred to the special garbage committee consisting of Aldermen Hall, Henderson and Gleason and the city engineer for report.

The finance committee report was adopted as read. It authorized the payment of \$7,460 on account of current expenditure, of \$400 in connection with the improvement of the Quadra cemetery of \$15,370 on account of waterworks loan and of \$10,000 on account of the sewer loan guarantee.

Ald. Henderson's resolution that the city dog pound be transferred to the people living near it came up, being introduced by a letter from George J. Jones. Mr. Jones asked the removal of the pound, and said: "If you understand what a howling nuisance it is you would have it removed at once." Ald. Hall said that he was working on a by-law dealing with the dog pound generally and that when it was passed it would have the effect of removing the complaint of the people of Spring Ridge, who are no complaining that the pound is a nuisance.

Mrs. Jones explained that Mr. Patton's solicitors had been informed that the money was ready for them and that Mr. Patton's complaint was therefore being withdrawn. On motion of Ald. Norman the letter was referred to the city solicitors.

H. D. Cole applied for the position of chief electric inspector under Ald. Gleason's amendment to the Sunday closing by-law. The writer said that he had been twenty years a resident of Victoria and for fifteen years of that time had had a license as a hotel keeper. Mr. Cole will be informed that it is intended that the chief of police shall fulfill the duties of inspector under the by-law.

Mr. Raymond, water commissioner, reported that the owners of the property required for the reservoir site on Smith's hill had agreed to accept \$15,000 for it. The report was received and the various officials empowered to complete the deal.

A report from the building inspector that the house belonging to Walter Smith, which it was proposed to move from Tennyson street to Burnside road was worth only \$600, while the by-laws required that only buildings worth at least \$750 could be moved along the streets, was referred to the city engineer for his guidance in connection with the application of the owner.

Mussons Limited wrote that since the city engineer had been instructed by the city they had been instructed by their principals, the Ruston-Proctor company of Montreal, that the price had been reduced. They asked that the city accept the new price as their tender and offered in case their previous tender had been accepted, to let the city have the roller at the new price. The letter was referred to the committee that has the tenders in hand.

In connection with the other tenders, Ald. Henderson reported owing to the holiday and for other reasons it had not yet had a full meeting of the committee. The streets, bridges and sewers committee was also given power to let the contract for a road roller and scarifier as advertised for.

A petition was received from John Miller et al, complaining of the caterpillar pest on Oswego street, and was referred to the sanitary inspector.

In connection with this matter Ald. Maple pointed out that in the list of duties of the street superintendent, the looking after the caterpillar pest was included, while under another by-law the sanitary officer was made responsible for the carrying out of the regulations in this respect. While the sanitary inspector was at his work he suggested that he should take a look at the trees on the Indian reserve before the caterpillars carried them off.

The city assessor and the city engineer reported on the cost of the proposed improvements on Catherine street, Victoria West, including permanent sidewalks with curbs and gutters and also grading and macadamizing the street. This was received and will take the usual course.

CHINESE IN VANCOUVER CITY

Riot Inquiry Brings Out Interesting Figures. Celestials Own \$3,000,000 Worth of Property—12,000 in Province. Vancouver, May 27.—The four thousand five hundred Vancouver Chinese own property within the boundaries of the Chinese quarter worth two million dollars and property outside of it, but within the city, which is worth one million dollars. This includes land, stores, houses, and stock in trade. This was the estimate of the President Shum Moon, of the Chinese board of trade who was the star witness in today's second session of Commissioner King's inquiry. It was given in answer to questions by the Celestials' counsel, Arthur McEvoy, for the commissioner. He estimated the number of Chinese in the province at 12,000.

Of the 4,500 in the city, fully 1,500 worked in mills while 500 were domestic servants. A large proportion of the balance are merchants and nearly all the Chinese in the local celestial land own places they occupy. In President Moon's interesting and exhaustive examination of the tragedy of the North Arm road during the riot week when a Chinaman hanged himself to a tree was recalled in an item for expenses for an auto. Officials of the Chinese board of trade had used that method of investigating the case to allay the Celestial excitement which followed the circulation of that alarming news.

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BRITISH ARRESTED AT PENDER ISLAND

Practising Medicine Without License. Princeton, Ind., June 3.—A man of this city, has been arrested by the British consular authorities for practicing medicine without a license. The man, who was charging medicine with Schluter claims to be British subject, and has been arrested by the British consular authorities in Washington in asking of his government an Ambassador to Chicago consul has taken investigation. The mayor of a full statement.

HOW TO PROVE THAT MRS. GUNES STARTLING DEVELOPMENT PECTED IN "CASTLE MYSTER"

Chicago, Ill., June 3.—The Record-Herald from says: Herman W. Worden, Lamphire, held on by a derling Mrs. Gunnes, children by setting fire to a statement yesterday. The defence would not attempt to prove that alive. "We have every expectation letters to-morrow indicate the revolution. I received a letter from as May 4th to come the fact."

ARTHUR MCLAGLEN, CHAMPION HEAVYWEIGHT OF PROVINCE.

Arthur McLaglen, the champion heavyweight boxer of British Columbia, who last night won the Paris, of Vancouver, is a native of Chislewick, London, England, and is the son of the Bishop of Clairmont, the titular bishop of Cape Colony, South Africa.

The McLaglen family consists of nine brothers and one sister, of which six of the brothers are all over six feet in height. McLaglen, the present champion, stands six feet two and one half inches in his stockings, weighs one hundred and ninety-five pounds, and will be twenty years of age on June 25th next. This family of giants is headed by the eldest brother, Frederick, who is six feet seven inches and twenty-six years of age. The two brothers who are under six feet are but children, the youngest five years of age, and the other still a youth not yet half out of his teens. Miss McLaglen, the sister of the giant brothers, measures five feet nine inches in height.

Arthur McLaglen, the champion, prior to coming to America one year and eight months ago, was engaged in his father's Gordon Nursery homes which are situated at Shadwell, London, and which are a charitable institution, maintained from the bishop's private purse and by private subscriptions. Since coming to this country McLaglen has followed wrestling all down the coast and his match last night was his first boxing bout in the country.

Speaking of the affair this morning, McLaglen said that if Paris was not satisfied he was perfectly willing to make another match with him and give him a chance to retrieve his lost laurels. McLaglen will, for the future, make a short visit to his friends in Tacoma, and then return to his home in London, follow up his victory of last night and go into the game more thoroughly, with a view to reaching the top of the tree.

He says that his father, the bishop, always encouraged the boys in sports of all kinds including boxing and wrestling, but that he does not take any interest in the professional boxing proposal which his son intends to follow for the future.

THE TROUBLES OF AN NAVY LEAGUE

OFFICIALS OF NEW BODY EXPRESS OPINION. Action of Local Branch Results in Statement Being Made. (From Thursday's Daily.) The latest number of Canada contains the following interesting information based upon the resolution passed by the local branch of the Navy League at a recent meeting.

We have received from Mr. Pierson, the secretary of the Victoria and Esquimalt branch of the Navy League, which is one of the most active of the league's offshoots in the Dominion, the following cablegram, dated May 1st: "At the annual meeting of the Victoria and Esquimalt branch of the Navy League, which was held last night, a resolution was passed endorsing the action taken by the committee with regard to the split which has taken place in the parent body and desiring the action which will result in the formation of a separate body. The resolution proceeded to the effect that as the objects of the old and new leagues were identical, the members of the Victoria and Esquimalt branch recommended and pressed for such a resolution as would make adhesion to both bodies possible for their members, so doubling instead of dividing strength to fight for the original purpose for which the Navy League was formed. The resolution was proposed by Mr. Clive Phillips-Wolley, and seconded by Mr. Redfern, ex-mayor of Victoria."

Upon the receipt of this cablegram a representative of Canada called at the offices of the Navy League and was informed by the president, Mr. R. A. Terburgh, that the only statement he would make on the matter is that so far as the Navy League is concerned it is not the intention to make the slightest overtures to the seceding members for the purpose of re-union. He then interviewed Mr. G. B. G. Horton-Smith, K. C., and Mr. Harold F. Wyatt, honorary joint founders and secretaries of the newly formed Imperial Maritime League, who made the following statement: "The resolution passed by the Victoria and Esquimalt branch of the old Navy League, in favor of reunion with the Imperial Maritime League, was a natural and most patriotic. Unfortunately those who adopted it did not, and could not, know that throughout the whole period of controversy, dating from our resignation and those of other members of their body, the executive committee of the old Navy League have peremptorily rejected all ideas of compromise, and have resolutely adhered to their attitude of blind support of the naval policy of the present government and of Sir John Fisher. We back Sir John Fisher, were indeed, the actual cause used by the executive committee of the old Navy League in a recently published interview."

"Briefly, the position is this: that the Liberal government are the tool of the little England and little navy section of their supporters, that Sir John Fisher is the tool of the Liberal government, and that the old Navy League is the tool of Sir John Fisher. In that capacity the Navy League bustles itself in stifling criticism, and in condoning, palliating, and defending the financial starvation of the British navy, with all the deadly evil which such starvation has occasioned. "The old Navy League has even approved the abandonment by Britain of the attempt to command the Pacific, an abandonment which is and will be denounced to the utmost by the Imperial Maritime League. "We may mention that Mr. H. W. Wilson, one of the foremost naval writers in the Empire, and for many years editor of the old Navy League's journal, has just left the Navy League in final disgust, and has transferred his support to the new organization, the Imperial Maritime League, joining both its council and the executive committee. "Inasmuch as the Navy League declines to publish in the Navy League Journal communications from us (for that has been the case up to the present), it has not been possible for the branches of the old league overseas, or indeed for members and associates of the old league in the mother country generally to ascertain (except in so far as they may have seen letters from us in the public press) the actual state of the rest situation. We cannot but think that the real situation once grasped, the Navy League adherents would insist upon the Navy League committee taking a different attitude to the one which they are in fact taking. "The Imperial Maritime League was founded on January 27, 1908, by Mr. Smith and Mr. Wyatt, who succeeded from the committee of the Navy League as a protest against the policy followed by the latter league in connection with naval matters. Mr. Smith was now vice-president of the Cambridge University branch of the Navy League and chairman of the universities sub-committee. Mr. Wyatt at one time acted as honorary secretary, also Navy League envoy to the colonies. The council and committee of the Imperial Maritime League include many prominent members of the peerage and the naval and military services. The objects of the new league are stated to be: "To secure that the primary object