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MARTIN TURNED DOWN

"Fighting Joe" Will not Be Allowed to Name Cabinet.

LIEUT.-GOV. McINNES
JEERED BY THE HOUSE.

Wildest Scene of Disorder Ever
Known in B. C. History.

It is Probable That Hon. Fred Peter
Will now Be Called Upon to Form
a new Government—Fatal Railway
Wreck—Three Women Cremated

Victoria, B. C., March 3, via Skagway, March 7.—Lieut. Gov. McInnes has called upon Joe Martin, late attorney general, to form a new government for the province. Upon the presentation of Martin's name before the house a unanimous vote of want of confidence was immediately passed. The lieutenant governor endeavored to speak, but was hooted and jeered until he was compelled to leave the house. The wildest scene ever witnessed in the history of British Columbia then ensued. Members stood in their seats and shouted and jeered until they were hoarse. It is probable the Hon. Fred Peters will be called upon now to form the cabinet.

On February 23d, the British Columbia government was defeated by a vote of 19 to 18. The question was precipitated during the consideration of the redistribution bill, which measure was deemed to be exceedingly fair; and the reaction against the administration was unexpected, as Joe Martin had promised to support any impartial bill of redistribution. It is evident that the opposition do not intend to be saddled with Joe Martin. If Mr. Peters fails to form a government, the administration will seek dissolution and go to the country with a new distribution measure.

Trains Collide.

Kansas City Mo., Feb. 27, via Skagway, March 7.—A St. Louis express train was run into last night by a passenger train bound for this city, both trains being badly wrecked. A parlor car in which a number of passengers were riding was cut in two in the middle. The car immediately caught fire and was almost entirely burned. The efforts of both train crews were immediately turned toward extricating the unfortunate passengers from the wreck but before they succeeded in doing so three women who were injured in the collision had been burned to death. Ten other passengers were seriously injured, several of whom will probably die.

A \$1,000,000 Loss by Fire.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 27, via Skagway, March 7.—A fire in the dry goods district in Newark destroyed property to the amount of \$1,000,000. Most of the loss is covered by insurance.

Troubles in Puerto Rico.

New York, Feb. 13.—Iglesias and Eduardo Conde, Puerto Rican labor leaders, who arrived here from that island a few days ago, have issued an appeal to this government on behalf of the workingmen of Puerto Rico.

The delegates, who have established headquarters in this city, declare that the working class of their island have

been reduced by reason of the war, the hurricane and the action of this government since the storm, to a condition of extreme destitution.

They declare that unless action is taken soon riots will occur throughout the island, as the poor are desperate from their sufferings. To get justice, say these delegates, is almost impossible for the poor, and laws chiefly result in the disfranchisement of the laborers. Of the 1,000,000 inhabitants, 600,000 are absolutely paupers through no fault of their own.

The workingmen demand a radical change in the government of the island, they demand that the following ordinances of Governor General Davis be annulled:

1. That the laborers on the public works shall not get more than 25 cents per day of eight hours' work.
2. That only property holders and taxpayers shall vote, and those who can read and write.
3. That the payment of \$1 shall be paid before a vote is cast.

The workingmen also ask that the ordinance forbidding appeals from the decisions of the tribunals be abrogated. They also want a general market for imports, and better schools.

THE PETITION IS CONSIDERED

And Census of District Ordered
By Yukon Council

Action of Council Will Be Wired to
Ottawa and Petition Forwarded
by Mail.

A special meeting of the council was held at 8 p. m. last night. Consideration was given to the communication from the citizens' committee respecting the petitions submitted to the council and addressed to the governor general in council, praying for the election of two members to the Yukon council. The clerk read a communication from C. M. Woodworth respecting this matter. Ordered that the receipt of the communication be acknowledged.

Moved by Mr. Clement, seconded by Mr. Girouard.

Resolved, That an immediate census of the territory be taken; that in the meantime the commissioner communicate by telegraph to the minister of the interior the purport of the petitions received from the citizens' committee and forward the original by mail, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the secretary of the said committee.

Mr. Clement presented an ordinance respecting the census and moved its first reading. Being a matter of urgency by unanimous consent a second reading of the bill was given.

Reading Room Concert.

The regular fortnight concert was given at the reading room of the Dawson library last Monday evening. A very interesting program was well rendered. The numbers were as follows:

Song, "Traced Her Footsteps in the Snow," Mr. Martin; recitation, "The Crooked Stick," Miss MacIntosh; song, "Beyond the Sea," Mr. Finney; recitation, "Adam and Eve," Commissioner Ogilvie; song, "The Children of the City," Mrs. Thompson; banjo selection by the Fire Brigade band; recitation, "Annual Supper of Fifty Pound Club," Mr. Cawan; song, "In Days of Old," Dr. MacDonald; autoharp solo, Mr. Griffith; recitation, "Revenge," Mr. Martin; banjo selection by the Fire

Brigade band; "God Save the Queen"

Among those present were: Mesdames Alex McDonald, McCaul, French, MacDonnell, West, Burrell, Davidson, Boyker, Misses Robinson, Freeman, Ross, the Misses Perry, Commissioner Ogilvie, Capt. Thacker, Surgeon Major Foster, Sergeant Major MacDonnell, Dr. Laing, Dr Hurdman, Messrs. Herbert, Hulme, Stewart and Mangold.

Marriage in High Life.

London, March 2, via Skagway, March 7.—Naval Commander Arthur Gough Galthrop and Effie Dunsmuir, daughter of the late Robert Dunsmuir, of Victoria, were married in London today.

An Honest Man.

A few days ago Constable Borrow of the town station had the misfortune to lose a B. N. A. \$20 bill. Yesterday he was notified by that bank that a bill of that description had been found on the street and left there by J. L. Anderson. The officer got his money and would now like to meet and thank the honest finder and perhaps say "here's to you" at a convenient hostelry.

GEO. HILLYER IN TROUBLE.

He Is Charged by Mrs. Chas. Meadows With Theft.

Alleged to Have Taken Money and Jewelry to the Value of \$70—In Jail Awaiting Trial.

George Hillyer, who is well known in Dawson theatrical circles, and, in fact, all over the Pacific coast, as a scenic painter, stage setter and a fairly good actor, is today an inmate of the territorial jail on the charge of theft. It is alleged that Hillyer yesterday afternoon entered the room of Mrs. Chas. Meadows in the Palace Grand building and extracted therefrom a bracelet to which were attached gold coins to the amount of \$50, the value of the property taken being, in all, about \$70. Hillyer was arrested last night and taken to the barracks where he spent the night. Before Police Magistrate Starnes this morning he waived hearing until 2 p. m. tomorrow. Leroy Tozier appeared in court as spokesman for Hillyer this morning.

Geo Hillyer came to Dawson early last summer with Frank Simons for the purpose of painting the scenery and arranging the stage in the very building in which he is now accused of committing a crime. Owing to the former prominence of the accused in certain circles, the result of his hearing tomorrow will be anxiously awaited.

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Of Cheating at Black Jack
With Marked Cards.

AFTER A TRIAL
OF TWO DAYS.

The Jury Occupied Little Time in
Reaching an Agreement.

The Testimony Seriously Reflected
Upon the Characters of Constables
Booth and Cunningham—Other
Cases in the Territorial Court.

The trial of Thomas Forrest has been concluded. About 6 o'clock yesterday evening the jury returned a verdict of guilty, and the accused is now confined in the government barracks awaiting sentence.

The case occupied the attention of the court for two days. The proceedings were enlivened several times by verbal altercations between the crown prosecutor and two of the witnesses for the defense.

The criminating witnesses for the crown were Constables Cunningham, Booth, Arnold, and ex Constable Alexander Dunn. Cunningham swore that on November 10th he played black jack at the defendant's table in the Aurora saloon; that, after losing a bet demanded the cards which had been in use; that he secured them and in company with Constable Arnold proceeded to a room in the Grotto saloon, where the cards were examined; that the cards were marked and he reported the matter to Constable Boothe. The witness then detailed what occurred in conversation with the defendant and with Thomas Chisholm, and according to his testimony nothing improper was said by him. Constable Arnold corroborated this evidence insofar as it connected him with the affair; but asserted that he and Cunningham separated soon after they left the Grotto saloon. Constable Boothe testified that upon being informed of the affair, he had talked with the prisoner, Tom Chisholm, Thomas Sparks, and one Smith, with a view of ascertaining who was responsible for the marked cards. Both Cunningham and Booth emphatically denied that they attempted to blackmail anyone; but it was admitted that \$36 had been previously given to Constable Cunningham as he claimed to have lost that sum at the same game. Ex-Constable Alexander Dunn swore

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Specials for This Week

Rex Brand Pork & Beans with Tomato Sauce
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