

FIRST STEP TO EXPROPRIATION

BY-LAW TO BE PASSED BY CITY COUNCIL

Ald. Turner Wants More Information From City Solicitor.

(From Monday's Daily.) As a preliminary to making an offer to the Esquimalt Waterworks Company of \$500,000 for its undertaking there will be introduced at the council meeting to-night a by-law to authorize expropriation proceedings under the legislation obtained last session.

The first step in the proceedings is the making of an offer, which the company has two months to accept or reject. If it decides that the offer is not enough—and one of \$300,000 was recently refused—then arbitration proceedings will follow along lines laid down in the act of last session.

As soon as the by-law has been finally passed the formal offer of \$500,000 will be made. The other evening, when Ald. Turner wanted to know if the city solicitor had consulted with the city barrister as to the city's power of expropriating the Esquimalt works before advising that E. P. Davis' opinion be obtained, the solicitor said he did not think it was in the public interest to answer.

TO INVESTIGATE EVILS OF PAY CHECK SYSTEM

San Francisco Coroner Says Conditions Call for Inquiry.

(Times Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Cal., July 5.—Coroner Leland announced to-day that when he holds an inquest, the latter part of this week, into the death of Miss Caroline Brasch, who was shot and killed by James Edward Cunningham in a dispute over a few cents difference in a pay cheque, he would call as witnesses everyone concerned in the affair.

WOMAN KILLED BY ELECTRIC SHOCK

Electrocuted While in Act of Turning Light in Store.

LITTLE GIRL'S LONG JOURNEY.

San Francisco, Cal., July 5.—Pretty little Palma Coglandro, aged six years, a survivor of the terrible earthquake that shattered the cities of Messina and Reggio last December, is in the city to-day.

GERMAN COUNCILLOR ACCUSED OF PERJURY

(Times Leased Wire.) Berlin, July 5.—Privy Councillor Hammann, by the foreign press, commander of Chancellor von Buslow, was arraigned in the central criminal court on a charge of perjury.

TAX RATE MAY BE TWO MILLS MORE

CITY'S GROWTH MEANS MORE EXPENDITURE

At Last Year's Rate There Would Be a Deficit of \$60,000.

(From Monday's Daily.) An additional two mills to the rate of taxation paid last year is likely to be the tax rate fixed this year. That will mean a rate of twenty-seven mills on the dollar. The rate will certainly be not less than twenty-six mills on the dollar.

Although the assessment is some \$3,600,000 greater than last year the expenditure made necessary by the progress and development of the city cannot be met without increasing the rate. Last year's rate would leave a deficit of about \$60,000. No steps have yet been taken towards striking the balance.

It is estimated that the revenue this year will be \$776,685.89, and the expenditure \$835,574, leaving a shortage of \$58,888.11. The expenditure authorized by the expenditure by-law passed not long ago, for general civic purposes, school board, board of health and hospital services was \$306,449. Since then there has been authorized a further expenditure on fire equipment of \$17,775 and on extensions of the salt-water high-pressure system of \$10,000, as well as \$1,300 for necessary increases in the police force.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN TRICENTENARY CELEBRATION OPENS AT CROWN POINT

Seth Low is the Principal Speaker—New England's Part in History.

(Times Leased Wire.) Crown Point, N. Y., July 5.—Hon. Seth Low, official speaker at the Lake Champlain tercentenary celebration to-day, said in part: "We are met to-day on this memorable spot, where men of many nations have battled in days gone by, to celebrate the three hundredth anniversary of the discovery of this beautiful and historic lake by Samuel de Champlain, and also to celebrate the one hundred and thirty-third anniversary of the independence of the United States.

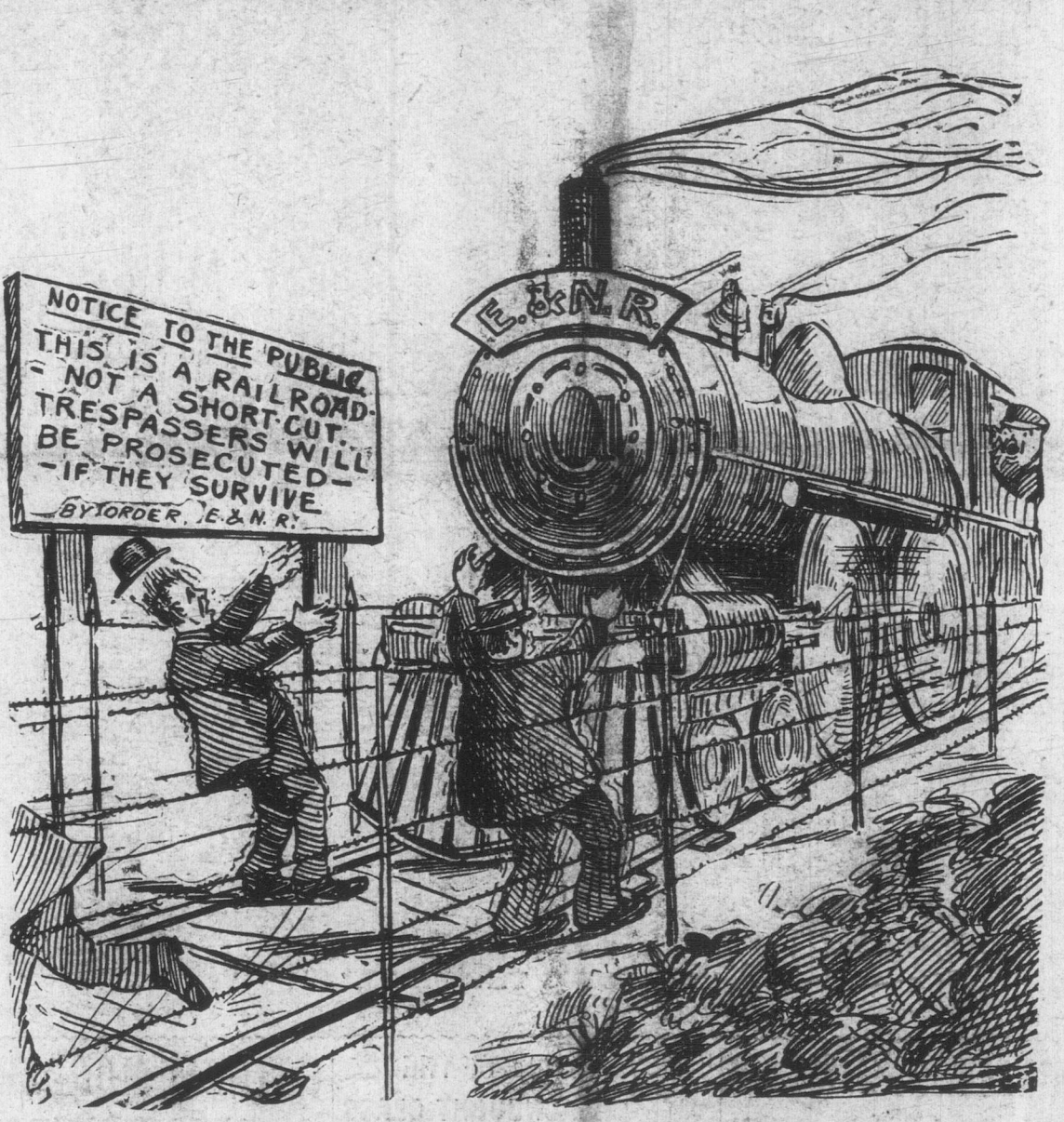
PAYS TRIBUTE TO UNITED STATES

Japanese Ambassador Speaks at Celebration in Philadelphia.

(Times Leased Wire.) Philadelphia, Pa., July 5.—Baron Takahira, Japanese ambassador at Washington, made an address here to-day at the Independence Day celebration. He praised the relationship of the United States and Japan and said that his nation had been greatly benefited by it.

STABLEMAN LOSES LIFE IN FLAMES

FIFTY OTHER MEN HAVE NARROW ESCAPE



AN ANCIENT PRIVILEGE WITHDRAWN.

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San Francisco, Cal., July 5.—The body of Carl Howard, a stableman, was recovered to-day in the ruins of the Warren Improvement Company's stables, on Ninth street, near Howard, where 158 horses were burned to death early to-day. The lives of fifty men, asleep in the Rainier lodging house, adjoining, which was also destroyed, were imperiled by the fire, but all escaped without serious injury.

ROUNDING OFF THE FEDERATION

RHODESIA DESIRED BY SOUTH AFRICAN UNION

(Times Leased Wire.) Capetown, Cape Colony, July 5.—It is reported from Bulawayo, Rhodesia, that General Louis Botha, premier of the Transvaal, at the request of the South African National Convention, will offer the Chartered South African Company \$100,000,000 for the purchase of Rhodesia by United South Africa.

RAILROAD TRAFFIC TIED UP BY FLOOD

Six Hundred Feet of Track at Swift Current, Sask., Washed Away.

(Times Leased Wire.) Vancouver, B. C., July 5.—A special from Swift Current, Sask., says that six hundred feet of the main line of the C. P. R. has been washed away there and traffic will be tied up for several days. The Little Saskatchewan river has overflowed its banks and in the town people are using boats.

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Cossacks Defending the Shah Greatly Outnumbered by Rebels.

(Times Leased Wire.) St. Petersburg, July 5.—Communication with Teheran was severed to-day and grave fears are entertained for the safety of the foreign residents. Latest reports received from the besieged city stated that the Shah's palace had been fortified with Cossacks and it was expected that the rebels would soon make an attack.

The native population at Teheran is panicky and a general massacre is feared. The people were barricading themselves in their houses at last reports in anticipation of the entrance of the rebels into the city and it is feared that bloodshed has occurred since wire communication has been cut off.

(Special to the Times.) London, July 5.—Lord Strathcona, presiding at the annual meeting of the Hudson's Bay Company, said they were unable to recommend a dividend equal to that of 1908, but circumstances are such that shareholders may be disposed to look at it as unsatisfactory. There was a profit of \$80,000, and they had now available for disposal \$250,000, which would permit of 15¢ per share, leaving \$105,000 to be carried forward. The report was adopted.

BABY FOUND DEAD

Seattle, Wash., July 5.—The body of a baby four months old was found, naked between the street car tracks at the junction of the Green Lake and Wallingford avenues, near a Woodland Park avenue and Ewing street, at 8:30 last night. That the child had been dead but a few hours was the opinion of the deputy coroner.

DIES ON STEAMER

Seattle, Wash., July 5.—Mrs. Anna Zeron, en route from Prince Rupert to her home in Portland, Ore., expired of cancer on the steamer Humboldt yesterday afternoon just before port was reached. The body will be shipped to Portland. Mr. Zeron is established in business at Prince Rupert.

FIRE FOLLOWS SHOCKS AT MESSINA

Flames Spread Rapidly Over Ruins—People Seek Safety in Flight.

(Times Leased Wire.) Rome, July 5.—Following several severe earthquake shocks, fire broke out in the ruins of Messina to-day and is raging unchecked, the people who have been living there having fled to places of safety.

DEATH ROLL OF FOURTH OF JULY

NUMBER OF FATALITIES DURING CELEBRATIONS

Many Persons Are Injured by The Explosion of Fireworks.

(Times Leased Wire.) St. Louis, July 5.—One boy is dead and 54 persons are suffering injuries to-day as the result of this morning's Independence Day celebration. Several of the injured are expected to die.

Isadore Hart is among the most seriously injured. He was hurt last night when he mistook a candle cracker for a roman candle. Grasping the huge cracker in his right hand the boy waved it about his head, expecting to see stars shooting skyward. The explosion of the cracker blew off his arm and he will probably die from his injuries.

Nine Injured at Portland. Portland, Ore., July 5.—Only nine victims of yesterday's celebration of the Fourth of July in this city, as far as the records show, are to-day nursing burned fingers and faces, one of them suffering from blood poisoning. It is expected that this list will be swelled before nightfall, as Independence Day is being celebrated in regular form to-day. Only four of the victims of Sunday's demonstration are known to the health officers.

KILLED WHILE LYING ASLEEP ON TRACK

Finding of Portion of Body on Engine Reveals Accident.

(Times Leased Wire.) Walla Walla, Wash., July 5.—A man supposed to be George Teachey, an Englishman, was run over and killed by an O. R. & N. special train yesterday. The man had evidently fallen asleep on the track. The engineer saw him, but thought the object was a dog and did not slacken speed. The finding of a necktie and pieces of flesh on the front of the engine revealed the accident when the engine reached the roundhouse. An investigation will be held to-day. The addresses in the man's account book were of English people.

ANNUAL REGATTA AT HENLEY OPENS

(Special to the Times.) London, July 5.—Henley presented its customary brilliant social scene on the opening of the annual regatta to-day. In the diamond sculls, first heat, Edge beat Gladstone by two lengths in 9:41. The second heat Stewart beat Powell easily in the same time. In the third heat Clouette beat Donaldson easily by a length and quarter in 10:10.