

MAYOR DILLING NOW IN OFFICE

Reins Handed Over to Him by Ex-Mayor Gill at Noon Yesterday—Chief Wappenstein Resigns

SEATTLE, Feb. 11.—Mr. Mayor, I have to announce the arrival of Mayor Elect George Dilling," said Bobby Boyce, his secretary.

"Good morning, George." "Good morning, Hiram. You're looking well."

"Now, just sign these bond acknowledgments and that will wind up my affairs," said Mayor Gill.

"Are you ready for the oath, Mr. Dilling?" inquired Superior Judge J. T. Ronald.

In rapid succession the foregoing questions were asked and answered at noon today, when George W. Dilling, successful recall candidate for mayor, appeared at the mayor's office to take up the reins of city government. Flowers in profusion, for both mayor and mayor-elect covered tables in private office and lobby.

Mayor Gill spent the morning in winding up his office affairs. Following the administering of the oath of office, Mayor Gill wanted to know if Mayor Dilling had filed his official bond.

"I have not," responded the new mayor.

"Then I can't legally turn over the city to you, George," said Mr. Gill.

"We'll let it go. I can stand it, if you can."

Chief of Police Wappenstein was not among those who witnessed the little scene in the mayor's office. He was not seen because the city hall except for a few minutes this morning. Police Captain J. D. Ryan, chief electrical engineer, assumed charge of the lighting department, and for an hour and a half the office of police chief was tenanted.

The first order issued by the mayor was that all saloons and cafes must be closed at midnight and that the Sunday closing law must be strictly observed.

HILLMAN'S FRAUDS

More Witnesses Testify as to Bogus Chicken Ranch and Valueless Town Lots

SEATTLE, Feb. 10.—Additional evidence concerning the methods employed by Clarence F. Hillman, the millionaire townsite promoter, on trial in federal court on a charge of using the mail to defraud, was given by witnesses for the government today. F. H. DeBrenty testified that he left his home in Cincinnati and came to Seattle to invest in Birmingham property after reading advertisements offering for sale a well stocked chicken ranch. When he got to Birmingham he failed to find the chicken ranch, but was persuaded by Hillman's agent to invest his savings in some town lots. He made the investment upon the representation that a woman was going to start a sawmill at Birmingham, and that Hillman instructed him to hire no men who had not made a payment on a lot.

"Work them a couple of days and then let them go," was the order given by Hillman, Graham said. The witness said that when he looked over the plan he found that it was worthless, the only machinery being an old boiler and an engine. He said Hillman told him that he had brought the boiler and engine from Pacific City, where he had worked the same scheme.

H. J. Nutt, chief executive officer for the Pacific Northwest properties of the Northern Pacific railroad, testified that he had never considered building to Boston Harbor. He said that he had never heard of Birmingham, and when shown his location of the map said that the Northern Pacific had not planned to build a branch to the townsite.

DAIRY COMPETITION

B. C. Association Directors Decide on Policy to Encourage Small Dairyman

The directors of the B. C. Dairying association held their first meeting for the year yesterday. Those present were Mr. W. E. Buckingham, president; the deputy minister of agriculture, the provincial livestock commissioner, Mr. F. J. Bishop of Sidney, Mr. A. C. Aitken of Duncan, Mr. Alexander McMurtry of Armstrong, Mr. A. H. Maclean of Bentinck Island, Mr. William Duncan of Comox, Mr. R. W. Holliday of Salmon Arm, Dr. S. F. Tolmie, and the secretary, Mr. F. H. Moore. The resignation of Mr. J. Turner of Matsqui was accepted and Mr. E. A. Wells was appointed to the board of directors in his place. Mr. A. C. Wells of Chilliwack being re-elected secretary.

It was decided to divide the dairy farm competition into two classes, so as to encourage the small dairyman. The present cup will be kept for competition among dairies having fifteen cows or over. Another cup will be provided for competition among dairies having from five to fifteen cows. The time for entering the competition was extended to the 1st of May. Three judges were appointed, Messrs. F. Bishop, W. E.

WANTS DIRECT VOTE FOR SENATORS AND ABOLITION OF ELECTORAL COLLEGE—ALSO IN FAVOR OF RECIPROCITY

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Feb. 11.—The election of United States senators by direct vote of the people is favored by Theodore Roosevelt.

He believes the constitution should be so amended as to provide for popular election. In a Lincoln Day speech here tonight Colonel Roosevelt came out squarely for the amendment.

"One of the progressive policies upon which I think the great majority of progressives are agreed is that United States senators should be elected by popular vote," said Colonel Roosevelt.

"The constitution should in my judgment, be so amended as to provide for this."

"KID" COTTON IS KNOCKED OUT

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Geo. "Kid" Cotton, of Pittsburg, former sparring partner of Jack Johnson, was knocked out here yesterday by Morris Harris in the seventh round of a ten-round bout. The negro furnished the fastest battle seen here between heavyweights in years, and the knock out came as the sensational close of a round in which Cotton apparently had Harris on his feet. Harris had the better of the earlier rounds, and in the third put Cotton down for the count of nine with a right awing to the jaw. When Cotton scrambled to his feet he was groggy, but the bell saved him. He came back strong in the next round, and just before the knock-out had Harris weak and covering up. In the last minute of the seventh Cotton forced Harris hard, but out of a defensive crouch Harris suddenly let fly a right awing that caught Cotton fairly over the heart, and he crumpled like a leaf.

WORKING HARD FOR AGREEMENT

President Taft and His Cabinet Sparing No Effort to Influence Congress—Bill Up Today

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The campaign of the Taft administration for ratification of the reciprocity agreement with Canada, moved on pace today. The House committee on ways and means held its final hearing and is expected in executive session tomorrow to vote to report it favorably.

President Taft left tonight for the west, and in speeches tomorrow at Columbus, Ohio, and Saturday at Springfield, Illinois, he will emphasize still further his advocacy of the agreement.

Secretary Wilson, of the department of agriculture, added his word to the reciprocity chorus in the form of a long and forceful "open letter" addressed to the House Democrats.

The Democratic members of the Senate will meet in caucus tomorrow morning. Ostensibly the conference was called to outline a programme in relation to all pending legislative matters, but it is the Canadian agreement which consumes practically all the discussion and that the Democrats will determine upon a policy respect to it is now believed. Democratic leaders say naturally the Democrats are holding off because of the feeling that President Taft might be benefited politically by its adoption by congress.

The Democrats are also inclining to view say they hesitate to assist in extricating the Republican party from any of its difficulties.

The attitude of the minority in the senate may be influenced by Democratic sentiment house when the McCall bill to carry the agreement into force, is put on its passage. The indications are that the Democrats will support the bill, in which case the senate Democrats will follow suit. The first open vote in support of the agreement in the senate was heard today, when Senator Beveridge advocated its adoption. In the House the situation has been swiftly shaping itself, and gives indications of resulting in speedy action.

PLAGUE RECORD

Only Three Survivors out of 1109 Cases in Harbin—Thirty Europeans Die

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 9.—Chief Sanitary Inspector Malinovsky at Harbin, has sent a telegraphic report to the minister for the interior on plague conditions in that district. The record of cases for the week, he said, showed an abatement due to the reduced sanitary measures.

From November 31 to February 8 there have been 1109 cases and 1109 deaths at Harbin. These included thirty Europeans, among whom were three doctors, three assistant surgeons, one medical student and sixteen nurses.

The five-day observation regulation has been carried out in the case of 8254 persons. Brick kilns have been employed for the cremation of the dead.

School at Port Simpson

Tenders are invited by the public works department for the erection of a large one-room school at Port Simpson, the time for receiving tenders in this regard expiring on the 28th instant.

GOOD PROGRESS IN LEGISLATURE

Important Bills, Including Fire Insurance and Coal Mines Regulations Well Advanced During Week

While considerable legislation has been advanced during the past week, the week cannot be said to have been marked by many salient incidents. At the same time it is an evidence of how closely the proceedings of the legislature are watched, that quotation by Hon. Peter Elliott on Monday last of a rumor that James C. Hill had given financial assistance to the grain men of Manitoba in their campaign for reciprocity, brought a wired report from Winnipeg the next day that the president of the Grain Growers' Association was threatening the finance minister with a suit for libel because of his statement.

"That rumor was evidently based on a report of Mr. Hillson's statement that had warned and thrived beyond its original proportions in its journey over twelve hundred miles of hot wire. It is apparently by this time cooled off and suppressed, and it is unlikely that anything further will be heard about it."

In the meantime the temporary illness of Mr. Specker Everts has hung up the debate on the reciprocity regulation of Mr. Hawley's department, and yet he is something of a leveler, even though his leveling is oftentimes done with a legislative club. In this bill he evens up matters between those who manufacture and those who have local offices, and those who insure with outside companies, by compelling both to pay directly or indirectly a two per cent tax to the government on their premiums, while the local offices paid one per cent, and the outside companies escaped Scot free. In return for a little additional taxation, however, he promises the companies a good equivalent in the form of an insurance department, to promptly investigate all suspicious fires and to see that the business is properly regulated. This assurance should at once obviate any incendiary resolutions, and lessen the danger from incendiary fires.

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BUT ONE SURVIVOR OF TWENTY-EIGHT

Member of Crew of International Wrecking Company's Dredge Arrives at Mobile with Disaster Story

MOBILE, Ala., Feb. 11.—Twenty-seven members of the crew of the dredge owned by the International Wrecking Company were drowned when the vessel, founded in the Gulf last Wednesday morning from Galveston to New York, according to the statements here tonight of T. J. Farrell, who claims to be the sole survivor.

Mr. Ray Congdon, engraver of the Colonist photo-engraving plant was killed in marriage last night to Miss Mable Clarke of this city by Rev. W. Leslie Clarke of the pastorate residence on Linden avenue. Mr. R. A. Myra supported the groom and Miss Emma Ask acted as bridesmaid. Mr. and Mrs. Congdon will take up their residence on Johnson street.

NEWS AND VIEWS

Short Talks With People Who Count

By "The Town Trawler."

Louis Turner on Musical "Futures"

A hitch in time saves things coming together. Equipped with this knowledge, I decided to seek out Louis Turner, to induce him to talk about matters musical in general and his own plans in particular. While all this appears to be a very minor detail drama—music is in a very minor key in Victoria. Indeed, after the poor support accorded to recent concerts, it looks as if future musical attractions will be as "scherzo"—pardon the pun—rather than "symphony."

Mr. Turner, to his promoters, is "diminishing the lives" of his fellow citizens. He is in danger of being put down as a "Jonah" town in matters musical. Already, Michele Elmen, and other noted musicians who were expected to come here, have become a "bye." Despite the efforts of the Ladies' Musical Club, the recent performances of well known concert artists have been so poorly patronized that none of them are likely to come again. Such a prospect is fraught with calamity to all who love good music, and who are jealous that Victoria should hold its own in music.

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INSURANCE

It would be a blank week indeed, in which Hon. Mr. Bowers did not bring forward some measure to focus public attention. His leading contribution during the past week was the Fire Insurance bill. The attorney general is far from being a Socialist, and yet he is something of a leveler, even though his leveling is oftentimes done with a legislative club. In this bill he evens up matters between those who manufacture and those who have local offices, and those who insure with outside companies, by compelling both to pay directly or indirectly a two per cent tax to the government on their premiums, while the local offices paid one per cent, and the outside companies escaped Scot free. In return for a little additional taxation, however, he promises the companies a good equivalent in the form of an insurance department, to promptly investigate all suspicious fires and to see that the business is properly regulated. This assurance should at once obviate any incendiary resolutions, and lessen the danger from incendiary fires.

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Mr. T. G. Holt, executive agent of the Canadian Northern Pacific in this province, and Mr. P. Shaw, M. P. E., are arranging for an important conference with Mayor Robinson, Kamloops, as soon as His Worship may be able to make it convenient to meet with them, with a view to the completion of a definite agreement for the carrying forward of construction with Kamloops as a base.

COMPANIES INCORPORATED

Among the newly incorporated provincial companies of the week are the Canadian Crude Oil Co., Ltd., Canadian Ideal Gas & Light Co., Ltd., Canadian Lock & Novelty Co., Ltd., County Stack & Co., Ltd., Dominion Publicity Association, Ltd., Essex Shingle Co., Ltd., Nanaimo Brick & Coal Co., Ltd., Salt Spring Island Co-operative Association, Ltd., Western Canadian Lumber & Fuel Co., Ltd., and Westminster-Fort Mann Securities Limited. The extra-provincial companies licensed during the week included the A. E. McKenzie Co., Ltd., Algoma Steel Bridge Co., Ltd., Amherst Foundry Co., Ltd., Chippewa Farm Lumber Co., Ltd., Maple Leaf Milling Co., Ltd., P. W. Ellis & Co., Ltd., and R. J. Inglis, Ltd.

DRIVING TUNNEL THROUGH MOUNTAIN

Romantic Proposition in Lode Mining Touched upon in Bill Now Before Legislature—Gigantic Work

One of the most imposing and—might almost say—romantic propositions in lode mining that has ever come before the people of Canada is touched upon specifically in the bill which is now before the provincial legislature and which is in the hands more particularly of the member for Greenwood, Mr. J. R. (Stonewall) Jackson, himself an interesting figure among provincial party politicians—a legislator of the steady, substantial, energetic type. The measure of which mention is made is entitled the Greenwood-Phoenix Trammway Bill, the provisions of which are engaged in the stupendous undertaking of drilling a nine-by-nine foot tunnel straight through the mountain to connect the Boundary district towns of Phoenix and Greenwood. This tunnel when completed will replace the present six-mile drive of miles across the hills as a direct means of inter-city communication, shortening the distance to three miles and naturally doing away with the existing heavy grade. The difference in altitude of the two terminals is about 2000 feet, Phoenix being that much nearer to heaven's blue.