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ADVANTAGES OF ESQUIMALT LINE

WATER PROBLEM MET BY ACQUIRING PLANT

Abundant Supply Obtained and Civic Revenue Greatly Increased.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

With the city growing as it is doing Elk lake as a source of water supply is bound to be exceeded in a very few years. This has been foreseen since the time the new mains was put in, and the city council has been awake to the fact that now is the time to provide for a larger supply for a greater Victoria.

That is why steps are now being taken to secure the Esquimalt Waterworks Company's properties, for which purpose the ratepayers are called on to vote on a loan by-law this day two weeks. While the present supply for Victoria West is taken by the company from Thetis lake, this would be abandoned by the city and a pipe line run out to Goldstream, where an almost illimitable supply of excellent water would be procured.

The whole city would then be supplied from this source and a large addition would be made to the revenue by reason of Victoria West and Esquimalt being brought under the jurisdiction of the city waterworks department. Oak Bay and South Saanich would also be ever-increasing purchasers of water in bulk, and the city would be in a position to supply all that was needed by these growing municipalities. In addition to all that, there would be a revenue coming in from the moment the city acquired the plant and before a bit of work was done on the pipe line, from the furnishing of water to the B. C. Electric Railway Company for purposes of power development.

Talking with citizens there appears to be a general sentiment in favor of going ahead with the expropriation of the Esquimalt company's works, as being the most feasible and cheapest method of obtaining what everyone desires, an abundant and unfailing supply of the best water.

MINISTER RETURNS FROM CONVENTIONS

Hon. F. J. Fulton Came Back to the City This Morning.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Hon. F. J. Fulton, chief commissioner of lands, returned this morning from attending the conventions on irrigation and general land conservation. These were held at Lethbridge and Spokane. The first named gathering was the third convention representative of the western provinces of Canada.

While there were some excellent papers and discussions, the attendance was necessarily small. There was also an absence of what might be termed authorities on the subject. Dr. Campbell, of the U. S., was the greatest speaker.

At Spokane, where a very representative gathering was held, great interest was shown. There were representatives present from Japan, India, the European countries and Brazil, in addition to Canadian and United States delegates. Massachusetts sent 100 delegates. These spent only a day at the convention, however, and were representative of the good roads section. Papers were read on a very wide variety of subjects having relation to reclamation of arid lands and conservation of productiveness of land and good roads.

The minister has gathered much information which will be of practical use in solving questions in this province.

Hon. Mr. Fulton says the forestry commissioners have accepted the invitation to the convention to be held in Seattle, when the subject of reforestation will be considered.

CANADIAN PHARMACISTS WILL VISIT FAIR

Members of the Canadian Association Now on Way to Coast.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 12.—Over 100 Canadian pharmacists who have been attending the convention of the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association at Banff, will arrive in Seattle this week to visit the exposition. The visit of the Canadian druggists is informal and they will attempt no set programme.

"The Canadians are very enthusiastic over the exposition," said George E. Gebhardt, president of the association, who is now in the city. "Thousands of business men who have visited Western Canada have been so much impressed over the favorable reports that they have extended their trip to take in the fair."

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Los Angeles, Aug. 12.—One workman was killed and one fatally injured, and a third buried beneath the ruins when a wall adjoining a building under construction in East Third street collapsed early to-day.

The victims were Mexicans who were put to work this morning. Their names were unknown to their employers.

Excavations for a building under construction on adjoining property are supposed to have undermined the wall. The collapse came without warning, and the men had no chance to escape.

SELLING RIGHTS TO WATERFRONT

GOVERNMENT PLANS AT PRINCE RUPERT

Valuation Put on Lots for Warehouse Purposes.

The provincial government will sell rights to water front lots in Prince Rupert on August 30th. The sale will be put on in Vancouver, when C. D. Rand will conduct the auction. There will be offered for lease warehouse lots in block F, 11 to 18 inclusive and 22 to 28 inclusive. These have been valued. The leases of these lots will be for five years and the minimum rental will be 6 per cent. of the valuation.

The waterfront lots have 100 feet frontage, and lie east of the government wharf. The waterfront leases will be for a period of twenty years, and the upset rental, as previously mentioned, will be 6 per cent. of the total valuation of each lot. Certain improvements will have to be made by the lessee. For the purpose of the auction of the leases the government has placed the following valuation on the waterfront lots: For the first five years, $100 per front foot; second five years, $150; third five years, $250; fourth five years, $400.

SUTTON INQUIRY.

Evidence Now Before Board—Findings Will Be Sent to Secretary of Navy.

Annapolis, Md., Aug. 12.—The testimony before the inquiry board sitting to investigate into the death of Lieut. James Sutton was concluded at noon to-day. Immediately after taking the late witnesses' testimony, Judge Advocate Leonard announced that the government had no arguments to make regarding the case.

A journment was then taken until to-morrow at 10 o'clock, when Attorney Davis, representing Mrs. Sutton, will make his arguments.

The court will send its findings to the secretary of the navy before the decision is made public.

WAGES INCREASED.

Winnipeg, Aug. 12.—A new agreement regarding wages and terms of service has been made between the Canadian Northern Railway Company and its maintenance of way employees. The agreement was signed after a conference of the company's representatives and those of the men. The discussion was of the most amicable character throughout, and a general increase in wages has been granted. The new schedule, like that which preceded it, is terminable upon sixty days' notice being given by either side, but otherwise runs for an indefinite period. The increases became effective yesterday. The advances, generolly speaking, run from 10 to 15 cents per day, with the exception of the laborers, whose rate remains unchanged at $1.75 per day.

GOVERNMENT SUSTAINED.

Adelaide, Aug. 12.—The no-confidence motion of the labor leader, after wearisome stone walling by labor members, has been rejected by a majority of one in the South Australian house assembly.

LIE IS PASSED AT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Son of Seattle Real Estate Dealer Denounces His Father.

Olympia, Wash., Aug. 12.—The legislative committee appointed to investigate charges against the Supreme court continued its inquiry into the Sullivan estate case last night. The feature of the session was the dramatic denunciation of P. F. Morrow, a local real estate dealer, by Mrs. Sarah L. Brown and by Morrow's son, Don Morrow. When Mrs. Brown declared that she owed it as a duty to the state to clear the names of E. B. Palmer and of the Supreme court, she pointed a trembling finger at P. F. Morrow and said:

"It is no joke to drag the Supreme court into a case of this sort just on account of that blackmailer, that skunk."

"You lie," shouted Morrow, white with passion. When order had been restored, Mrs. Brown was excused from further testimony.

Mrs. Mollie Wilson, claimant to the Sullivan estate lands, testified that Dr. Jordan had furnished her money to fight her claim to land near Ballard, and in consideration she had given him a deed to a part of the land.

"Dr. Jordan exhibited a typewritten paper to me while I was in his office," said Mrs. Wilson, "which he said was a decision of the Supreme court which had not been rendered. He gave me the paper to read, and said that he had been asked to prepare the paper and that if it was accepted the case would be won. He said that he had tried to get Mr. Morrow to go to E. B. Palmer, but that Mr. Morrow got cold feet.

"Two weeks after that he showed me a printed decision of the Supreme court. I read the printed paper and it was practically the same as the typewritten paper which he had shown me before, except that the names were filled in."

Don Morrow, a son of P. F. Morrow, testified that a year ago his father attempted to persuade him to sign an affidavit in order to assist him in getting $2,500 from Dr. Jordan.

"I refused to sign the affidavit, and my father threatened to shoot me upon several occasions."

Young Morrow continued with a bitter denunciation of his father.

VICTORIA'S LATEST SECRET SOCIETY.

FIFTY PERSONS PERISH IN FLOOD

OVER SIX HUNDRED HOUSES SWEPT AWAY

River at Monterey, Mexico, Overflows Banks—Property Loss $500,000.

Monterey, Mexico, Aug. 12.—It is estimated to-day that fully fifty lives were lost by the overflow of the Santa Catalina river here yesterday. More than 600 houses were washed away or demolished by the flood that swept through the lower portion of the city. All of the houses left standing are damaged, and the property damage is placed at half a million dollars.

The rains which caused the overflow of the river continue to-day and another disastrous flood is feared.

The national railway lines are washed out north and south of the city, and telephone and telegraph communication is cut off. It is believed that other cities and towns along the river, and low-lying sections of the country have been damaged and possibly casualties have resulted from the floods.

GIRL SLAIN BY REJECTED LOVER

Tragedy on Chicago Street Car—Murderer Tries to End Own Life.

Chicago, Aug. 12.—Thomas Katsones shot and killed Victoria Kovanec and tried to commit suicide on a crowded car on the west side to-day.

Katsones, a well-to-do restaurant keeper, loved Victoria, a beautiful girl 22. He offered her a comfortable home, but she loved another, and the advances of Katsones were not received with favor. After several attempts to win her consent, he became despondent and made up his mind that he could not live without her, and that she could never be the wife of his rival.

Katsones started to his restaurant to-day, entering a crowded car. Suddenly he saw Miss Kovanec among the passengers. After speaking a few words to her in an undertone he drew his revolver and fired.

The passengers were panic stricken. As the girl fell and the man stood with the revolver, men, women and children sprang from the windows and doors of the car. The motorman shut off the power and applied the brakes. As the car began to slow down Katsones turned the pistol upon himself, fired and fell beside the prostrate body of the girl who spurned his love.

Miss Kovanec died almost instantly. Katsones, who is 26 years old, is expected to recover.

DEPOSED SULTAN BELIEVED TO BE DYING

Surgeons Summoned From Constantinople to Operate on Abdul Hamid.

Salonica, Aug. 12.—Suffering from a severe attack of angina pectoris, Abdul Hamid, former Sultan of Turkey, is expected to die at any moment. Three surgeons have been called from Constantinople and are preparing to operate on Abdul to-day with faint hope of saving his life.

Since being deposed by the uprising of the Young Turks, the former Sultan has been imprisoned in a palace in Salonica by his brother, who succeeded him on the throne.

KING ALFONSO MAY TRY TO WIN AMERICA'S CUP

London, Aug. 12.—Reports are current here to-day that King Alfonso of Spain is a possible challenger for the America cup. The king, during the construction of his yacht Hispana, evinced curiosity regarding the conditions governing the contests for this trophy.

FATAL RIOT FOLLOWS EVICTION OF STRIKERS

Steel Worker Killed by Negro, Who Says He Fired in Self Defence.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 12.—Steve Horval, a steel striker, was shot and killed by Major Smith, a negro employee of the Pennsylvania Malleable Company, in a riot in which a number of men were injured near Schoenville today.

The riot followed the eviction of 47 strikers' families from houses owned by the Pressed Steel Car Company, at the order of the company officials.

Smith was arrested and claimed that he fired in self-defence.

STORY OF ZEPPELIN'S DEATH DENIED

Aeronaut is Rapidly Recovering From Operation for Abcess in Neck.

Stuttgart, Germany, Aug. 10.—Messages received to-day from Constance sanitarium, where Count Zeppelin was taken for an operation for an abscess on his neck, ridicule the published reports that the aeronaut had died in the hospital.

Zeppelin is recovering rapidly from the operation which was of a simple character. The message ends with the statement:

"Zeppelin is so much alive that he probably will make a new airship records within a fortnight."

SOLDIERS RUN DOWN BY AUTO

EIGHT WILL PROBABLY DIE FROM INJURIES

Runaway Machine Dashes Into Detachment on Way From Salisbury Plains.

London, Aug. 12.—Dashing around a sharp turn in the road near Salisbury a heavy automobile, beyond the control of the terrified driver, to-day crashed into a detachment of soldiers, probably fatally injuring eight and seriously injuring a score more before the machine's wheels were stopped by the automobile going into a ditch and turning turtle.

The soldiers were returning to London after drill on Salisbury plain. When the speeding machine rounded the corner the troops tried to scatter, but the auto was upon them in an instant, crushing, mangling and injuring its human victims.

The driver lost his head and did not apply the brakes, and the two-ton car continued ploughing its way through the ranks of the foot soldiers.

SETH LOW MAY BE NEW U. S. AMBASSADOR

Former Mayor of New York is Likely to Succeed Whitelaw Reid.

Chicago, Aug. 12.—A Washington special to the Chicago Tribune says: The name of Seth Low, former mayor of New York, and once head of Columbia University, is seriously considered by President Taft in the selection of a successor of Whitelaw Reid as ambassador to Great Britain.

Since the declination of the post by President Eliot, of Harvard, Mr. Taft, it is known, has been looking around carefully in his search for a representative American intellectually fitted to hold the post at the court of St. James and rich enough to stand the expense and yet not too wealthy.

The president, it is declared, is convinced that Mr. Low is the possessor of all the desired attributes, and it is probable that he will be offered the post.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Detroit, Aug. 10.—George Ries was killed and four men were injured today when a large building, used as a dancing academy, which they were reconstructing, collapsed.

CUSTOMS CASES SETTLED.

Melbourne, Aug. 12.—The customs cases concerning the alleged under valuation of harvesting machinery from Canada and the United States have been settled by compromise on the disputed valuations.

THAW FAILS TO GAIN FREEDOM

HAS BEEN ORDERED BACK TO MATTEAWAN

Justice Mills Decides He Has Not Recovered From Paranoia

White Plains, N. Y., Aug. 12.—Justice Mills to-day filed his decision, ordering Harry K. Thaw recommitted to the asylum for the criminal insane at Matteawan, where he was placed at the end of his second trial for the killing of Stanford White, which resulted in an acquittal on the ground of insanity.

The decision followed the long hearing held here in which much of the case was reviewed, and a great struggle made by Thaw and his relatives to gain his release on the ground that he is now sane.

The decision is voluminous, and reviews much of the testimony taken at the hearing.

Thaw's appeal from the decision of Justice Mills in refusing to allow a hearing before a jury is now pending, and it is expected that his counsel will immediately start a movement in an effort to gain a hearing before a justice who will permit a jury to sit on the case.

Justice Mills' decision says:

"First—The insanity with which Thaw was afflicted when he killed Stanford White was chronic delusive insanity, known as paranoia.

"Second—Thaw has not recovered."

In support of the first statement, Mills said:

"Although Thaw evidently was far from moral and engaged in perverted practices as revealed, the testimony of the Merrill woman gave absolute precedence for the tales regarding White.

"His belief regarding White was plainly a delusion," declared the justice, "and was not based on facts."

The second point is based on the testimony of experts that paranoia is incurable.

"The court does not mean that it was satisfied that Thaw's treatment at Matteawan since his return there in October," said Justice Mills, "No one could help being moved by the distress of his mother when she related that treatment.

"It must be remembered that Thaw is not in the hospital as a criminal undergoing punishment. The jury, the supreme authority, declared him innocent of crime."

Thaw received the news of the decision in his cell at the jail sullenly and refused to make any statement.

His mother, sister and brother, who are at the hotel here, were greatly surprised when they heard the news.

Mrs. Mary Thaw, the mother of the prisoner, retired to her apartments and all callers were denied admittance. The decision is a severe blow to her. She has been under constant strain ever since the killing of White, and the many ordeals she has endured during the trials and hearings have left their mark upon her.

BALLINGER IGNORES FORESTRY OFFICIALS

Secretary of Interior Fails to Outline Attitude Toward Chief Forester.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 12.—The selection of Pueblo, Colo., as the next meeting place of the National Irrigation Congress and the choice of B. A. Fowler, of Phoenix, Ariz., as president of the proposed permanent organization, was announced to-day by the committee on permanent organization which met last night.

The committee also decided to recommend the following delegates for officers of the permanent organization: R. E. Twitchell, Las Vegas, N. M., first vice-president. Other vice-presidents, Col. Young, of Salt Lake, and Fred Flemming, of Kansas City, Mo. R. Insinger, Spokane, was chosen as chairman of the board of governors. Arthur Hooker, of Spokane, was selected permanent secretary.

The committee on resolutions announced to-day that it has received scores of resolutions commending Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot and Director F. H. Newell, United States reclamation service, in warmest terms and demanding the retention in office of those officials.

Disappointment is expressed at the failure of Secretary Ballinger, of the interior department, to advert upon the attitude of the department toward Pinchot and Newell. Ballinger read his address from a printed paper and made no mention of these things.

The attitude of the delegates towards Pinchot was made plain late yesterday afternoon, when they hissed from the rostrum George Turner, an attorney for a private irrigation company at Yma, Arizona. Turner, who is a delegate, criticized former governor Pardee of California for Pardee's attack on Secretary Ballinger. The delegates hissed Turner and he retired in confusion.

Farming, combined with irrigation, was the subject generally of the morn-

ENTHUSIASTIC OVER OUTLOOK

SIR C. RIVERS-WILSON ON PROGRESS OF G. T. P.

Declares Transcontinental Line Will Be Completed by December, 1911.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 12.—"The Grand Trunk Pacific will certainly be completed and a service running by December 1st, 1911, and for our own protection we must have the branch to Vancouver in working order at the same time." This was the declaration of Sir Chas. Rivers-Wilson, president of the Grand Trunk railway, to a reporter who asked him as to the condition of affairs on the western end of the line.

"Much has been said and written of delays and the difficulty of financing such an undertaking," continued Sir Charles, "but I can assure the people of the west that the finances of the company are in first-class shape, and that all difficulties have been overcome. Ten millions in bonds have been placed with London bankers at 3 per cent. interest. These bonds were guaranteed by the Dominion government, and were sold inside of one hour after the lists were opened for bids.

"The present trip is one of business and pleasure combined. We expect to see about all of our own line in the next month and to go thoroughly into details of the present state of construction. Although due back in London the third week in September, we expect to become familiar in the interim with what we possess in the way of railroad properties.

"I am convinced more than ever that the Grand Trunk Pacific is going to be a great success. It will mean much to the coast and to Vancouver, for although we have a terminus of our own it will be many years before all our business can be done through Prince Rupert. The Canadian Northwest is developing rapidly, and you on the coast will have much more of a share in that development than you have had hitherto."

While in St. Paul on his way to the west Sir Charles had an interview with James J. Hill, of the Great Northern. According to members of the party it was merely an informal chat on railway matters generally, although it was admitted that the situation on the coast was touched upon. Sir Charles confirmed the route in British Columbia as already published, and declared there was nothing new in the situation.

"All that is before us now is hard work," said Sir Charles. "There are no difficulties in the way now other than those which can be overcome with manual labor."

Sir Charles seems to be impressed with railroad ideas on this continent, and spoke highly of the equipment of the various roads.

In the party accompanying Sir Charles are Lady Rivers-Wilson, Charles M. Hays, vice-president of the Grand Trunk Pacific; Miss C. Hays, Miss Jean Adams, of New York; Miss Hutten, H. Deer, assistant secretary of the company; J. W. Loud, W. D. Davis, Dr. J. Alexander Hutchinson, W. McWood and D. B. Galleway.

The party will go to Canadian points, visiting in turn Victoria, Vancouver, Prince Rupert, Winnipeg, Calgary and Edmonton. The journey by rail will end at Fort William, where the party will board the lake boat for the east and will sail from New York for England September 15th.

On Way to Coast.

Winnipeg, Aug. 12.—General Manager Chamberlin of the Grand Trunk Pacific, left last night for Vancouver via Edmonton to meet Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, and the new contract for work from Copper river to Aldermere will not be let until his return here. The distance is 130 miles. Steel has now been laid thirty miles west of Edmonton.

SEATTLE MAY CONTINUE WARFARE AGAINST RATS

Business Men Petition City for Funds to Meet Expense of Campaign.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 12.—If the wishes of Seattle's most representative business men are heeded the campaign that has been vigorously waged for the past three years to keep the bubonic plague out of this city, will be continued.

Representative business firms and heavy taxpayers to the number of about 200 have petitioned the city, through Commissioner of Health Crichton, to continue the appropriations to enable the department to proceed with the warfare against rats, and to take other preventive measures.

Should the case at Portland now under investigation by Dr. Chapin, United States government plague expert, prove to be bubonic plague, as reported, Dr. Crichton stated to-day that the most strict precautions, including inspection and fumigation of vessels from Oregon, would be observed.