

ASKS COUNCIL TO PROHIBIT FIGHT

Secretary of Christian Endeavor Union Writes to Nanaimo Board of Aldermen

Nanaimo, Dec. 6.—At the regular meeting of the city council the following communication from Wm. B. Manson, secretary of the Christian Endeavor Union was read:

"We, the Nanaimo Christian Endeavor Union, are pleased to know of the firm stand you took when you placed yourselves on record as opposed to prize fighting in our city. We beg to draw your attention to the attempt that is being made to arrange a fight on December 8th, which, according to advertisements, is to be accompanied with public gambling. We believe this will be a disgrace to our city and hope that steps will be taken to prevent the same."

Ald. Shaw moved, seconded by Ald. Fletcher, the communication be referred to the police commissioners.

Ald. Shepherd remarked the council was well aware how the public had been worked and the prize fighting game was going altogether too far in Nanaimo. He would support the motion to refer the communication to the police commissioners for immediate action.

Ald. Sampson asked if the council had any authority to stop prize fighting in the city.

In reply to Ald. Sampson, Mayor Planta stated he was not aware if he was proposed to pull off a prize fight. He had been approached by parties who stated they wanted to hold a 15-round boxing contest with 8 quins gloves, and after imposing a few restrictions he had granted a permit but it was not to be a prize fight.

Ald. McKinnell remarked the papers had informed the public they were being gulled and if they wanted to attend boxing contests it was their business. The motion to refer the communication to the police commissioners was adopted.

THE CUT IN CABLE RATES

London News Says It Is Move in Direction of Penny a Word Messages

London, Dec. 7.—At a meeting of the Empire League on Tuesday, Postmaster-General Samuel discussing the reduction of cable rates, said: "The arrangement would in no way create a monopoly. Whatever were the economic side of the proposal, it was on, 'he was sure they would all rejoice that so powerfully working in the minds of Canadians was the abiding desire to maintain the unity of British Empire."

The Times says it is hard to think of any other reform to more effectively unite our scattered Empire.

The Chronicle says it is a valuable addition to the pieces of sane, practical imperialism the present government has effected. Many will consider that cable rates might reasonably be long reduced further. The alternative is the laying of a state-owned cable across the Atlantic by which the United Kingdom and overseas Dominions would reap full advantage of the present Pacific cable. The postmaster-general further announces that he has made a condition of the transfer of landing licenses for cables that there shall be government control of cable rates.

The Daily Mail says that even now rates are none too low and Samuel must not rest on his oars. The News says the reductions do not of course, alter the matter, but are a long way towards the ideal penny a word spoken of by Mr. Lemieux.

ASIATIC EXCLUSION.

California State Senator Urges Congressmen to Work for Passage of Bill

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 7.—Senator Sanford, of Mendocino county, who introduced a radical Asiatic exclusion resolution at the regular session of the legislature, has brought the subject before the senate again in a resolution in which the California congressmen are urged to take action on the bill.

"The people of the Pacific coast have become weary and disgusted," says the resolution, with the unpatriotic and un-American way in which those in high authority at Washington, have been handling the immigration question by truckling and kowtowing to the Mikado of Japan and other foreign powers whose undesirable people are coming here."

RUSO-FRANCO ENTENTE

Czar's Foreign Minister Pays Visit to French Capital

Dec. 7.—The visit of the Russian foreign minister, Sergei Sazonov, who arrived here to-day, is generally regarded by the press as a timely re-affirmation of the Russo-Franco entente.

The newspapers express the opinion that M. Sazonov also wishes to sound France in regard to the Russian proposition to Turkey that the Danubian be opened for the passage of Russian warships.

REAL ESTATE RECORD PRICE.

New York, Dec. 7.—A record price for real estate is marked by the sale of a plot representing exactly half of a city lot, at the corner of Broadway and Thirty-fourth streets, for \$1,000,000. The plot contains less than 1,200 square feet and thus brought nearly \$875 per square foot.

DEATH WAS ACCIDENTAL

Vancouver, Dec. 6.—Coroner Jeff's jury returned a verdict of death from accidental causes upon the body of Frank Rogers, who died in the General Hospital Sunday morning. Mr. Rogers was employed by the Vancouver Gas Company. Last Saturday he was working on the excavation for a gas service to a house on Second Avenue between McLean and Clark drives. He was sitting down working on a pipe joint when the earth caved in upon him. He was taken to the General Hospital where death followed. Dr. G. F. Curtis, who performed the post mortem, stated that the injuries, while severe, would not in themselves have produced death, which was hastened by the condition of the deceased's lungs.

MAYORALTY CONTEST AT VANCOUVER

James Findlay Refuses to Withdraw From the Fight

Vancouver, Dec. 7.—The committee of the Good Government League to meet James Findlay and Ald. Ramsay with a view of persuading one of them to retire from the mayoralty contest, saw these candidates yesterday.

It is understood that Mr. Findlay told them frankly and promptly that his withdrawal was out of the question. In response to strong requisitions he had some weeks ago consented to be a candidate. He had then resigned his political office and proceeded with the work of organization. In his part of the city his friends were interested in the campaign. Assured support and aid had been given by many quarters and he had every reason to expect that he would be elected. In these circumstances it would be unfair to his friends and as he believed, to the community, for him even to consider the question of withdrawal.

Alderman Ramsay told the committee that in view of his municipal services and record he considered himself entitled to remain in the field. It is said, however, that he has not definitely refused to retire.

MANY KILLED IN RIOTS.

Constantinople, Dec. 7.—Serious rioting has occurred at Itebi, about 50 miles north of Salonica, in consequence of the bomb outrage in a mosque there on December 6, when twelve persons were killed and twenty others were wounded.

The Turks, in revenge, attacked the Bulgarians, who were accused of being the perpetrators of the outrage, killing fourteen and wounding 167.

NORTHERN CHRISTMAS VESSEL WAS ON FIRE

Humboldt Laden With Presents and Good Things Slightly Damaged at Seattle

Fire of an unknown origin broke out on the port side of the steamer Humboldt at Seattle on Wednesday morning and smoldered for some time before its location was discovered by the watchman who smelled the smoke. The fire tug Snoqualmie responded to the alarm sent in and the blaze was ready to subside for the north late the same evening.

The fire started between the outer and inner hull, or skin, of the vessel, and probably was caused by a bit of waste or some other combustible material carelessly thrown through some airlock. The location of the blaze was within a few feet of the boilers, where the woodwork was very dry. Lack of air circulation kept the fire smoldering until the Snoqualmie and chemical engine No. 1 could get action on the blaze. It was necessary to cut a hole through the outer hull of the Humboldt, while holes were bored through the "skin" of the ship from the inside, and chemicals poured in.

Aboard the Humboldt was one of the largest shipments of Christmas presents sent to Alaska this year. There were several tons of large and small packages, containing everything from a stick pin to a suit of clothing, consigned to Southeastern Alaska port and to Fairbanks and the interior. The shipments to the interior will be sent over the trail by dog sleds in true Santa Claus fashion.

Among the passengers aboard the Humboldt were J. F. Maloney, an attorney of Juneau, and daughter; W. D. Grant and wife, and a crew of six men who began work immediately on the construction of a cannery at Point Ward.

SUES J. B. McNAMARA.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 7.—James B. McNamara, under sentence of life imprisonment, had other troubles added to his lot yesterday, when he became a defendant in a \$20,000 damage suit.

The suit is brought by Louise M. Sawyer, wife of Robert L. Sawyer, a telegraph operator employed at the Times and in the explosion which wrecked that building October 1.

IMPRISONED FOR FRAUD.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 7.—Robert Sinclair Moore, a spiritualist, was sentenced to eight years in San Quentin yesterday for defrauding the Times and the savings of W. H. Bentzen, a car conductor, grow by means of alchemy. He received the money after performing a series of "miracles" in a darkened cabinet before his victim, who was assured that money could be raised by that means in a vast Egyptian temple in the Santa Cruz mountains.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS LOGGERS' DEATH

Investigation Into Tragedy is Recommended by Coroner's Jury

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FOUND DEAD.

Vancouver, Dec. 6.—With two bullet wounds in the head and a discharging 42-calibre revolver lying nearby, the dead body of Gerald Newport, who is supposed to have committed suicide, was found lying on the roadway in Stanley Park near the shore of the lake. The body was found about noon. The remains were searched and were identified by a letter which was addressed to Mrs. Newport, High street North, Bristol, Eng. The unfortunate man, who appears to have been about 27 years of age, was respectfully dressed but no money was found in his pockets.

DIED SUDDENLY.

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CATHOLIC CLERGY AND CIVIL COURTS

Persons Summoning Ecclesiastics Liable to Excommunication

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The Pope's pronouncement reads as follows: "Henceforth, any ecclesiastic who has been summoned to appear before