

NEGOTIATIONS AT A DEADLOCK

GOLDSTREAM COMPANY WILL NOT NAME FIGURE

Reported That They Put It Up to City Council to Make Offer.

With the advent of the summer season the perennial question of a better water supply for the city is again to the fore, and citizens are anxiously asking whether any steps will be taken beyond the installation of the new distribution system, and the erection of the reservoirs on Smith's and Charles street hills, to insure a better and more ample supply of the desired liquid.

SAANICH HOLDS SURE POSITION

COURTS WOULD BACK UP BLASTING BY-LAW

City Must Get Rock Elsewhere—Cook Street to Be Macadamized.

In the opinion of an eminent counsel, the position of Saanich municipality in refusing to allow blasting at Mount Tolmie is unassailable. At the meeting of the streets committee on Friday the opinion of W. J. Taylor, K. C., city barrister, was conveyed through the city solicitors.



MR. JOS. MARTIN IN BRITISH POLITICS. (NO. 10.)

The Departing One—"I wonder where I had better buy my ticket for now?"

MESSINA SHAKEN BY EARTHQUAKES

Inhabitants of Italian City Are Fleeing in Terror.

Naples, May 8.—Two strong earthquake shocks of slight duration were felt at Messina to-day and the population of the city is fleeing in terror. But meagre reports of the earthquake are obtainable and the extent of the damage has not been learned.

THE TELEGRAM IS CONDEMNED

FORGED MESSAGE COMES UP IN SYNOD

Presbyterian Church Places Itself on Record in Matter.

At the meeting of the Presbyterian Synod, just closed, the question came up of the new, notorious "forged telegram," by the use of which, in the columns of the Colonist, the defeat of Hon. W. Templeman, the Liberal candidate in the last federal election was accomplished. It was introduced yesterday, when the moral and social reform committee reported. The committee submitted questions to various parts of the province under various heads. One of the questions was: "In the elections that were held during the past year, has there been evidence of corrupt practices?"

WASHINGTON'S NEW SECRETARY OF STATE

Captain Howell Likely to Be Appointed Successor to S. H. Nichols.

Seattle, Wash., May 8.—Governor M. E. Hay, who is in Seattle to-day, has practically decided to appoint Captain I. M. Howell, of Tacoma, to succeed Sam. H. Nichols as secretary of state. The official announcement is expected to be made at Olympia on Wednesday of next week.

CONCILIATION BOARD NAMED

JUDGE LAMPMAN IS TO BE CHAIRMAN

Nicola Coal Dispute Will Be Investigated Under the Lemieux Act.

Judge Lampman, of this city, has been appointed chairman of the board of conciliation, under the Lemieux Act, to inquire into the labor dispute at the Nicola Valley & Coke Company's mines. The members of the board, Thomas Kiddle, of Northport smelter, who was named by the owners, and T. Chas. Brooker, of Merritt, the miners' nominee, decided upon Judge Lampman as the third member and chairman.

THREE PERSONS SHOT BY PRISONER

Tries to Escape But is Captured After Lively Chase.

Detroit, May 8.—While being searched at the Windsor, Ontario, police headquarters last night, a prisoner who gave the name of Herman Kraft, of Superior, Wis., suddenly drew a revolver and, firing a fusillade of shots as he ran out of the station door, wounded three persons.

G. H. COWAN, M. P.

"DROPS INTO POETRY"

Replies in Verse When Called Upon to Make Good His Bluff.

Ottawa, May 8.—G. H. Cowan, M. P. of Vancouver, who in the Common last month in defending his characterization of the prime minister as "a false alarm" and "a white livered coward" offered to open his constituency to a contest with Sir Wilfrid or with Ralph Smith or if they declined the gauge of battle, with "Someone courageous or bold enough, either resident or non-resident in Vancouver, to take it up in their place and in their behalf" has been called upon by the Liberal association of Vancouver to make good his bluff.

FARMER KILLED BY LIVE WIRE

Body Was Terribly Burned Before it Could Be Removed.

Hamilton, Ont. May 8.—As a result of a cable falling from a transmission tower of the Toronto & Niagara Power Co. during the severe electrical storm of Thursday night, Robert Richards, age 68 years, a farmer residing three miles south of Beamsville, was instantly killed yesterday. Richards went out to learn the cause of the spectacular display of electricity, and fell across a high tension wire. That was at 2 o'clock in the morning. The body was found, some time afterwards, but it was not possible to remove it until noon, when the power was shut off at Niagara for fifteen minutes. The body was terribly burned.

RESTRICTION OF ASIATIC IMMIGRATION

Japanese Admiral Praises the Policy of United States.

Tokio, May 8.—That the United States government is observing the basic principles of international intercourse in formulating the restriction of Asiatic immigration, and is attempting to solve this menacing question along scientific lines, is the official report made by Vice-Admiral Sakamoto, who has just returned from an extended tour of the United States as a special envoy of the Emperor to study the causes and extent of anti-Japanese sentiment.

CONTROLS GUNS BY ELECTRIC MOTOR

TESTING INVENTION OF ADMIRAL SCOTT

Will Revolutionize the Handling of Heavy Ordnance.

London, May 8.—An invention that it is believed will revolutionize the handling of guns on battleships and in forts, enabling one man to control a series of guns from a fire control station, is said to have been perfected by Rear-Admiral Sir Percy Scott, of the British navy. A series of tests on the cruisers Arrogant, Good Hope and Argyle, which have been equipped with the contrivance, is said to have been satisfactory.

SURPLUS MAY REACH \$2,000,000

DOMINION REVENUE EXCEEDS ESTIMATE

Receipts at Finance Department Indicate End of Depression.

Ottawa, May 8.—Hon. W. S. Fielding's estimate in his budget speech that the revenue of the Dominion for the fiscal year were to be about \$84,500,000, has been exceeded by over half a million. Accounts for the year will not be finally closed for a month or so yet, but up to the end of April the books of the finance department show a total revenue of \$83,055,427. The total expenditure on Consolidated Fund account will not be definitely known until June, but if it keeps within Mr. Fielding's estimate the surplus for the year will be over \$2,000,000 instead of \$1,500,000, as estimated in the budget speech.

GIVES WARNING OF EARTHQUAKE

Details of Machine Will Shortly Be Given Out by Inventor

Sienna, Italy, May 8.—Father Maggioni, the director of the Siena observatory, has just announced that he will shortly give to the world the details of construction of a machine of his invention which he says invariably gives a few minutes warning in advance of any earthquake anywhere in its vicinity. Both shocks felt in the province of Siena on April 14th were recorded, he says, by his device, in each case four minutes before they were felt. By giving the inhabitants of earthquake regions time to reach places of safety before tremors occur, he believes heavy loss of life on such occasions can be prevented in future.

MURDERER IS UNDER ARREST

Declares Brother Drew Gun on Him

Says He Did Not Receive Fair Treatment and Acted in Self Defence.

Seattle, Wash., May 8.—Jean Fortier, who killed his brother Michael yesterday and fatally injured the latter's wife, was captured last night within 200 yards of the lumber camp where he shot Mrs. Fortier.

EXCITING CAMPAIGN BROUGHT TO CLOSE

Balloting is in Progress in Newfoundland To-day.

St. Johns, Nfld., May 7.—The most exciting general election campaign known in Newfoundland since responsible government was established came to an end last night. Although balloting takes place to-day, it is not expected that the outcome will be known until the latter part of next week, as a number of election districts are remote, and all ballot boxes have to be brought to St. Johns.

Fortier's hands went up and he surrendered. From the time he shot Mrs. Fortier until captured, Jean had lain within 25 yards of the automobiles of the county officers. After his arrest Fortier made a statement, saying: "I killed my brother because if he had not would have killed me. I had a half interest in the Green Lake Grocery. I loaned him money and aided him in many ways. He has not treated me square of late. He froze me out of the business."

BLAMES ARMENIANS

Provokes Moslems in Asia Minor, Declares French Officer

Paris, May 8.—A letter received here from an officer on board the French armored cruiser Victor Hugo at Mersina, dated April 24th, while fully confirming the horrors in the recent massacres, says that the attitude of the Armenian population undoubtedly was provocative.

PETITION FOR HANGING OF TACOMA POLITICIAN

Alderman Adopts Novel Method of Supporting Argument.

Tacoma, Wash., May 8.—If the prayer of a petition written by Councilman John W. Bell and signed already by nearly 200 citizens, is carried out, J. P. Olsen, a third ward politician, will be hanged by the neck until he is dead. Bell and Olsen became involved in a discussion concerning the proposed removal of the public market, Olsen making a point of argument that petitions signed by thousands of names had been laid before the council, to which little or no attention was paid.

PASSES FOR MINISTERS

Will Receive Tickets for Baseball Games From Owner of Portland Club.

Vancouver, Wash., May 9.—That the clergy will go to baseball games and enjoy them if they had complimentary tickets is the conclusion reached by Judge W. W. McCredie, owner of the Portland team of the Pacific Coast League, after giving the question much thought.

KICKED TO DEATH BY HORSE

Ely, Nev., May 8.—Cecil Reed, a five-year-old girl, was kicked in the head by a horse to-day and killed. The kick fractured the child's skull and she died a few minutes afterwards.

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