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MAKES REPORT ON THE SMITH'S HILL RESERVOIR

Basin Was Emptied on Saturday—Acting City Engineer Advises That it Be Lined With Bricks in Asphalt—Cost Estimated at \$10,000

(From Monday's Daily.)

G. H. Bryson, acting city engineer, will at tonight's meeting of the City Council present his eagerly-awaited report on the condition of the Smith's Hill reservoir and the cost of repairing the same so as to make it watertight. On Saturday the big basin was emptied to make an inspection of the bottom and he went over the same very carefully. The conclusions he had arrived at from his previous investigation would be to substantially correct from this latest investigation.

It is understood that Mr. Bryson found no serious structural defects in the reservoir, and that in his opinion the cost of effecting repairs will not be excessive. He will report in favor of lining the whole of the interior with brick, the walls and floor being previously treated with asphalt, and the bricks be coated with asphalt on their exterior sides. The cost of this work will be in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

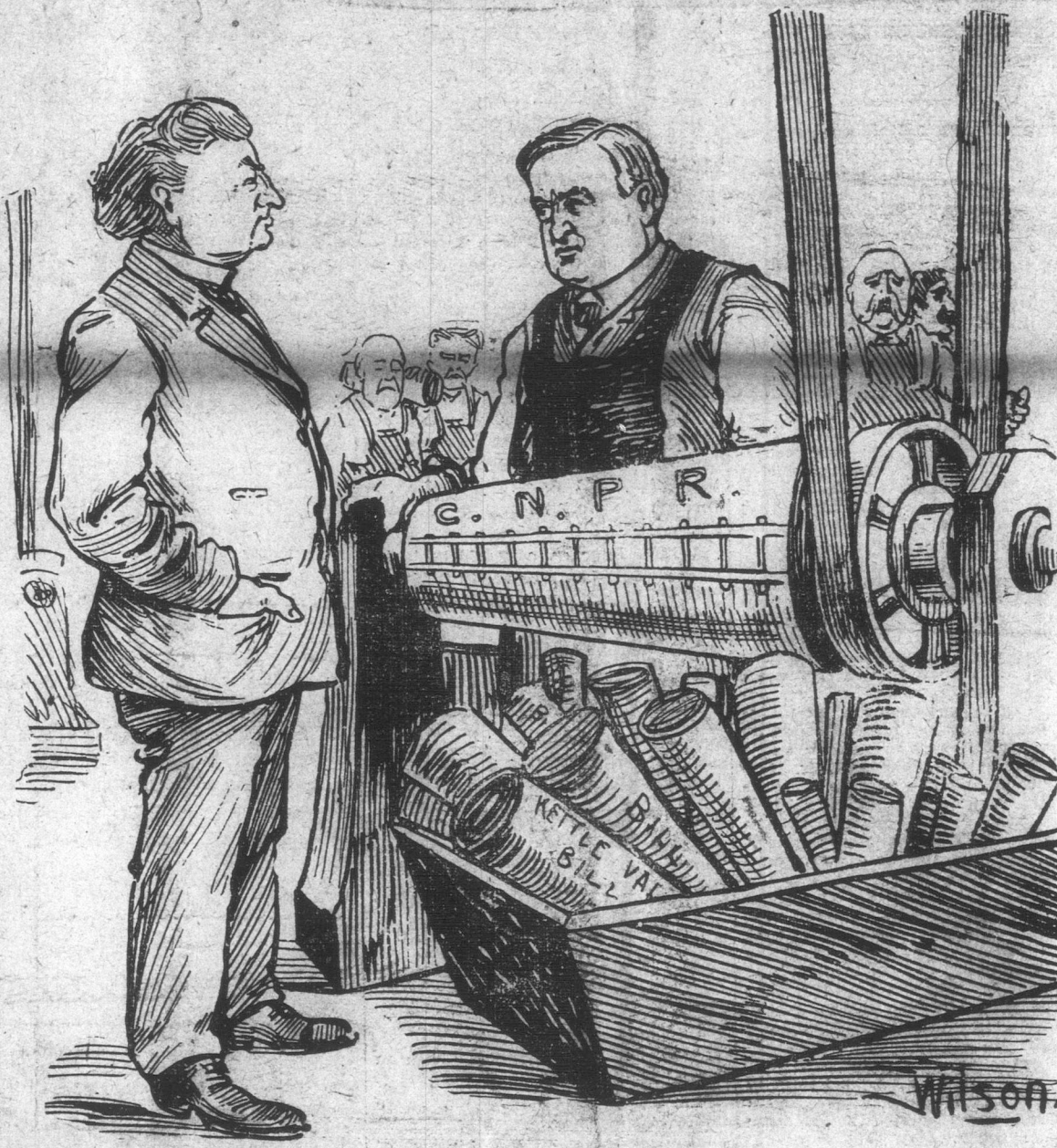
While some members of the City Council, before authorizing the work to be done, may be in favor of having a report from the new city engineer who is about being appointed, it will be pointed out to the board that it is imperative that the job be taken in hand immediately. Some weeks may elapse before the new city engineer is installed, and as it is vitally necessary that the reservoir should be in working order before the advent of the winter weather there is not a moment to lose in view of this situation, then it is not

unlikely that the acting city engineer will this evening be instructed to proceed with the work with all haste.

The Smith's Hill reservoir was constructed some two and a half years ago, under the supervision of Arthur L. Adams, of San Francisco, the expert who advised the city on its scheme of waterworks improvements. It has never given satisfaction. As soon as it was filled it developed leakage of the most serious character, and there has been a never-ending discussion ever since as to the extent of the faults in the work. On the one hand Mr. Adams has contended that there is nothing of a serious character wrong with the reservoir, claiming that all works of that character develop "seepages"; and on the other it has been condemned as a bungle from start to finish.

The investigation made by the acting city engineer would seem to support the position of Mr. Adams, in that it is really no serious structural defect, and that the basin may be made watertight for the expenditure of but a comparatively small sum of money.

For some months past there have been on an average nine feet of water in the reservoir, and during that period the pressure throughout the city has been very good, furnishing a better means of fire protection than would otherwise be the case. While the repairs are in progress an extra task will be imposed on the pumping plant to meet the requirements of the city, but now that the cold weather is over and the hot period, has not yet arrived there will be little danger of a conflagration.



IN THE FINISHING SHOP
THE SUPERINTENDENT—"Oh, just give it a lick and a promise, Billy. The boys daren't kick, no matter how crude it is."

RECOGNITION OF ACT OF HEROISM

MEN KILLED AT ROGER'S PASS ARE EULOGIZED

Legislature Votes Sympathy With the Bereaved—Government Assistance

Legislative Press Gallery, March 7th.

The disaster at Roger's Pass was referred to the House this morning, when a unanimous vote of sympathy with the bereaved was adopted. In the work of rescue and succor the government forces in the Kootenay agencies are assisting, by instructions sent from here immediately on receipt of the news.

Mr. McBride, on the opening of the House, introduced a message from the Kootenay containing the news of the disaster at Roger's Pass instructions were sent to the government agents at Golden and Revelstoke, to render assistance they could in aiding the injured and searching for the bodies of the dead. A dispatch from Mr. Gordon, of Revelstoke, informed the government that 64 had been killed, about half of whom were whites. Continuing, the premier said:

"On behalf of the legislature of British Columbia I would like to place on record our sympathy for the relatives of those who lost their lives in trying to keep clear the track to allow the trains to pass through. Those of us who have travelled through the mountains know something of the dangers of mountain railroading, and can readily form some idea of the danger these men incurred in being called on to clear the tracks. We know how cheerfully they responded to such calls. This occurrence will be ranked among the heroic acts of these men in the travelling public."

J. H. Hawthornthwaite (Nanaimo) joined the premier in his expressions, and hoped the government would show relief, legislative or otherwise, to those who were left in need.

Mr. C. Brewster (Alberni) said he heard with satisfaction that the premier had taken such quick action. The government agents should not be limited in any way in carrying out whatever work was necessary at the scene. The accident was a most appalling one and called for the sympathy of the legislature. Mr. Brewster thought some steps should be taken at an early date to prevent those who might be left dependent suffering want.

The vote of sympathy was passed unanimously, and the Speaker named the members for Alberni and Nanaimo to draft a suitable resolution.

FIRE DESTROYS PASSENGER STEAMER

The Manhattan Burned While Lying at Dock at Portland, Maine

Portland, Maine, March 7.—The passenger steamer Manhattan was completely destroyed by fire in the harbor here to-day, the flames eating their way through her decks. Only six passengers were on board when the fire started. All were rescued. The crew had complete control of the situation. Later it was found that one fireman had been cut off in the engine room and undoubtedly must have lost his life.

EDITOR KLOPSCH, OF CHRISTIAN HERALD, DEAD

Well Known Philanthropist Passes Away at New York

(Times Leased Wire.)

New York, March 7.—Louis Klopsch, editor of the Christian Herald, died at 12:30 this morning at the German hospital. He was known throughout the world for his numerous philanthropic acts.

Klopsch was born in Germany, March 26th, 1852. In 1892 he became the proprietor of the Christian Herald. He immediately began an active campaign to aid philanthropic movements, and in the last sixteen years over \$3,000,000 was raised through his efforts to aid in charitable enterprises and relief works.

For his work during the famine in Russia in 1892, he was given an official recognition by the Czar of Russia. In 1898 he was given official honors by England for work done for the suffering in India that year.

ODD FELLOWS MEET.

Brandon, Man., March 4.—The following officers were elected yesterday at the grand lodge I.O.O.F. for the ensuing year: Grand master, W. R. Talbot, Winnipeg; deputy grand master, A. W. Shaw, Minnedosa; grand warden, E. H. Dewart, Stockton; grand secretary, B. Deering, Winnipeg; grand treasurer, H. E. Turner, Winnipeg; grand representatives, A. McCormick, Winnipeg, and Jas. Duncan, Melita; grand trustees of the home fund, Johnston Douglas and John Thomson.

ROOSEVELT IN SOUDAN.

Mongalia, Soudan, March 4.—"My friends need not worry over my health," said Col. Roosevelt yesterday when informed that fear had been expressed that he might fall a victim to sleeping sickness or African fever. "I never felt better in my life."

The colonel expressed regret and sorrow at the death of Dr. Frosch, who was temporarily with the expedition at Gondokoro. The colonel expects to arrive at Khartoum March 17th, instead of March 15th.

WEATHER IS MILD.

Victoria, March 4.—Exceptional weather conditions maintained here in various excavations for new blocks about to be erected. There is marked activity in the building trade. In some districts farmers are already disking their land preparatory to sowing crops.

DYNAMITE USED IN PHILADELPHIA STRIKE

Street Car Hurlled From Track by Explosion—Serious Rioting Follows Outrage and Scores of Persons Are Injured.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Philadelphia, Pa., March 7.—A car carrying 20 passengers, a heavy police guard and a crew of strike breakers, was dynamited to-day. Two sticks of the explosive lifted the car from the tracks, hurling the occupants in every direction.

Although some were cut by flying glass and severely bruised, no serious injury was sustained.

As soon as the shock of the explosion passed, the police charged upon believers who had gathered nearby, believing that they were responsible for the dynamiting.

Several shots were fired and a battle ensued. The laborers held their ground until the arrival of a "flying squadron" of mounted police. The police were met with showers of bricks, building material and refuse. Only after a stubborn fight, in which they swung their riot maces upon the heads of the laborers, were they successful in dispersing the mob.

Two of the alleged ringleaders were arrested.

The attempt to blow up the car, endangering the lives of nearly two score persons aroused intense feeling. Every effort is being made by detectives to gain definite evidence as to how the dynamite was obtained.

The arrest of the members of the "committee of ten" on charges of conspiracy in connection with the strike was rumored to be probable to-day.

The arrest of the leaders would be but a temporary setback for the strikers, however, as it was said that scores of labor leaders throughout the country would gladly volunteer to carry on the fight.

It is understood that the unionists have made every preparation for such a contingency, and that the leaders would be released almost immediately provided the courts would accept bail.

Police Reinforced.

The authorities are making every effort to keep the government troops out of Philadelphia. The regular and special force which numbered 7,500 men last week has been increased to 10,000.

Director of Public Safety Henry Clay announced that he thought this number sufficient to prevent rioting. He denied that he would ask for troops, and said the men at his disposal, augmented by the city employees, particularly of the fire department, would be able to handle the situation.

Clay denied the claims of the strike leaders that 150,000 men are on strike, declaring that he believed that only 20,000 men had quit work, and that

SEARCH FOR BODIES CONTINUES

WRECKAGE OF TRAIN

Seven Survivors of Disaster on Great Northern Start for Everett

Wellington, Wash., March 7.—Three bodies were found this morning in the wreckage of the small train which was caught by an avalanche last week. One was that of John G. Fox, of Seattle, in charge of the train. The body found last week was not that of Fox, and is now in the unidentified list. The second body was that of Charles Ladue, a mail clerk. The smoker, containing 30 Italians, was located and one unidentified corpse taken out. More will probably be uncovered before night.

For the first time since the slide, the Wellington depot contains no dead. The body of Engineer Osborne has been taken east to Lavenworth. The body of C. W. Beagle, an express messenger, and an unidentified victim are being hauled to Seaside.

To-day there is a warm chinook wind blowing and the snow is melting. The dead rotaries east of Wellington will be fired up before night. The rotaries working on the east side of the divide should reach the east portal of the tunnel by sun down.

On Way to Everett.

Seaside Hot Springs, Wash., March 7.—Seven injured survivors of the Wellington avalanche left here this morning for Everett. Accompanied by four guides they made their way down the trail from Wellington yesterday afternoon. The seven are: Trainmaster Harrington, Everett; Conductor M. O. White, Everett; Lucius Anderson, negro porter; Adolph Smith, negro porter; J. K. Kerley, fireman, Everett; H. H. White, of the American Paper Company, Seattle.

Body of W. May Found.

Wellington, Wash., March 7.—Mrs. W. M. Starrett, survivor of last Tuesday's horror, groans that she wants to die when she awakens her body and of her heart pain her most.

The first great shock came to Mrs. Starrett a month ago when her husband was killed at Spokane. She closed up his affairs there and was on her way back to Chetlainus, B. C., with her three children, mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. William May, when death again robbed her.

Of the little party of mourners who started from Spokane on No. 25, only she, her 7-year-old son, Raymond, and her mother are left. Her two daughters, Frances and Lillian, were among the first of the dead found by the rescue workers, and to-day what was once her father was dug from a buried coach.

Starrett did not escape injured. She was painfully injured by the slide and for several days her condition was so serious, the news of the other deaths was kept from her. Confined to the hospital and unable

TELEPHONE RATE WAR IS PROBABLE

U. S. Long Distance Company Has Announced Cut in Charges

(Times Leased Wire.)

Cleveland, O., March 7.—Following the decision of the directors of the United States Long Distance Telephone Company to cut rates, it is believed to-day that the company is preparing to wage a rate war against the American Telephone & Telegraph Company. The Morgan interests recently gained control of the American company, while the United States corporation is in control of all the Bell lines throughout the country.

Both companies are backed by millions in capital, and should the war start, it is probable that every part of the United States would be affected.

BODIES OF TWENTY VICTIMS RECOVERED

Hundreds of Men Engaged in Work of Rescue and Track Clearing at Scene of Avalanche in Roger's Pass.

Vancouver, March 7.—With an army of over 800 men the work of exhumation of bodies and track clearing near Roger's Pass is proceeding again and the line is expected to be free again by to-night at 12 o'clock.

Reports this morning state that 20 bodies have been recovered. Among these are 8 whites and 12 Japanese. The remains of the latter are brought to Vancouver, a party of local Japanese going to meet the train and take charge of the bodies.

The relatives of those whites who lost their lives are being communicated with and their bodies will be shipped to the respective towns they came from, or interred according to the wishes of their kinfolk.

Train No. 97, west-bound, has been held since Friday, snowed in at Roger's Pass by slides on both sides. Men have been working night and day to release it.

Although Foreman Anderson is supposed to have been buried with the rotory plough, a report is current among local railroad men that he was seen after the avalanche walking, as one distraught, over the scene of the catastrophe, having miraculously escaped the death-dealing slide.

Passengers on the delayed train No. 97 will arrive here at 2:50 o'clock this afternoon, having been conveyed over the company's lines and steamers

round by the Crow's Nest, Nelson, Arrow Head and Revelstoke.

At the local office the weather in the Selkirk is reported cold and wire communication has been re-established right through. No more slides have been reported thus far.

Because they thought in their passion of the moment after the disaster, that one of the road bosses was partly responsible for making the victims work at night, a mob of several hundred Slavs and Japanese threatened him with violence as he arrived at Glacier. The road boss, together with a gang of men, had arrived at the small station a few minutes after the slide occurred. During the buzz of the mob's angry talk one man suddenly shouted out: "There he goes the d— boss," and immediately the crowd made a rush for the man. He was compelled to seek safety in a caboose attached to a light engine on the track, and the engineer, taking in the lay of the land, rushed him down the track until other C.P.R. officials pacified the mob.

Railway officials state that the men engaged at clearing away the first slide at Roger's Pass were not compelled to work at night, but all had volunteered in spite of warnings as to the danger.

Report Ninety-Two Dead.

Winnipeg, March 7.—At 9 o'clock Saturday night Canadian Pacific officials report that 92 had met death and that 14 injured were in the hospital as the result of the avalanche at Roger's Pass. (Concluded on page 4.)

SOCIALISTS AND POLICE CLASH

"DEMONSTRATIVE STROLL" RESULTS IN RIOTS

Many Persons Are Wounded, More Than Hundred Taken Into Custody

Berlin, March 7.—As a result of what was termed "a demonstrative stroll" in Berlin and other cities by the Socialists yesterday, many persons were wounded in clashes with the police and a provincial gendarmier and until a late hour last night the streets leading to the palace, the imperial chancellery's residence estimated that in Berlin alone 120,000 persons took part in the demonstration.

Fearing that serious riots might follow, the chief of police forbade the advertised assembly of the Socialists in Troppau park and concentrated a powerful force of police and gendarmes at this point. The Socialist leaders then quietly changed their plans and marched to other parts of the city, which were practically unguarded.

One great crowd of Socialists collected in the fashionable Tiergarten, where a peaceful "demonstrative stroll" was carried out with little interference. When word was brought to those surrounding the Troppau park, a rush was made for the Tiergarten by an immense crowd, estimated at 50,000. Only a short distance had been covered when a company of gendarmes attacked the crowd with sabres, cutting right and left. A considerable number of persons were dangerously wounded and hundreds received serious wounds and bruises. More than 100 arrests were made.

BITTEN BY MAD DOG.

St. Thomas, Ont., March 5.—A mad dog broke out of a stable here yesterday and bit Thomas Fenton and several others before it was killed. Fenton left for the Pasteur treatment at Toronto.

SHOOTS WOMAN.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 5.—Edward C. Miller, who claims to be a cousin of the late President McKinley, is in jail here to-day awaiting the result of a bullet he fired into the neck of Mrs. Alexandra Wright, of Zewickly, Pa. No cause is known for the shooting.

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