

SENATOR ASKS INVESTIGATION DENIES ELECTION WAS RESULT OF BRIBERY

Member of U. S. Senate Says Newspaper Attack is Part of Political Conspiracy

(Times Leased Wire.) Washington, D. C., May 28.—Demanding an investigation of the bribery charges in connection with his election to the United States senate, William S. Lorimer appeared before the senate to-day with an explanation of the case that blamed the Chicago Tribune.

The resolution demanding an investigation was referred to the committee on privileges and elections.

In his explanation Lorimer reviewed his 25 years warfare with the Chicago Tribune and declared the paper lied when it made the charges that his election was the result of bribery. He denied that any member of the Illinois legislature ever received a dollar from him. He alleged that the attack by the newspaper was directed not only at himself personally, but at a new banking association which he and his friends are organizing.

He declared that the charges appearing in the paper and purporting to have been written by Charles A. White, a member of the legislature, were plainly not written by White, but were the work of a trained newspaperman.

"It is plain every word was passed upon by a lawyer," he said, "before it was signed by that poor low creature, White, who does not hesitate to commit perjury for a few dollars, and to whom perjury is no crime.

"When the truth is known, every body will understand that the publication of an article signed by White was part of a political conspiracy to drive me out of public life and ruin me financially because I will not do as other Illinois Republicans—such as myself—under the absolute control and dictatorship of the Chicago Tribune."

TWO PREPARE TO FLY ACROSS CHANNEL

Latham and Rolls Will Attempt Flight in Airships From England to France

(Times Leased Wire.) Dover, England, May 28.—Charles Stewart Rolls expects to cross the English channel from Dover to Calais in "Wright" biplane at 11 o'clock to-morrow. Latham, with an Antoinette monoplane, is at Calais, ready to attempt a round trip across the channel. The prospect that the two aviators might meet in the air has caused great crowds to gather on both shores.

Rolls, who is a novice at the manipulating of an aeroplane, attempted a flight yesterday but a defect in his machine made it necessary to abandon the effort. Latham has twice attempted to cross the channel and on each attempt tumbled into the water.

Rolls is a prominent manufacturer of motor cars.

CROPS IN ALBERTA

Acres Shows Increase of 27 Per Cent. Over Last Year

Calgary, May 28.—The Alberta department of agriculture report shows the total acreage under crop this year 1,382,972; an increase of 27 per cent. over last year. The increases are as follows: Winter wheat, 128,670; spring wheat, 488,183; oats, 752,440; barley, 147,135; flax, 106,390; timothy, 29,025; rye, 5,385.

Reference is made to the rapid expansion of winter wheat culture, and the tone of the report is most optimistic. It has again been demonstrated that the use of irrigation insured the most successful crop of winter wheat. Farmers east of Calgary who irrigated their wheat last fall have promise of a heavier yield than in other districts where irrigation is not available.

HUNDRED HOMELESS

Score of Houses Destroyed by Fire in Mining Town in Arizona

Globe, Ariz., May 28.—Twenty houses were burned and 100 persons made homeless by the fire that swept the mining town of Miami last evening according to reports that reached here to-day. The damage done was estimated at \$50,000.

THREE MEN DROWNED

Low Their Lives by the Capsizing of Motor Boat

Philadelphia, Pa., May 28.—Search is being made to-day for the bodies of three men who were drowned when the motor boat Star was overturned off Cold Springs Island, near Holly beach.

READY MADE FARMS

Calgary, May 27.—Ready-made farms being prepared for British colonists who will arrive next spring are being rapidly developed in the vicinity of Redwood. Contracts have been let for drilling 20 wells and the erection of 30 miles of fencing, and already breaking is well under way. Members of the first party of steady-made farmers are contracting for some of the work. The government is extending the telephone system through the centre of the colony and is erecting 12 miles of road. Elevator companies are also preparing for a rush, and are building an additional 20,000-bushel elevator.

WORSWICK CO'S BID ACCEPTED CONTRACTS ARE AWARDED FOR ASPHALT PAVEMENT

Prompt Decision by Streets Committee Last Evening on Recommendation of Engineer

(From Saturday's Daily.) On the recommendation of Angus Smith, city engineer, it was decided last evening's meeting of the streets committee to award the contract for large asphalt pavements on Linden avenue, Cook street, Southgate street and St. Charles street, at a cost of \$22,000, to the Worswick Paving Company. There was but little debate, even the question of awarding the contract a majority of the board being of the opinion that the city would be fully protected by the ten years guarantee and, the 15 per cent. hold-back. It was also decided, on the recommendation of the city engineer, to call for tenders for the execution of the work of laying cement sidewalks on five streets at a cost of \$40,000. The engineer's report in full read as follows:

Gentlemen—I have the following to report: The Worswick Paving Company have the only tender outside of the city engineer's tender that is regular and in accordance with specifications. The tender of the city engineer in accordance with specifications is \$194,113.10; Worswick Paving Co. is \$106,290.10. The Worswick Paving Company submitted the only regular alternative tender amounting to \$26,000, in accordance with the specifications, and although a guarantee clause is not specially mentioned, it is referred to in the alternative tender.

The regular specifications call for five inch concrete bases with one inch binder and a two inch wearing surface of sheet asphalt requiring a ten years guarantee and a fifteen per cent. deposit. The contractor is allowed to submit alternative tenders for asphalt pavement, making such specifications as he may deem best, and fully describing such specifications and defining wherein they differ with the regular specifications, giving a price with a ten year guarantee and a fifteen per cent hold-back, and also a price without a guarantee of any kind.

The Pacific Paving Company and the Barber Asphalt Company submitted alternative bids with unit prices for an asphalt pavement with a four inch base, one inch binder and two inch wearing surface, offering a five year bond guarantee. I have worked out the amounts using the city engineer's quantities with the result that the Pacific Paving Company's figure for the entire works is \$11,725.25, and the Barber Asphalt Company, \$15,346.60.

I would recommend that the alternative tender of the Worswick Paving Company of \$26,000, with a ten-year guarantee and a 15 per cent hold-back, be accepted. I know that this class of pavement was laid in Calgary two years ago, where I believe it is giving entire satisfaction.

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Already opposition to this plan has developed, and critics of the army are against putting the prince in possession of the details of the military which they declare would change the Chinese army of to-day into a great body that would be a menace to the whole civilized world. They claim that with the advantage of the German military system, China could throw such a body of men into the field as to sweep all before her and overrun all countries. Her limits, they declare, would only be the seas of Europe and Asia, but these would soon be passed by a coalition with Japan. An alliance between Japan and China, enabling the Mongolian race to send out millions of disciplined soldiers and scores of well-manned fighting ships would prove irresistible, they claim.

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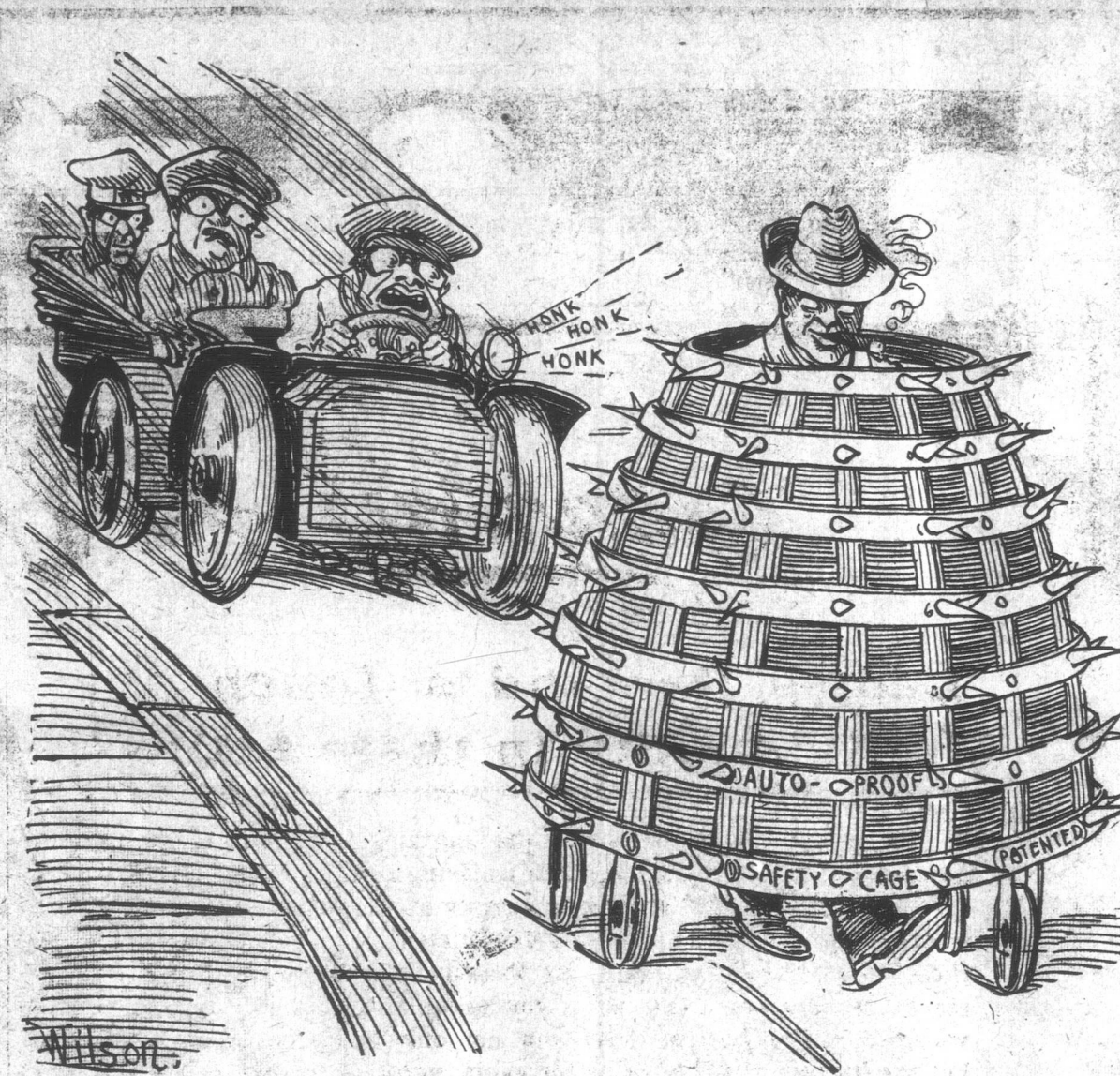
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Ottawa, May 28.—The Northwest Territory as so defined by the Land Titles Act have been created a land registration district. The titles office will be in Ottawa.



(Will It Be Necessary for Pedestrians to Employ These Auto-proof Protectors When Crossing Public Highways?)

FEAR CHINA MAY MENACE WORLD

GERMANS ALARMED BY VISIT OF PRINCE

Critics of Army Object to Revealing Military Details to Tsai Tao

Berlin, May 28.—Prince Tsai Tao, Chinese minister of war, uncle of the Emperor and brother of the Prince Regent, arrived here to-day to study the German military system. He will probably be received by Kaiser Wilhelm on Monday.

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MORE MISSIONARIES FOR WESTERN CANADA

Second Party Will Shortly Leave England for Stations in Saskatchewan and Alberta

(Special to the Times.) London, May 28.—At a meeting of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, the secretary stated that the problem in Western Canada seemed to grow vaster. Rev. Douglas Ellison is about to proceed to the southern parts of Saskatchewan and Alberta to prepare for the advent of a second band of clergymen and laymen under the Archbishop's funding. The creation of that fund, the secretary said, had virtually destroyed funds of the Church in Western Canada. The latter fund, however, has still existing upon it, especially in regard to the northern catches who were sent to Saskatchewan three years ago. The appeal for new medical centres, he added, were overwhelming.

PRUSSIAN FRANCHISE BILL IS REJECTED

Chancellor Withdraws Measure—Action Believed to Foreshadow Defeat of Government

(By Herbert A. White, Staff Correspondent of the United Press.) Berlin, May 28.—Chancellor von Bethmann-Holweg remained in office to-day following a rejection by the Prussian House of Governors of the Prussian franchise bill yesterday. He will retain his position because of a dearth of statesmen qualified for the chancellorship. The chancellor is believed to have clinched the defeat of the government by withdrawing the bill after it had been voted down. This is regarded the worst blow sustained by the government in many years.

The press and all parties to-day are ridiculing the chancellor and calling him incompetent. None, however, bring forward a possible successor.

BARNADO CHILDREN

(Special to the Times.) London, May 28.—Lady St. Helier, in appealing on behalf of the Barnardo homes, said the boys and girls sent to Canada took root and did splendid work. The life was one of privation in some sense, but above all it is a healthy life. She shuddered to think of what England would have been without homes and kindred institutions.

MILLION DOLLAR FIRE AT MINNEAPOLIS

Number of Warehouses and Lodging Houses in Manufacturing District Are Destroyed

Minneapolis, Minn., May 28.—Damage estimated to-day at \$1,000,000 was done by a fire which broke out in the manufacturing district and destroyed a number of warehouses and lodging houses.

One man was severely injured and several firemen had narrow escapes from falling walls. The fire threatened to get beyond the control of the firemen, but at daylight had been controlled.

WARS MAY COME

(Special to the Times.) Lima, Peru, May 28.—Another large contingent of the army is proceeding to the northern frontier. Despite official assurance from Washington that Peru and Ecuador have accepted the arbitration of the United States, Brazil and Argentina in their boundary dispute, the popular opinion is that war is inevitable owing to the conditions which Ecuador imposes respecting mediation.

FIRE DESTROYED MILL

Kimstino, Sask., May 28.—The mill property of the Kimstino Milling Co. was totally destroyed by fire yesterday. The loss was \$50,000, and was covered by insurance to the extent of \$38,000.

DISCUSSION ON TRUNK ROADS

SOME CHANGES IN CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Esquimalt Road to Be Improved to Its Full Width—An Unpleasant Incident

Some drastic changes were made in City Engineer Smith's report on the proposed improvements to the trunk roads of the city at Friday evening's meeting of the streets committee. Mayor Morley taking issue with that official on several points in his recommendations and the work of the city staff with him, it is declared.

The engineer favored improving that portion of Esquimalt road extending to the city limits with bituminous macadam to a width of fourteen feet. The mayor wanted the whole of the roadway treated or not at all, and it was so decided. The engineer will be asked to submit another estimate of the cost and take up with the B. C. Electric Railway Company the question of track improvements which can be done at the same time the road is improved. It is proposed that the city pay 50 per cent. of the cost of the whole work.

On that section of Bay street which runs from Douglas street to the Point Ellice bridge, tenders for a permanent pavement will be called for. It was the opinion of the members of the board that as there is a great deal of traffic on this street, and as it runs through a growing business section, the pavement should be of permanent type.

On Douglas street, from Market street to the city limits, it was decided to recommend a bituminous macadam twenty-four feet in width with curbs for future boulevards, and from Fisgard street to Market street a permanent pavement forty-two feet in width.

On Port street a bituminous macadam will be laid between Richmond road and the city limits, full width; and from Oak Bay to Richmond street a permanent pavement, thirty-six feet in width. In all cases arrangements will be made if possible with the tramway company in regard to rails and grades. The whole question of trunk road improvements will be considered again when the engineer submits his revised report.

An unpleasant incident occurred during an interview which Jas. Wood, of the Woods Motor Company, had with the board relative to the issuing of a permit for the storage of gasoline under the sidewalk in front of the company's premises on Wharf street. Mr. Wood remarking that he had been asked by Chief Davis to make application to the committee, Ald. Fullerton had been informed that the committee the latter had flatly refused the permit.

"Perhaps we had better have the chief come here and tell his story, so that we may see who is lying," said Wood. This elicited a storm of protest from his brother aldermen, the chairman, Ald. Bannerman, remarking, "Every person who comes before this committee is entitled to be treated with courtesy." The incident closed by the committee deciding to get a report from the chief on the matter.

At the suggestion of the mayor the city engineer was instructed to rush all the work in progress all over the city, employing every available man for the purpose.

Ald. Bannerman drew attention to the fact that the contract with the B. C. Sand & Gravel Company for the supply of material for the season, though let some weeks ago, had not been signed as yet. This he thought was a very serious omission, as should the company enter into another contract with other parties the city might find itself in an embarrassing position in regard to the needed material.

After some desultory discussion on the matter, Mayor Morley confessed that possibly he was to blame, but mentioned as an excuse for this oversight that he had many other matters to attend to.

Ald. Sargison believed that if things kept going on as they were it might be well to consider the expediency of appointing a vigilance committee to see that the decisions of the council were carried into effect.

The matter was disposed of by B. C. Sand & Gravel Company being executed at once.

FESTIVAL OF EMPIRE TO BE HELD NEXT YEAR

One Thousand People Thrown Out of Work by Postponement of Pageant

(Special to the Times.) London, May 28.—It has been computed at the office of the Festival of the Empire that 100,000 men and women have in the various ways been preparing for the pageant of London, which was to have been the central feature of the festival now postponed until next year owing to the death of King Edward. The number of people actually thrown out of employment is estimated at 1,000. Some 150 South Africans and 100 Canadians, besides many men and women from New Zealand and Australia, had arrived in England for the sole purpose of representing their countries at this festival. The venture was insured against the death of the King for a sum not far short of \$100,000.

WILL ASK CHANGE

(Special to the Times.) Toronto, May 28.—The annual meeting of the West District Methodist church, presided over by Rev. Dr. Herman. A variety of opinion was obtained on the question of eliminating the time limit for the period in which a minister shall be connected with one church, it was decided to ask the general conference to eliminate any specified time limit.

AWAIT ORDERS FOR ATTACK

NICARAGUAN TROOPS SURROUND CAPITAL

Surrender of Bluefields Demanded—Provisional President Estrada Prepares for Flight

(Times Leased Wire.) Port Limon, May 28.—Messages from Bluefields to-day say that provisional President Estrada, revolutionary leader, has given up hopes of holding the city against the Madriz forces and is preparing to flee. He plans to take his staff with him, it is declared.

Bluefields, according to reports received here to-day, is surrounded by the Madriz soldiers. Five hundred Madriz troops are on the bluffs overlooking the city and commanding the entrance to the port. Boats are ready to carry these men into the city should a general attack be ordered.

Gen. Arias had made a second demand for the surrender of the city, and it is not expected soon that it is believed a general attack will follow.

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