

LARGE CONTRACT TO LOCAL FIRM

MARINE DEPT. DEPOT AT PRINCE RUPERT

Dominion Government Accepts Tender of Pacific Coast Construction Company

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Jan. 24.—The contract for the construction of the marine department depot at Prince Rupert has been awarded to the Pacific Coast Construction Company, of Victoria, for a sum in the neighborhood of \$200,000. Construction is to commence as soon as possible.

The above from the Times' Ottawa correspondent is of exceptional local interest, not only for the reason that it indicates the success of a home concern in bidding against powerful rivals who were seeking the contract, but because of the fact that in accepting the Pacific Coast Company's tender the Dominion government has placed the seal of its approval upon the standard concrete pile, which will largely enter into the work to be constructed at Prince Rupert, and which is said to have been the determining factor in the awarding of the contract.

A Times reporter on Tuesday interviewed Thomas Stedham, the general manager of the Pacific Coast Construction Company, and asked him to explain the nature of the work which the Dominion government purposes doing at Prince Rupert under the terms of the contract which has just been awarded to his firm. He said: "The work which has just been awarded to my firm by the Dominion government consists of the building of a large wharf set on patent ferro-concrete piles, dredging in front of the wharf, considerable paving, and the erection of workshops, power house, boiler shed and residence for the staff. The site of the depot is at Casey Cove, a little bay on the left side of the entrance to the harbor and about three miles from Prince Rupert. The Dominion government has already done much work on the establishment of a quarantine station near this site.

"The work which our firm will undertake will cost approximately \$200,000. We purpose starting at once, and hope to have the whole job completed by the end of the year. We shall give employment for most of that period to a staff of 150 men."

The Pacific Coast Construction Company was formed in May of last year, and it has been remarkably successful in its business operations since that date. W. H. Kirkbride is president, D. L. Gillespie is secretary-treasurer, and Thomas Stedham is general manager. All of Victoria. The latter has had wide experience in engineering work of magnitude, notably in Great Britain and New Zealand.

The formation of the company last year had been suggested by the Dominion government. The company has been engaged in doing all the local improvement work in connection with the coming up of the big subdivision completed in the section bounded by Smith, Cecil, Forbes and Victoria streets, having been awarded the contract for the construction of the Dallas sea wall, a job involving an expenditure of about \$60,000. The company has also a large amount of work on hand in the Oak Bay district.

"I feel sure," said Mr. Stedham, "that the determining factor in our securing the contract from the Dominion government at Prince Rupert is our ability to furnish the patent ferro-concrete piles. They are similar to the famous Hennebique concrete piles which are used so extensively in Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand. These piles have been used with great success in the reconstruction of the Mascham wharf at the foot of Yates street."

WAR IS DECLARED AGAINST JOY RIDERS

Unsafe to Send Children to School Because of Speeding of Autos

(Times Leased Wire.) San Jose, Cal., Jan. 24.—An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth and a life for a life is the placard threat which has been posted by mountaineers along the road between San Jose and Santa Cruz for the benefit of joy riders. In addition to the threats, complaints have been made to District Attorney Free to the effect that it is unsafe to send children to school because of the speeding.

ATLANTIC LINERS COLLIDE

Winnipeg, Eng., Jan. 24.—The Hamburg American steamer Frankfurt, Lincoln, 4048 tons, left New York January 12, and the American liner Tasso put in here on Sunday. They were in collision off Woodwin sands.

The vessel in response to wireless calls for assistance, helped the Tasso, the harbor, escorted by the tugboat Lincoln, the deck of which was ablaze with electric lights as she was by the injured vessel.

The President Lincoln sustained no damage, but the Tasso, when she came into the harbor here, was badly damaged by the head.

The United States is estimated to use 1,000,000 tons of iron a year, of which 700,000 are natural iron and 300,000 are artificial.

NEW BOARD IS PROGRESSIVE

REMUNERATION OF COUNCIL DISCUSSED

Petition Will Go to the Legislature Seeking the Necessary Authority

Land valuation and salaries paid to the members of the city council were two important themes debated at Monday's meeting of the board. Ald. H. M. Fullerton brought the former question up, expressing the belief that if one or two expert real estate men were engaged to value property it would prove of the greatest assistance to the assessor. If proper valuations were made of the business properties he felt sure that \$100,000 additional in taxes could be raised. Ald. Fullerton's suggestion met with hearty approval but no definite action was taken.

The question of civic salaries paid to the members of the board followed the reading of a letter from the police magistrate, George Jay. Mr. Jay called attention to the fact that in September last he had brought up this question of an increase in his pay as police magistrate and he had then been informed that his request had been referred to the incoming council. Now he felt it appropriate to again refer to the matter. He pointed out that there has been a marked increase in the work and time involved in the carrying out of his duties, the police statistics showing 1,677 cases dealt with during 1910, compared with 1,119 the previous year, and these figures did not include the numerous cases which passed through the hands of the police but still call for the attention of the magistrate, such as applications under the Children's Protection Act, prosecutions under the Deserted Wives Maintenance Act, applications of prohibition under the Liquor Act, examinations of patients of unsound mind and prosecutions for offences under various provincial and Dominion statutes that are conducted by the municipal authorities. In addition there are many cases privately attended to such as domestic troubles and matrimonial disputes, which call for careful handling to prevent publicity and disgrace.

Pointing to the increasing revenue from police court prosecutions Mr. Jay stated that twenty years ago the magistrate's salary was paid a monthly salary of \$200 until the appointment of his predecessor and that in Vancouver the magistrate receives \$200 and in addition \$100 a month for his services as justice of the peace, which latter duty Mr. Jay is carrying out for nothing. Mr. Jay at present receives \$150 per month.

All the members of the board expressed their sympathy with Mr. Jay and it was decided to inform him that the matter will receive attention at a special meeting to be called at an early date, preliminary to the preparation of the estimates.

Ald. H. M. Fullerton then brought up the question of the mayor's salary. In his opinion it was entirely inadequate and he moved that it be made \$200 per month.

Ald. Langley pointed out that the city council was debarred by the terms of the Municipal Clauses Act from raising the mayor's salary. This was an absurd position for a city the size of Victoria to be in, and he advised that the proper course would be to apply to the legislature to have the clause relative to the fixing of salaries struck out.

Ald. Moreby and others took a similar view of the case, and it was finally decided to request the legislature to have the clause amended so that the city may vote what amount it sees fit, commensurate with the work done by the members of the board.

DEADLOCK IN WEST VIRGINIA BROKEN

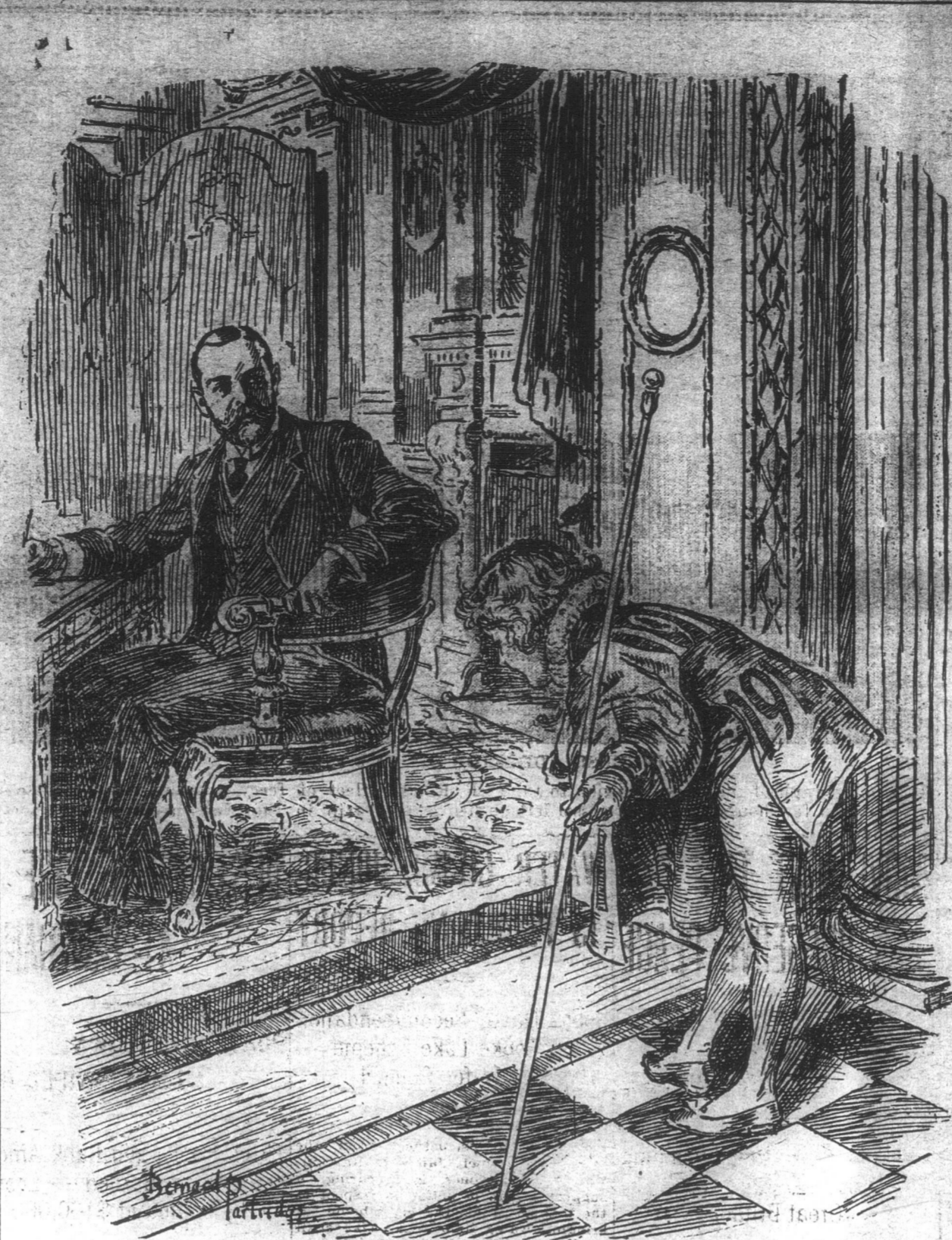
State Senators Return to Capital and Legislature Will Now Organize

(Times Leased Wire.) Charleston, W. Va., Jan. 24.—The fifteen self-elected Republican state senators who have been in Cincinnati, have returned to Charleston and the state legislature will now legally organize. Differences with the Democrats over the election of United States senators and the seating of one of the Republican state senators have been adjusted. Chilton and Watson, Democrats, it is reported, will be formally elected to the senate by the legislature and state Senator Harn, Republican, will be seated. The compromise was brought about through Governor Glasscock, Republican.

RECIPROCITY REPORT

(Special to The Times.) Ottawa, Jan. 24.—Hon. W. S. Fielding and Hon. W. Patterson have not returned to Ottawa from Washington. Mr. Fielding is not expected to arrive until to-morrow night, and Mr. Patterson has not sent any information as to when he will arrive. Until the arrival of the finance minister nothing will be known officially as to the manner in which details of the reciprocity agreement will be announced.

The report of Canadian negotiators will be laid before the cabinet council before it is submitted to the House.



CORONATION YEAR. THE NEW YEAR (to His Majesty).—At your service, sir!

LEGISLATURE OF ONTARIO MEETS

LIEUT.-GOVERNOR READS SPEECH FROM THRONE

(Special to the Times.) Toronto, Jan. 24.—At three o'clock this afternoon the third session of the twelfth legislature of Ontario was opened by his hon. the lieutenant-governor, Hon. J. M. Gibson.

After the preliminary ceremonies and when the members had taken their seats the lieutenant-governor read the speech from the throne.

MARKET BUILDING IS LATEST PROBLEM

City Council Must Consider Soon Question of What to Do With Old Market

Mayor Morley announced at a meeting of the city council last night that very shortly a report would have to be given to the important question of what to do with the old market building on Corporation street.

Various suggestions have been made, some believing that the police department should be transferred to that location, while others favor the re-establishing of a public market. To properly renovate and alter the building for police or other purposes would cost, in the opinion of the building inspector, in the neighborhood of \$30,000.

BRIDEGROOM ARRESTED

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 24.—Just after John Pelen, an attorney, sat down to a wedding supper with his bride and relatives and friends the police arrested him. His bride is supposed to be Mrs. Pelen, a woman who had been married to a man who was killed in a recent explosion.

REVIVAL GIVEN WARM SUPPORT

Contributions Toward Campaign at Toronto Fall \$5,000 Short of Expenses

(Special to the Times.) Toronto, Jan. 24.—The great Chapin Alexander revival campaign in Toronto faces a deficit of \$5,000 or more, according to a statement made by ex-Mayor Thomas Urquhart, who is in charge of the finances, to a special gathering of clergyment and church members last night, preceding the regular mass meeting. Ex-Mayor Urquhart explained that so far the co-operating churches had contributed only \$282. The estimated total expenses of the campaign are between \$12,000 and \$14,000, but on the basis of contributions so far received there will be only about \$3,000 to meet the outlay.

FACTORS FOR PEACE, SAYS FOREIGN MINISTER

(Special to the Times.) Tokyo, Jan. 24.—Foreign Minister Komura, in a speech to-day in the lower house of the diet, declared that the strengthening of the Anglo-Japanese alliance would be a powerful factor for continued peace in the far east.

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Sir Thomas was so pleased with Barr's work in the races that he offered the skipper a huge sum for his services, but Barr declined the offer.

Barr was last in command of the Westward, Alexander Cochran's yacht. He wound up his racing career at Cuxhaven last summer. With the Westward he defeated such yachts as the Kaiser's Meteor, the Hamburg and the Germania.

REFERENDUM UP TO LEGISLATURE

CITY COUNCIL WILL PRESENT MEMORIAL

Election of Police and License Boards and the Abolition of Saloons

Following the receipt of a communication from Rev. W. Stevenson and A. J. Brace, the city council at its meeting Monday decided to send on to the legislature the declaration of the electorate as embodied in the questions which had been submitted in the referendum by-law at the recent civic elections. The two gentlemen mentioned, who were instrumental in having the petition circulated which led up to the preparation of the by-law, asked that "immediate steps be taken to bring before the legislature the results of the poll on the question (1) of the election of police and license commissioners by the city; (2) the abolition of saloon and bottle licenses, the sale of liquor to be confined to hotels complying with the statutory requirements; and to request that the said legislature do so amend the Municipal Clauses Act as to give effect to the will of the people as expressed by the large majorities in the recent referendum vote. And further, we would respectfully urge upon the council to give effect to the will of the people regarding the abolition of improvements from taxation."

The mayor said the matter had received some consideration at the hands of the members of the executive of the Union of B. C. Municipalities, and that a representation had been made to the legislature by that body, but it was not of the sort that would meet the wishes of the people, who had clearly expressed their decision at the polls. The executive was in favor of the abolition of saloons, but would have nothing to do with the suggestion that bottle licenses should be similarly treated. They had taken no action on the exemption of improvements from taxation, as the council had now power to deal with that question. The mayor suggested that the decision of the people should be communicated to the legislature in a formal resolution.

After some debate it was decided to have the city clerk make the proper presentation to the legislature, without making any reference whatever to the action of the Union of Municipalities.

JAPAN'S ALLIANCE WITH BRITAIN

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(Special to the Times.) St. Catharines, Ont., Jan. 24.—The annual meeting of the Niagara Fruit and Growers' Association was held here to-day. H. W. Bunting contrasted the optimistic talk of the British Columbia growers with the constant talk of trouble here. He urged that less be said of hardships so long as the district is so prosperous.

SUIT AGAINST RAILWAY

(Special to the Times.) Austin, Tex., Jan. 24.—The Texas & Pacific Railway is the defendant in a suit for \$170,000 penalties brought by Attorney-General J. E. Lightfoot in behalf of the state because of failure to secure its passenger trains operating between Fort Worth and El Paso on schedule time.

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EXECUTION OF TWELVE SOCIALISTS

JAPANESE HANGED IN TOKIO PRISON

Prisoners All Declared Their Willingness to Die for Liberty

(Times Leased Wire.) Tokyo, Jan. 24.—Disregarding a stream of protests from all over the world, the Japanese government to-day wiped out by means of the gallows the lives of Danjiry Kotoku, his mistress, Suga Kanno, and ten other Japanese Socialists convicted by star chamber sessions of the secret court of having conspired against the life of the Mikado.

The hanging of the twelve victims to the government's fear of Socialism began at 9 o'clock in the morning in the central prison and the trap was not sprung for the last one until 1 p. m. Not one of the Socialists wavered at the end, according to officials who witnessed the execution, but all declared their willingness to die for liberty.

The twelve Socialists whose death sentences were commuted are confined in local fortresses. While the attitude of Premier Katsura and his colleagues had for days indicated that they were resolved that nothing short of death would serve as the punishment for Kotoku and his fellow-Socialists, not an intimation was allowed to escape up to to-day that their end would come so swiftly.

Hardly had the preparations been completed at the city prison for the execution than the word spread through Tokyo, causing the wildest excitement. The executions were proceeded with under the strict orders, it is said, from Marquis Katsura. On his express command, reports say, the procurator-general and the necessary officers were in attendance early to-day and one by one the Socialists were led forth to die.

Through the city special reserves of police and troops were held in readiness to prevent any outbreak, but so well were the precautions taken that friends of the condemned say that any demonstration would be useless, and refrained.

At the conclusion of the executions it was learned that they were held with even more privacy than is usual. Only Judge Joachiso Tsuru, who condemned Kotoku and his friends, a half-dozen prison officials and the necessary Buddhist priest were present.

Two by two the condemned mounted the gallows and as fast as the life had fled they were carried into the prison morgue.

The most affecting incident, according to one of the officials who saw the Socialists die, was when Kotoku and the little woman who had shared his fortunes to death, stood on the trap together. No black cap is used in the executions in Japan, and the pair, unlike the others condemned, were permitted to stand face to face on the trap.

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