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OWNERS WILL MEET COUNCIL

ANOTHER CONFERENCE REGARDING FORT STREET

Long Discussion at Meeting Last Evening When Widening Project Was Considered

(From Thursday's Daily.) That the city engineer and assessor be requested to prepare a table of assessment on the individual properties on Fort street between Douglas and Cook streets...

The passage of the above resolution, which was drafted by Mayor Morley, was the outcome of a couple of hours' discussion at last evening's meeting of the streets committee of the council of the question of how best to proceed with the work of widening Fort street.

W. J. Taylor, K. C., at the outset advised that in his opinion the difficulty which had arisen could best be solved by arranging for a judicial hearing of the property owners, at which they could give their ideas of the best method of leaving the cost of widening to expropriation, and then an equitable basis could be decided upon.

The council should decide as to whether the work should be done under two bylaws, one for the street improvements and one for the expropriation proceedings, or whether the whole should be contained under one bylaw.

Mayor Morley wanted a clean-cut proposition. The owners should have at least an approximate estimate of just what the whole improvement work is to cost. The trouble was that they did not now know it.

The city barrister pointed out that under the act there were several modes of assessing the work, and he suggested that the city engineer and assessor prepare a report setting forth the approximate cost to the owners under each of these methods, and when the owners met the council they could decide upon the method they thought best.

The acting solicitor argued that the mode of procedure he had advised was the correct one.

The mayor spent some time in advising both the barrister and the acting city solicitor on points of law, when Ald. Langley interrupted.

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COLONEL ROOSEVELT'S RETURN TO STATES

Former President and Family Will Sail for Southampton on Friday

(By Staff Correspondent of the United Press.)

London, June 9.—Col. Theo. Roosevelt will not deliver the "keynote" speech at the opening of the congressional campaign. He authorized the United Press to-day to deny that he had accepted an invitation to deliver such a speech at the annual convention of the Republicans which will be held in New York in July.

In a letter returned to Congressman Moore, declining the invitation to address the Republican club, the report of the tour was denied by the colonel.

Roosevelt's addresses to the Rough Rider Association, his speech before the Conservation Congress and his June 8 Brown day address will be non-political.

The Roosevelts are, with the exception of the colonel, spending the day at the country home of Sir Edward Gray, foreign secretary.

NO B. C. FRUIT FOR MANITOBA

SASKATCHEWAN AND ALBERTA NEED IT ALL

Importers Will Be Forced to Seek Supplies in Washington and Oregon

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, June 9.—J. C. Metcalfe, commissioner of transportation and markets for the British Columbia government, threw a bombshell into the Manitoba fruit importers camp when he stated that Manitoba would not get any shipments of fruit this season from British Columbia as Alberta and Saskatchewan would require it all.

It is not an account of any scarcity in the crop but the market in the prairie provinces is growing too big to handle.

If Manitoba wants coast fruit her dealers will have to go to Oregon and Washington for supplies, paying a stiff duty. This has upset the plans of fruiters for this season's supplies.

FAILS TO FIND FATHER. Daughter of Missing Mining Engineer Searches in Vain.

Port Arthur, June 9.—Miss Florence Roland, who went into the wilds of Wabigoon district more than a week ago on a heroic, though almost hopeless effort to find her father, Capt. Walpole Roland, a mining engineer, who has been missing these weeks, returned yesterday without having any trace of him. Parties are still searching.

SETTLED OUT OF COURT. Regina, Sask., June 9.—The action of Contractor Shannon against the city of Regina has been settled out of court, the city agreeing to pay \$3,500 to settle the case.

HOLDS LATE SITTING TO COMPLETE LABORS

Stationing Committee of Bay of Quinte Methodist Conference Refuses to Move Ministers

(Special to the Times.)

Toronto, June 9.—The work of the Bay of Quinte Methodist conference held the members into the midnight hours, but they were determined to complete their labors and the case of most importance which threatened a general upheaval was settled by the vote of the stationing committee refusing to move Rev. H. C. Emery and Rev. J. C. Lewis from Picton.

The conference had an exciting time over the case of the minister of justice, whose attitude in the now famous case of Skill & King, immoral book vendors, was condemned.

The conference accepted the invitation of Port Hope as its next meeting place.

WHERE SPENT NAVAL SHELLS FINALLY REST

Fifteen Hundred Grisly Relics Sold at Esquimalt Will Become Pretty Flower Vases

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Few in number are the tourists visiting Victoria who do not find their way, at some time or other, into the local curio stores in search of Indian and naval oddities. Fewer still are the people of this class who do not learn the value of spent navy shells as decorations for the household.

A four-pound shell, polished until it is a scintillating canister of smooth brass, will show off a bouquet of flowers as well, if not better, than any rival in the flower-vase line. There are other uses, too numerous to mention, that wide-awake housewives put these grim relics to.

These facts account for the continuous demand for shells which makes itself manifest at the annual navy auction at Esquimalt. Every year the residue of the warships' equipment, after recommissioning, is sold off to the highest bidders and the sale is generally attended by people of wealth and prominence who find interest in the acquisition of curios for decoration.

Yesterday's sale by Stewart Williams was no exception to this rule. No less than 755 three-pound shells, 355 four-pound shells and 488 one-inch shells, which, it is probably needless to say, were not loaded, found their way into the possession of junk-dealers, curio dealers and private collectors.

The demand for fine navy cloth was very great and 200 yards were sold in lots to various bidders at an average price of \$1.70 a yard. Tunks, awnings, six "elite" horsehair mattresses and a host of other articles which are almost solely confined to this sale evoked lively bidding from those present, and many outside towns were represented in the list of buyers.



THE NEW FACE-OFF. THE REFEREE—"Now, gentlemen, I want a clean get away, and play according to the rules."

WILL WIDEN THE SIDEWALKS

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT ENDORSED IN COMMITTEE

Decided at Last Night's Meeting to Purchase a Modern Street-Cleaning Machine

(From Thursday's Daily.)

A decision was reached at last evening's meeting of the streets committee of the city council to agree to the recommendation of the engineer that the cement sidewalks on Douglas street, between Humboldt and Esquimalt, be made a uniform width of 20 feet.

All fears that the general improvement by-law would be impeded by doing so were dispelled by the barrister and solicitor, who both agreed that the owners can be made to pay the cost of each part benefitting his own property, and not only that, but if the owner refuses to have the work done the city can step in, do the work and charge the owner, who must pay within 30 days.

The contract for the supply of galvanized pipe for use in the waterworks system was awarded to the B. C. Hardware Company at \$6.22 for one-inch pipe, \$10.75 two-inch, \$14.50 two and one-half inch.

It was agreed that the Worwick Paving Company should be allowed to occupy temporary quarters for their asphalt plant at the corner of Linden avenue and May street and the company will be allowed to run a spur track to the property.

Angus Smith, city engineer, advised that what is technically known as a "squeegee" street-cleaning machine be purchased. The cost was \$1,707. These machines were in use in Winnipeg and other Canadian cities and gave every satisfaction. The board decided to recommend to the council that one of the machines be secured.

The city engineer reported that in the general specifications which are used in connection with all contract work it is expressly stipulated that workmen shall be paid the prevailing union wage, the minimum rate being put at 81 1/2 cents per hour, or \$2.50 per day of eight hours, and the eight hour day is also provided for, the only exception being in case of an emergency, and then only on the written order of the city engineer.

This information will be communicated to the Victoria Laborers' Protective Union. It was decided to have a chemical and bacteriological analysis of the water of Elk lake every month. One sample will be taken from the lake and the other from the tap.

City Engineer Smith reported that the water in the reservoir is now at the 12 feet 6 inch mark having been reduced from 18 feet 11 inches. He thinks will be amply sufficient for all purposes during the summer months.

INDIANS SACK MEXICAN TOWN

FORTY PERSONS SLAIN AT VALLADOLID

More Troops Have Been Sent to Assist in Quelling Rebellion Among the Mayas

(Times Leased Wire.)

El Paso, Tex., June 9.—General Ignacio Bravo, commander of the tenth military zone, to-day dispatched 1,000 soldiers from Vera Cruz to the scene of the Indian uprising in Yucatan. The troops will proceed to Valladolid, which recently was captured and sacked by the rebellious Mayas. The commander of the detachment has orders to rescue government officials if possible, or to avenge their deaths with extreme punitive measures.

The gunboat Zaragoza already is en route to Campeche under orders. The gunboat Mehellos reported at Progreso, on the northern side of the peninsula, this morning. Both warships have several hundred men aboard.

The war department censor at Mexico City to-day verified the sacking of Valladolid, and said that 40 persons were killed by the Indians. It is believed the first detachments of Mexican troops will reach Valladolid late to-day.

HOTELS MUST NOT EMPLOY ORIENTALS

Prince Rupert Council Will Make it a Condition of Granting License

Prince Rupert, June 9.—Prince Rupert in licensing hotels will insist upon no Orientals being employed in licensed places. In order not to make the by-law liable to being upset by the courts this will not be incorporated in the bill. The commissioners will do as the provincial government does with railways, make it an agreement and incorporate it as the terms on the face of licenses.

INSPECTS DEFENCES

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FALLS FROM DOCK

(Special to the Times.) Owen Sound, Ont., June 9.—Frank Peake, 37 years old, stumbled and fell into the water at the C. P. R. dock and was drowned.

INVESTIGATION IN EGYPT PROPOSED

CONSERVATIVE M. P. TO MOVE FOR INQUIRY

Sir J. H. Dalziel Seeks to Secure Views of Government on Situation

(Times Leased Wire.)

London, June 9.—The government will be asked to approve, or disapprove, of the administration of Sir Eldon Gorst in Egypt without equivocation when Sir Henry Dalziel, Conservative, presents a demand for an inquiry next Monday.

Sir Henry declares that if the administration in Egypt, which was attacked by Theodore Roosevelt, does not retain the confidence of the government, it should be changed at once.

Should Sir Henry take action as announced, he will force the government to approve or disapprove of the Egyptian administration at once.

MURDERED FOR MONEY

Woman Killed and Her Home Set on Fire

Leavenworth, Kas., June 9.—Murdered and robbed and her home set fire to conceal the crime, the body of Mrs. Katherine Schulz, 65, was found here to-day saturated with oil.

Mrs. Schulz lived alone and it is believed a large amount of money was taken. The flames were extinguished before the woman's clothing caught fire and the murder was revealed.

No clue has been found to the perpetrator of the deed.

TWO FOUND DEAD

Man Believed to Have Killed Girl and Then Himself

Chicago, June 9.—The body of Frank Campbell was found to-day in a lonely place near the spot where Lena Hansen was killed last night. Campbell is said to have courted the girl and to have been rejected when she discovered he was married.

The police believe that the man killed his sweetheart and then killed himself.

KING DESIRES POLITICAL PEACE

LEADERS MAY CONFER ON VETO QUESTION

Majority of Liberal Members Are Likely to Support Demands of Nationalists and Laborites

(Special to the Times.) London, June 9.—Walter Long's announcement that any suggestion of a conference on the constitutional question by the government will meet with a ready and willing and patriotic response by the opposition, coupled with last evening's intimation in the Lords that Lord Rosebery's reform resolutions would not be proceeded with immediately, has raised again hopes of a settlement without an election.

The Chronicle announces that a round table conference on the veto question is highly probable and says there is reason to believe that the King earnestly desires that a resolute effort be made to find a peaceful solution of the crisis should be made by both parties.

The Laborites strongly oppose the conference on the ground that the government's proposals represent an irreducible minimum.

INSURANCE AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT

Scheme Will Shortly Be Taken Into Consideration by Australian Cabinet

(Special to the Times.)

Melbourne, June 9.—Replying to an influential deputation representing Anglican churches who pleaded for the early formulation of a compulsory scheme of national insurance against unemployment, Hon. Mr. Fisher, premier of Australia, promised that matter should have early consideration of the cabinet. He regarded insurance, however, as only a temporary expedient.

MILITARY AEROPLANE

Two Aviators Fly 106 Miles in Two and One Half Hours

Paris, June 9.—The first cross country military flight in France in an aeroplane was made to-day by Capt. Harcourt and Lieut. Fuquart. They flew from Châlons to Vincennes, a distance of 106 miles, in two and one half hours.

LEAP FROM CAR MAY PROVE FATAL

Winnipeg Motorman is Seriously Injured When Trying to Escape From Flames

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, June 9.—A. H. McVety, a motorman of the Winnipeg electric railway, is in St. Boniface hospital with a fractured skull as the result of an accident which occurred last night. There are but faint hopes for his recovery.

The car on which McVety was motorman was proceeding south on Main street when a short circuit was created in the controlling rheostat which the fuse failed to cut out, resulting in an explosion in the motorman's compartment. The box in the front flamed up and the intense heat of the burning metal forced McVety out of the compartment. Jumping from the car while it was going at a good rate of speed, and without the usual precaution taken in making such a leap, he fell, his head striking on the pavement. He was picked up in an unconscious condition and conveyed to the hospital. A medical examination showed that his skull was fractured at the base.

FRENCH BIRTH RATE

Paris, June 9.—Vital statistics made public yesterday show the decrease in the birth rate in France during 1909 was 70,000 against 72,000 in 1908. The population of the republic has increased 3,000,000 only, while the population of Germany in the same period has been increased by 3,000,000.

NEW ZEALAND'S EXPORTS

(Special to the Times.) Wellington, N. Z., June 9.—New Zealand's exports in May totalled £1,696,847, compared with £1,833,197 for the corresponding month last year.

CARDINAL RAMPOLLA ILL

Rome, June 9.—Cardinal Rampolla's condition to-day is alarming. The prelate suffered a number of attacks of fainting, recently. The nature of his illness is regarded as public.

ARRANGING FOR LAURIER'S VISIT

MEETING OF LOCAL COMMITTEES TO-NIGHT

Hoped That Premier May Be Here Coincidentally With Arrival of H. M. S. Rainbow

(From Thursday's Daily.) Hon. Wm. Templeman, Minister of Internal Revenue and Mines, who reached the city from Ottawa yesterday afternoon, has been entrusted with the duty of arranging the details of the forthcoming visit to the province of his leader and the chief of the Liberal party, the Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and will this evening confer with local representatives of the party at a meeting to be held in Sir William Wallace hall, on Broad street, at 8 o'clock.

Assisting Mr. Templeman in his arrangements for the premier's visit are Ralph Smith, M. P., and Senator Boswell. Mr. Smith reached the city on the noon train from Nanaimo and will be present at the meeting this evening.

Representatives of all the Island divisions will be present also, to outline a programme for Sir Wilfrid's stay in Victoria and adjacent localities. Delegates will be in attendance from both senior and junior local Liberal organizations.

In this connection the suggestion has been made, and is now receiving consideration, that if possible it should be arranged that the visit of the premier should be made to coincide with the arrival from England of the cruiser Rainbow, which will be the first ship of the Canadian navy to be stationed at these waters, according to previous announcements. It is probable that these two events would ordinarily fall close together, and it is felt that some effort should be made to see that the arrangement suggested is carried out. If that were done it is of course obvious that the occasion could be made one of great historic interest—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who originated the idea for the creation of a Canadian fleet, being present in person to welcome to the Pacific station the first of the vessels to tip the flag of the naval service of Canada.

NIAGARA SYNOD

Hamilton, June 9.—The Niagara synod concluded its two days' session yesterday afternoon. The synod amended the canon on vestry meetings on motion of Rev. F. J. Hetherington, who said that as the canon read it would be possible for an atheist to attend a vestry meeting and take part in the discussion so long as he was a pew holder, although he could not vote. The amended canon will make it necessary for a person to sign a declaration of membership before taking part in vestry meetings.

"HOME SAFES"

London, June 9.—As an encouragement to thrift, the post office savings bank department will provide depositors with "home safes," tenders for five thousand of which have been invited.

GOLDWIN SMITH'S BRAIN FOR CORNELL

Bequeathed to University in the Interest of Science—British Press Tributes.

Ottawa, June 9.—The brain of the late Goldwin Smith, philosopher and historian, may be given to Cornell university in the interest of science, according to a report here to-day. Several years ago Dr. Smith is said to have bequeathed his brain to Cornell on the suggestion of Prof. Burt G. Wilder, a specialist at the university.

London, June 9.—The "Pall Mall Gazette" says: "In the death of Dr. Goldwin Smith we lose one of the most brilliant and most deadly pen-wielders that modern times have seen. His keen, cold logic, and witty sarcasm, but bright charm of humor in word and thought which played around the sting were the best-kind of rapier play in whatever cause it was at which Dr. Smith was striking, in slavery, Irish nationalism, Imperial federation or women's suffrage, he struck home, and the brilliant neatness of the blow was admired even by the party that it smote under the fifth rib."

The Manchester Guardian says: "Dr. Smith was always one of those 'intellectuals' who could not remain silent when great principles were at stake. In public a more earnest and sincere seeker after the truth has not lived in our time."

The Yorkshire Post, Leeds, says: "Dr. Smith's literary efforts have been a stimulus to students in all parts of the world."

The Westminster Gazette says that throughout the English world the passing of Dr. Smith will be noted as the disappearance of one of the really conspicuous figures of his time.

The Glasgow Herald says: "He was sincere in his convictions, and to his sincerity and honest courage British people will always render tribute. They will lay a wreath on the tomb of the hero of dead and dying causes."