

## ORTON IS ASKED TO RECONSIDER

### BUT ALDERMEN ARE AT BACK OF ENGINEER

#### Old Question Again Threshed Out With Some Heat Over Resignation

(From Thursday's Daily).  
Aldermen and citizens who were contemplating themselves that there should be a rest from discussion of the city engineer and his office in council for some time to come must have got a little shock last night when a subsidiary issue opened up the main one which has occupied the time of the aldermen so much during the year.  
As was reported in these columns several days ago, H. P. Orton, chief accountant in the engineering department, has handed in his resignation as a protest against being passed over in the appointment of a chief clerk to the position which Mr. Stutchbury has been appointed to. Mr. Orton's resignation was read at the meeting last night and a motion that he be received and filed was made by Ald. H. M. Fullerton and seconded by Ald. Langley.  
Ald. Gleason thought this was not the fashion in which to deal with the resignation of such an honored official. Mr. Orton, in an appreciation of whose services he could not speak too highly, he said.

Ald. Langley thereupon expressed his appreciation of the retiring official, who was one of the best in the service, and admitted, and he regretted that the city was losing him. But Mr. Orton was the best judge of his own circumstances, and if he thought best to resign nothing the council could do to prevent him doing so. The city engineer had full control, and he was not going to criticize the changes he had made. It was nothing unusual for new men to go into departments and the heads of other employees. While Mr. Orton was as good a man in his own way as could be found, it did not follow that he could be as capable as a new man in another position.

Ald. H. M. Fullerton said that while Mr. Orton was one of the most faithful servants the city had, still his resignation under such circumstances would distinct disloyalty to his superior. The alderman added that he was sorry to have to say it, but from conversation with heads of other departments he was informed that Mr. Orton was not capable of filling the position to which Mr. Stutchbury had been appointed. If Mr. Orton was not prepared to give loyal support in taking the department one of the best in the city's service, Mr. Smith and Mr. Stutchbury were lucky in receiving his resignation.

The mayor and a seconder agreed to incorporate an expression of appreciation of Mr. Orton's services.

Mayor Morley summoned Ald. Hummel to the chair and took the floor. He stated that it was decidedly erroneous to say that the city engineer was possessed of one-man control of his department just because the council passed a by-law last year. Mr. Orton was of more value to the work of the city than either Mr. Smith or Mr. Stutchbury, but matters were carried with a high hand by the engineer, and while he had the right to hire and fire he was doing so without regard to the law under which he was appointed, and without notifying the mayor of what he intended to do.

Ald. Fullerton—it was your own suggestion that such an appointment be made.

Mayor Morley—The alderman knows more about the mayor's doing than the mayor himself does.

Ald. Langley—I can bear out Ald. Fullerton; it was your own suggestion.

Ald. Fullerton—Didn't you say some time ago that it was up to Mr. Smith to strengthen his department in whatever way he thought best?

His worship admitted this, but denied that the engineer had any right whatsoever contrary to the law under which the civic business had to be conducted.

Ald. Langley jumped up to ask what the law was to which reference had been made two or three times, and added that there had been no infringement of the by-law governing the engineering which that council had passed.

The mayor maintained that no by-law was any good which was not consistent with the Municipal Clauses Act, and that the engineer could not, therefore, ignore the mayor in making appointments. The law gave the mayor very wide powers, but in withholding the power to discharge higher officials the sting was taken out of the power given him.

Thank God for that," ejaculated Ald. Fullerton with fervency which made everybody laugh.

The mayor appealed to the chair for ruling as to whether that was a countenancing of a vaudeville, and Ald. Fullerton threatened Ald. Fullerton with some vague penalties.

His worship went on to say that the introduction he had had to Mr. Stutchbury was the previous day in Mr. Raymond's office casually, and that Mr. Smith could ignore and over-ride the mayor, and come to such a

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## SIXTY PERSONS LOSE THEIR LIVES

### TRAIN PLUNGES THROUGH BRIDGE INTO RIVER

#### Number of Passengers Who Escape From Cars Swept Away by Flood

Samur, France, Nov. 23.—Sixty passengers, it is estimated, lost their lives through the plunging of a train into the river Thouet to-day owing to the breakdown of a bridge on the state railway at Montreuil-Belay, in the department of Maine-et-Loire.

The train, which had started from Angers, was travelling to Poltlers. It contained about a hundred persons. While it was crossing the bridge over the Thouet, the structure, weakened by recent floods, broke, crashing with the cars into the swollen stream.

Many of the passengers who got out of the cars through the windows tried to save themselves by clinging to the tops of trees which showed above the water. In most cases, however, they were instantly washed away.

All the boats in the vicinity had been carried off by the inundations, so that it was impossible for the people of the neighborhood to assist much in the work of rescue.

## PROPOSED NEW CITY HALL AT VANCOUVER

### Question to Come Before Council Which is Considering Money By-laws

Vancover, Nov. 23.—Sitting as a committee of the whole, the city council spent the entire afternoon yesterday provisionally passing as many of the proposed money by-laws as the time permitted, and then adjourned until to-day at 2:30 p.m. The by-laws which were discussed numbered 32, and the amount provisionally passed came to the sum of \$5,377,660. At the commencement of the meeting Ald. Ramsay, chairman of the finance committee, moved that the amount which the committee pass should not exceed the sum of \$5,250,000, and this was agreed to. The total by-laws for consideration came to \$6,814,965, and during the afternoon other amounts were added. Ald. Crowe, for instance, giving notice in respect of a by-law for the sum of \$750,000 for a new city hall, which has yet to be considered.

Included in the reductions which took place was the sum of \$328,000 from the by-law for the purchase of land for park purposes. This reduction was made voluntarily by Ald. Rogers, chairman of the park sites committee,

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## SIR WILFRID LAURIER

### Great Liberal Chieftain Who Was Banquetted in Ottawa Wednesday

The affection in which the grand old chieftain of the Liberal party is held by his followers in Canada was expressed to some extent in a banquet tendered to him Wednesday in Ottawa to signalize his seventieth birthday, which occurred on Monday.

Reports from the nation's capital contain the gratifying news that the Psalmist's limit finds Sir Wilfrid in the best of health and spirits, in spite of his forty years' arduous labors for his country's welfare and his recent campaign which will go down in history as one of the most remarkable exhibitions of endurance by any statesman in any country.

None could have found any fault with him if, covered with honors he had decided to seek repose in his library after having for so long borne the burdens of state, and his noble and inspiring action in remaining at the head of his party in opposition, in continuing to give the inestimable benefit of his ripe experience and sage counsel to the House of Commons indicates the calibre of the man.

The Right Honorable Sir Wilfrid Laurier, P.C., G.C.M.G., and a host of degrees, has been in public life since 1871, when he was elected to represent Drummond and Arthabasca in the Legislative Assembly of Quebec. About this time, like many other young struggling attorneys, he allied himself to journalism and his experiences in that profession in Quebec, as told by himself, have entertained many a press gallery at Ottawa, since. He entered the House of Commons in 1874 and from that time up to now he has suffered but one personal defeat at the polls.

He unites in his personality a combination of qualities probably possessed by no living statesman. Of an unblemished character, perfect mental

poise, kindly tolerant disposition, courteous manners and distinguished bearing he is, no doubt, for this age its undoubted chieftain sans peer et sans reproche. One has merely to visit the House of Commons in session at Ottawa to appreciate his tremendous influence upon its deliberations. Seldom are there unseemly ebullitions when he is present, and even Colonel Hughes' aggressive voice takes on a softer tone when he finds the eye of the Liberal chieftain upon him. His political opponents in the House have long fallen victims to his great personal charm, and many a young Conservative tribune cherishes the memory of the kind words of commendation he has received from Sir Wilfrid on the occasion of his first speech, even though it may have been a vigorous attack on the government.

Watch Sir Wilfrid when a new man speaks," said a well-known press gallery man—a Conservative by the way—one time. "I can always tell from his attitude whether that man will make good. Whenever you see him follow a young speaker with especial interest his eyes constantly fixed upon him, you will know that he has impressed the chief." It isn't necessary for the man to fill the chamber with high-blown rhetoric. If there is anything "in the speech and the man Sir Wilfrid will sense it out."

The Liberal chieftain is one of Canada's greatest assets. No capital in Europe has a more impressive and outstanding figure. The crowds in London, Paris and Washington who acclaim him, paid tribute not only to his illustrious record but to his eminent personal qualities. Whether in government or opposition he remains the country's chief, because he is in a class by himself.

## EUROPE WAS ON BRINK OF WAR

### SIR E. GREY'S SPEECH AWAITED WITH INTEREST

#### German Foreign Minister Tells of Exchanges With British Secretary

London, Nov. 23.—The German foreign minister's revelations have caused a great sensation in London, as showing how Europe was on the brink of a war over Morocco, and Sir Edward Grey's version of the transactions adopted in the House of Commons is awaited with interest.

The London papers are reserving comment until they have heard the British side. The Telegraph in an editorial states that Europe looked into the abyss and recoiled with horror.

That war was so narrowly averted gives a fresh impetus to every movement directed to the attainment of a permanent basis of peace between Great Britain and Germany, the paper adds.

Lord Charles Balfour's speech is regarded in some quarters as an attempt to justify the removal recently of Reginald McKenna from the foreign office.

The German foreign minister in his report to the budget committee recounted his sharp exchanges in July with Sir Edward Grey with regard to the dispatch of the British warship Panther to Agadir. He told of Germany's energetic "representations," that the Lloyd George speech of July 21 was calculated to destroy the hope of a Franco-German settlement and that threats could not turn Germany from asserting her rights.

He recalled that Sir Edward Grey was formally invited to end the tension by declaring in parliament that British interests had not been affected and had not been touched in the negotiations. He said the crisis ended July 27, when an inspired statement was made by the British foreign secretary participating in the negotiations.

## SUFFRAGETTE LEADER SENT TO PRISON

### Mrs. Lawrence, Who Struck Policeman, Must Serve One Month

London, Nov. 23.—Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, the head and front of Tuesday's suffragette riots, was the central figure to-day in the trial of those arrested during the demonstration.

Standing unconcernedly in the prisoner's enclosure at Bow street police court, she listened to the evidence in support of the charge of assaulting the police and obstructing them in the performance of their duty. When the magistrate sentenced her to a month's imprisonment she did not flinch.

According to the evidence, Mrs. Lawrence, at the head of 30 women, stormed the police again and again. She struck a policeman in the face twice and struggled for 15 minutes when she was arrested and taken away.

Mrs. Lawrence explained that a policeman had his hand on the throat of one of her comrades and she struck him in the face in order to release her.

The court sentence was heartily hissed by the public in the court.

Mrs. Lawrence made a statement in court with reference to a poster produced in court yesterday, calling on women to assemble and see fair play to protest women from being brutally victimized by the police in uniform and plain clothes, as they were on "Black Friday, 1910," when as the result of ill-usage, one woman died and many others were seriously injured.

She said: "I am glad to state that, as far as the police in my vicinity were concerned, there was no repetition on Tuesday of the brutal usage of women. I am inclined to think that what happened on the former occasion was done on the instructions of the government."

The others of the accused suffragette, without exception, took their sentences with indifference, choosing jail sentences to the payment of fines.

## TWO MEN FROZEN TO DEATH

### Miners Perish While on Way to Camp in Alaska

Valdez, Alaska, Nov. 23.—Fred Cook and William Cummings were frozen to death in the vicinity between Shoup and Columbia glaciers Saturday night. Mike Sherry and Tex Day had a narrow escape.

They left Shoup Bay in the morning for the Mayflower mining property. In the afternoon at 4 o'clock they were within two miles of camp, but were utterly exhausted. The latter struggled on and reached camp, badly frozen. Cook and Cummings failed to appear, and were found the next day within half a mile from where they were last seen. The news was brought to Valdez last evening and a party left yesterday to bring the bodies in.

## AUTO FATALITY.

### Man Crushed to Death When Machine Ran Into Pile of Lumber.

Oakland, Cal., Nov. 23.—F. Saville Smith, cashier of the Security Building Company, was killed in an automobile wreck shortly after 3 o'clock to-day at 12th and Oak streets. A. F. Walther, superintendent of the P. J. Walther Company, was seriously injured, his ribs being crushed and his hip broken. Miss Anna Carlson, of Grand Rapids apartments, San Francisco, was slightly injured.

Smith, who was at the wheel, failed to see some heavy lumber lying in the street in front of a house that is being raised. The machine hit the lumber with a terrific impact and was jammed beneath the heavy beams in such a manner that jack-screws had to be used to relieve the car so that the victims could be taken out of the machine.

## SEATTLE STILL SHORT OF WATER

### RESIDENCE DISTRICT PRACTICALLY DRY

#### Work Being Rushed on Bridge to Carry Pipes Over River

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 23.—With only 25,000,000 gallons of water in the reservoir it is recognized there is barely sufficient water to protect the downtown district against fire. Seattle to-day is dependent upon water pumped from the lakes in and about the city for ordinary uses. The temporary pumping stations are forcing 5,000,000 gallons of impure water into the mains daily, and by night the water department expects to have increased this by 12,000,000 gallons.

Means have not yet been found for supplying service to the residence district which has been dry since Sunday. Householders are still dependent upon water wagons and springs for water for domestic purposes. Dealers in bottled table waters are doing a lucrative business since the impure water was turned into the pipes and the health board has issued its warning that its use, without proper precaution, was exceedingly dangerous. The city is also arranging for the distillation of water to be sold under direction of the health authorities.

Water Superintendent Young is working his men night and day rebuilding the bridge to carry the pipelines over Cedar river and it is still thought that he will be able to restore normal conditions to-morrow night.

## APPLE SHOW AT SPOKANE.

### Spokane, Wash., Nov. 23.—Factory whistles shrieking in concert at 10 o'clock this morning formally announced the opening of the fourth National Apple Show. For one week close to 2,000,000 apples will be on display in an exposition building.

## MURDER VICTIM IDENTIFIED.

### Calgary, Nov. 23.—The man who was murdered here on Tuesday morning has been identified as John Middleton, who worked on a ranch near Cochrane, Alta.

## McNAMARA CASE.

### Detective Burns Says Witnesses For Prosecution Have Been Threatened With Death.

New Orleans, La., Nov. 23.—Witnesses for the prosecution in the Los Angeles Times dynamiting case have been threatened with death after having withstood repeated efforts of agents of the defence to bribe, declared William J. Burns, the detective, in an address to-day before the state secretaries of the American Bankers' Association.

## LOS ANGELES.

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 23.—"What Burns is reported to have said is in comparison with what he has said previously," said Attorney Clarence S. Darrow, chief counsel for James B. McNamara, referring to the address of Detective William J. Burns at the American Bankers' Association convention in New Orleans. "There is not a word of truth in it."

## OFFICIALS OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE DID NOT DISCUSS THE AFFAIR.

## AGAIN IN TROUBLE.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 23.—John Swann, who a few days ago caused his own arrest by telling tales of murders committed in South Africa and in Nome, only to be discharged from custody when it was found that the stories were creatures of his imagination, was arrested yesterday on complaint of his wife, who charges that in January he abducted their three children from Salt Lake.

## RAILWAY PRESIDENT DEAD.

New York, Nov. 23.—John Sanford Barnes, president of the International Railroad Company of Texas and of the St. Paul & Pacific Railway Company, is dead at his home here, aged 76.

## REPUBLIC TO ASK FOR RECOGNITION

### REBEL LEADERS WILL ISSUE PROCLAMATION

#### Imperial Troops Captured by Revolutionists in Fight Near Nanking

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 23.—The revolutionary troops captured one of the forts on Chun Shan Hill after several hours of desperate fighting, according to a cable received to-day from Shanghai by the Chinese Free Press. The rebels captured many Imperial soldiers. The forts and outposts are situated a few miles from Nanking.

The dispatch adds that the revolutionary military committee has announced that the massacres in Shan Si were committed by mobs composed mostly of Manchus and not by the rebels. Foreigners are being protected and death is the penalty of any revolutionists who are caught attacking them.

Dr. Wu Ting Fang and other rebel leaders are working hard to complete their proclamation which will be issued shortly asking all nations to recognize the republic. The proclamation possibly will be issued within ten days, according to a Shanghai dispatch received to-day by the Chinese daily paper.

Advised to Retire.  
Shanghai, Nov. 23.—Wu Ting Fang, director of foreign affairs, has notified the consuls that the bombardment of Nanking will begin shortly. He warns them to withdraw their respective countrymen from that district.

Eleven Thousand Held Nanking.  
Nanking, Nov. 23.—The revolutionary forces are making preparations for the bombardment of Nanking. These will be completed with the arrival of ten warships, now on the way to this place, and at attack will be made on the city simultaneously by land and sea.

A small body of General Chang's Imperial soldiers last night tore up a section of the railway four miles to the south of Nanking. Prior to this the railway had been considered neutral territory and had not been interfered with. Within the city walls 11,000 men hold a strongly fortified position. They are said to be well supplied with arms and ammunition, but they are poorly provisioned.

The former Chinese minister to Japan, Tsao, who is a warm personal friend of Chang's, has been endeavoring to induce him to surrender, but Chang is obdurate. Tsao, who is the guest of President Bowen, of Nanking University, had not given up hope of winning over the Manchu general. The latter has at least stopped killing those who have cut off their queues, and has issued a decree assuring the Chinese and others within the city that they are safe. He has also guaranteed protection to the Red Cross.

Factional Jealousies.  
Amoy, Nov. 23.—Further factional jealousies among the reformers who established a republican government here on November 14, has been prevented by the appointment of an executive council consisting of eight members who were chosen by the radicals, and four by the moderates.

Additional troops are being sent to Tsuan Chow and Quemoy to preserve order.

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