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MORE BODIES FOUND IN RUINS

EIGHT MEN PERISHED IN BATTLE IN LONDON

Counterfeiting Plant Discovered in House Which Was Scene of the Fight

(Times Leased Wire.)

London, Jan. 9.—That there were eight or more desperate men, armed with the most modern of high power automatic pistols, barricaded in the Sidney street house during last Tuesday's battle with the police and Scots Guards, was proved Saturday night when searchers found six additional charred bodies in the ruins. Two were found immediately after the battle.

In addition to the bodies, the police found one of the most complete coining plants they have ever seen. As many of the dies were for foreign coins, the continental police have been notified and an interchange of cables indicates that the men were connected with an international band of counterfeiters.

Perhaps the most startling admission of the police, however, is that the dead men may have had no connection whatever with the recent tragedy in Houndsditch, when three unarmed policemen were shot to death by a band of robbers engaged in tunnelling their way into a large jewelry establishment.

It is certain from evidence discovered in the burned fortress that the dead men were connected with the earlier Tottenham outrage, with the notorious bank robberies in Scotland and with a number of other daring crimes which Scotland Yard has been unable to fathom.

That the men were desperate foreign criminals there can be no doubt, but the belief is lessening that they were notorious anarchists. In spite of this, there are many officials connected with Scotland Yard who still maintain that the men were merely engaged in counterfeiting and other bold crimes to secure money with which to carry on their propaganda of anarchism.

In the ruins of the Sidney street house Saturday night, near the six charred bodies, the police found a number of ingeniously constructed time bombs, which had not exploded. The great care exercised in their manufacture has strengthened the belief of the adherents of the anarchist theory that the men were really anarchists. The officials declare they have secured evidence that there was on foot a plot to kill King George, either before, or at the time of his coronation in June.

CHURCH BURNED.

Kingstown, Ont., Jan. 9.—Fire destroyed the Methodist church at Odessa with a loss of $20,000, partially insured. The fire started from a defective chimney and a heavy wind hastened its spread. The building was erected in 1869.

LAST MEETING OF OUTGOING BOARD

Members of City Council of 1910 to Part Company This Evening

(From Monday's Daily.)

To-night's meeting of the city council will be the last held by that body as it is at present constituted. It is improbable that much business of importance will be transacted. The final meeting of the outgoing board is usually made the occasion for a ceremonious burial of the hatchet, which has generally been much in evidence, even amongst the most "harmonious" boards, during the previous twelve months.

The presiding officer says he entertains none but the best wishes for each member of the board individually and that he is extremely sorry if any acts of his have given offence, as none was intended. Each alderman then rises in turn and says he is sure that the mayor has always tried to do his duty. If at times there have been displays of temper they were merely momentary displays of anxiety to see that the best results only are accomplished for the welfare of the city at large. The Dove of Peace coos contentedly—and the curtain falls.

But some local improvement work will be considered before the old board goes out of business. Resolutions will be passed providing for the paving with asphalt of Burdette avenue from Douglas street to its intersection with Quadra street and Quadra street from its intersection with Burdette avenue to Blanchard street, with curbs and gutters and a permanent sidewalk on the south side of the two streets, the owners to pay two-thirds of the cost; paving with asphalt Finlayson street between Quadra street and Cook street and permanent walks on both sides, the owners to pay four-fifths of the cost; paving with bituminous macadam Lydia and Howard streets between Pembroke road, and constructing permanent sidewalks on both sides, the owners to pay four-fifths of the cost.

IMPORTANCE OF VARIOUS BY-LAWS

SIX MEASURES ARE BEFORE RATEPAYERS

Brief Review of Provisions Which Will Be Helpful to Voters

Equally important in their general bearing upon the immediate future of Victoria as the verdict to be recorded at the municipal elections in respect to a selection of candidates are the decisions which will be reached on the various by-laws to be submitted to the judgment of the ratepayers on Thursday next. In all there are six by-laws, as follows:

The Sooke project.

The measure providing for an expenditure of $25,000 for additional electric light equipment.

The underground telephone by-law.

The waterworks loan by-law ($150,000.)

The theatre by-law.

The referendum on three questions of policy.

The Sooke by-law, with prvoisions of which the Times readers are doubtless familiar, provides for the immediate expenditure of the sum of $250,000 for the purpose of acquiring rights at Sooke lake, Sooke river and their tributaries, with an ultimate expenditure of $1,500,000, with the proviso, however, that the work shall be done by contract and that no contract shall be effective until another vote of the ratepayers shall have been taken on the scheme.

The loan asked for in the electric light by-law is a very necessary expenditure, and for that reason it is supposed it will carry.

There is a very general expectation that the underground telephone by-law will on this occasion pass by the necessary two-thirds majority, as now that its provisions are understood it is admitted that the proposal is one very much in the interests of the city. It is significant that the mayoralty candidates are unanimous on the point of the desirability of passing the by-law. Mayor Morley in his annual report published in the Times on Saturday, ventures the prediction that the by-law will assuredly pass. W. A. Oliver is known to be a staunch advocate of the by-law; J. A. Turner is understood to be in favor of the merits of the scheme.

This by-law confirms an agreement between the British Columbia Telephone Company and the city, made the 9th day of August last, to construct and establish an underground conduit system for the carrying of cables and wires, for the use and purposes of the company's business, within the area bounded by the following streets, namely: Wharf street, Humboldt street, Douglas street, Burdette avenue, Blanchard street, Cormorant street, Store street, Johnson street, Fort street, from Douglas street to Cook street, and Yates street from Douglas street to Quadra street.

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LIBEL ACTIONS FOLLOW ELECTIONS

Suits May Be Entered by Duke of Marlborough and William Waldorf Astor

(Times Leased Wire.)

London, Jan. 9.—To the several libel suits that have already grown out of the recent elections it is reported that two others, involving the Duke of Marlborough and William Waldorf Astor, may be added. No action has yet been taken by either of them, but it is rumored that they are considering the question. Reynolds' Newspaper, a Liberal organ, is the publication they are said to contemplate proceeding against.

A paragraph by Spencer Leigh Hughes, a Liberal member of parliament, in Reynolds' paper, is the offence which it is predicted will find its way into the courts. Referring to the efforts the Tories made to create a sentiment against the Liberals by the cry of "American dollars," he said

"This was tried in my constituency, but a deplorable lack of humor was revealed when those who denounced American dollars brought down the Duke of Marlborough, of all men, to help them. Nor was this the only lack of humor, for the party which reviled American dollars has returned to the House of Commons Mr. Waldorf Astor, an estimable multi-millionaire of New York."

Both the Duke, who married Consualo Vanderbilt, and Astor are said to feel that this article held them up to public ridicule.

KILLED BY LOCOMOTIVE.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 9.—Michael McConnell, a Northern Pacific switchman living at 713 South E street, was struck and killed by a switch engine in the yards of the company on East L street Saturday.

He was one of the best known railroad men on the Coast and had been in the employ of the Northern Pacific for a long time.

ENTERING FOR MUNICIPAL MARATHON.

FIRST COLD SNAP MAY BE ON WAY

WEATHER MAN LOOKS FOR DROP IN MERCURY

Barometer is Low—Gale Has Been Raging for Twenty-four Hours

Following the heavy gale which has been sweeping over Victoria for the past twenty-four hours, it is expected that the first cold snap of the year will be experienced. The meteorological office this morning reported that a decided cold wave from the northward is likely to be the outcome of this stormy weather. For to-morrow it is forcasted that there will be strong westerly wind, partly cloudy, with occasional rain or sleet, turning colder.

The wind last night blew with great velocity from the southeast but early this morning veered around to the southwest and blew with still greater force. At 11.15 p. m. the barometer reached its lowest point, recording 28.83, reduced to the sea level. The wind did not exceed 30 miles an hour till 3 o'clock this morning, when between then and 4 a. m. it was 33 miles southwest, 4 to 5 a. m., 40 miles southwest, and 5 to 6 a. m. 37 miles southwest.

Victoria is not the only place which is affected, as this storm area has spread across Vancouver Island and also the Queen Charlotte Islands. In this morning's wireless report it was shown that the barometer at Triangle registered 29.36 and at 5 a. m. the temperature was 12 degrees above zero, while at one time during the night it fell to 8 above. The direction of the wind there is dead north, and this morning it was blowing at 52 miles an hour. Snow is also falling, up to 5 o'clock this morning there being .20.

Ikeda, on Queen Charlotte Island, is also in the grip of the storm king, and a blizzard is raging with great force on nearly every part of the island. A north wind is blowing there and is developing into a hurricane. At Prince Rupert this morning the temperature fell to 14 degrees above and threatened to fall much lower.

The heavy wind which has been prevailing here has lashed the waters of the straits and gulf into turbulent rage and shipping is somewhat hampered.

On Puget Sound.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 9.—The storm king raged on Puget Sound Sunday night, and promises, according to the predictions of the weather observer, to continue in a surly mood. A gale that reached the velocity of fifty miles an hour last night, whipped Elliott Bay and the lakes into raging seas and greatly endangered shipping. No reports were received of serious damage on land or sea. The usual havoc to signs along the business thoroughfares was created, and few except the most hardy or those compelled to, ventured out of doors in the evening.

United States Weather Observer G. N. Salisbury pronounced the storm to be the worst experienced by Seattle in a year.

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ANNUAL REPORT ON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Says Victoria Will Soon Be One of Best-Equipped Cities in Canada

(From Monday's Daily.)

Chief Thomas Davis has compiled his annual report on the work of the fire department and the same will be presented at this evening's meeting of the city council and ordered printed. It shows that the year's loss occasioned by fire amounted to $573,896.60, practically all of which is accounted for by the conflagration in the business section of the city on the night of October 26. The chief's report reads:

"I herewith present you with a synopsis of my report, of the number of alarms responded to by the department, loss by fire on buildings and contents, and insurance on same, also permits granted, notices served, and buildings inspected for the year ending 1910. Up to the evening of the Spencer fire on October 26, 1910, the fire loss was very small. While this fire added considerably to the year's loss, I am pleased to state, after taking into consideration the building and the nature of its contents, the progress the fire had before an alarm was turned in, and no way to fight it, only from the two sides to any advantage, I am of the opinion that no fire department under such circumstances could have done any better than the members of the Victoria fire department did in confining the fire to the area that was burnt. The new apparatus, fire halls and the addition of new men to man the same, will put this city to the front as one of the best equipped fire departments for its size, in the Dominion.

"I cannot let this opportunity pass without thanking you, gentlemen, for the loyal support you have given me in making it such, also of the confidence the citizens have in our department in voting the amount of $50,000 to better equip it.

"The amount of fire loss on buildings and contents for the year (not including the fire of October 26) amounts to $41,771, at the rate of $213.11½ distributed over each of the 197 alarms received. The other amounted to $552,125. Total loss on buildings and contents, $573,896.60, with insurance of $832,305.00.

"During the year the department disposed of four horses and purchased nine, two dying in service.

"The discipline in the department is worthy of comment.

"My official annual report is about ready for the printer, and as soon as printed and bound will be for distribution. Again thanking you and the council, and the members of the press for their many kindnesses shown this department for the year ending."

FATAL ACCIDENT.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 9.—Powell Himmelsbach, 40 years of age, an employee of the Frye-Bruhn Company, was accidentally killed by his own hand. Himmelsbach was engaged at the packing house operated by the company, cutting a bone from a ham. The knife slipped and struck the leg below the thigh, severing an artery. Fellow workmen saw him fall to the floor and ran to his assistance. He was hurried into an automobile and started for the city hospital, but died within three blocks of the packing plant.

SEAM OF COAL IN NEW ALBERNI

BITUMINOUS DEPOSIT IN HEART OF THE TOWN

Find of Considerable Importance Pleases the People of West Coast Port

(From Monday's Daily.)

A seam of bituminous coal three feet in width has been discovered right in the heart of New Alberni, and samples of the find are to be seen at the offices of Hanington & Jackson, barristers at law.

The discovery was made last week when operations were being carried on in the centre of the town with a large steam shovel, which brought to light the coal seam. The samples brought to Victoria are taken from ground ten feet above high water mark at the base of the hill, by the Alberni canal.

The coal, which is slaty in appearance, is being used by blacksmiths for welding without being coked. The find is believed to be of considerable importance.

NEGOTIATIONS NOT COMPLETED.

Seattle Dispatch Says Yucatan Settlement Has Been Reached, but Capt. Logan Not Yet.

A dispatch received from Seattle states that the long controversy between owners of the wrecked steamer Yucatan and the underwriters has been settled on a basis somewhat better than 50 per cent. of her insurance. It also stated that the wreck has been purchased by the Northern Pacific Steamship Company for $40,000.

Capt. Logan, special agent of the London Salvage Association, this morning, however, stated that while a compromise was in sight still no definite settlement has yet been reached. He expressed himself as expecting that the matter would be settled in the course of a few days.

FIRE LOSSES.

Property Valued at $234,470,000 Destroyed in Canada and United States Last Year.

Chicago, Jan. 9.—Statistics made public here show that losses by fire in the United States and Canada in 1910 amounted to $234,470,000, or over $30,000,000 more than the losses in 1909. December losses were exceptionally heavy, aggregating $21,528,000. There were 36 fires during the year which caused a damage of $500,000 or more, and in ten the loss exceeded $1,000,000 each. In only two preceding years have the fire losses been heavier than in 1910, one being the year of the Chicago fire, the other the San Francisco. Federal and state officials say that the majority of these losses are preventable. In spite of the increasing losses, it is stated that the average rate of fire insurance shows a reduction in 1910.

SIR JOHN AIRD DEAD.

London, Jan. 9.—Sir John Aird, builder of the famous Assuan dam across the Nile, is dead. He was born in 1833 and was a member of the contracting firm of John Aird & Sons.

CIVIC NOMINATIONS MADE THIS AFTERNOON

Three Candidates Enter Race for Mayoralty—Last Minute Candidate in Ward One—Disqualified by Faulty Assessment

(From Monday's Daily.)

Though there was nothing spectacular about the civic nominations, which took place to-day in the police court room of the city hall before the returning officer, Wm. W. Northcott, a couple of surprises were furnished, in the appearance of a dark horse in the aldermanic contest in Ward 1 and the retirement from the field, which he had only entered on Saturday, of George Oliver, who was to have been a candidate in the same ward.

G. A. Okell makes the fifth candidate in the first ward and a spirited contest is assured in that district. There is general regret, however, which is not confined to the ward, at the failure of Ald. Mable to be placed in nomination.

Mr. Oliver found on investigating his position that he was diqualified in respect to property assessment. It appears that he has for some time owned a lot at 313 Edward street, and this lot is recorded on the assessment roll as possessing a value of $450. Since the date of that assessment, however, he has built a residence upon the lot, and he has occupied it for the past eighteen months. He claims that the total value of the house and lot is in the neighborhood of $1,800, but inasmuch as the assessment records must be taken for the property qualification in the case of candidates, Mr. Oliver, because of technicality, found himself disqualified. The nominations are as follows:

FOR MAYOR.

W. E. Oliver—Proposed by J. Casey and seconded by Beaumont Boggs.

A. J. Morley—Proposed by John Meston and seconded by Jas. Renouf.

J. A. Turner — Proposed by Geo. A. Fraser and seconded by A. E. Thompson.

FOR ALDERMEN.

Ward I.

B. J. Perry—Proposed by R. T. Elliott and seconded by H. M. Fullerton.

W. N. Mitchell—Proposed by F. J. Norris and seconded by Lieut.-Col. A. W. Currie.

W. M. Ross—Proposed by J. L. Leigh and seconded by C. W. Kirk.

J. E. Shenk—Proposed by W. H. Armstrong and seconded by J. T. Redding.

G. A. Okell—Proposed by J. L. Leigh and seconded by P. A. Babbington.

E. F. Geiger.

Ward II.

W. H. Parsons—Proposed by W. Jackson and seconded by Richard Hall.

H. F. Bishop—Proposed by H. G. Wilson and seconded by John Cochrane.

John Meston—Proposed by R. Bray and seconded by W. R. Hick.

Russell Humber—Proposed by Richard Hall and seconded by J. E. Wilson.

Ward III.

A. M. Bannerman—Proposed by P. A. Raymond and seconded by P. D. Gibbs.

W. F. Fullerton—Proposed by W. J. Rennie and seconded by J. T. Taylor.

W. A. Gleason — Proposed by F. A. Andrews and seconded by A. J. Pineo.

Ward IV.

H. E. Levy—Proposed by R. Hall and seconded by B. Wilson.

E. E. Greenshaw—Proposed by H. G. Wilson and seconded by Alex. Stewart.

Wm. Moresby—Proposed by C. F. Todd and seconded by J. E. Wilson.

Angus McKeown—Proposed by J. W. Spencer and seconded by David Spencer.

H. M. Fullerton.

W. J. Hanna.

Ward V.

J. Dilworth—Proposed by W. C. Van Munster and seconded by A. J. Kilkpatrick.

W. H. Langley—Proposed by C. E. Redfern and seconded by G. L. Milne.

Alex. Peden—Proposed W. W. J. Pendray and seconded by Anton Henderson.

A. G. Sargison—Proposed by C. E. Redfern and seconded by J. Herrick McGregor.

FOR SCHOOL BOARD.

George Jay—Propesed by Rev. W. Leslie Clay and seconded by L. Goodacre.

H. C. Hanington—Proposed by R. F. Green and seconded by R. B. McMicking.

D. McIntosh—Proposed by W. K. Houston and seconded by John Cochrane.

W. E. Staneland—Proposed by Dr. E. A. Hall and seconded by R. B. McMicking.

In connection with the mayoralty contest and its probable outcome, some figures which the Times has collected from its files will be of interest to those who wish to indulge in predictions as to the result on Thursday next. Following are the votes cast in the mayoralty contests for the past two years:

1909.

Hall	2,011
Morley	1,530
Majority for Hall	481

1910.

Morley	1,49[illegible]
Turner	1,4[illegible]
Oliver	1,0[illegible]
Henderson	[illegible]
Majority for Morley	[illegible]

At the 1910 contest the total number of names on the mayor's list [illegible] 6,598. This year the registration [illegible] the mayor's list totals 7,282.

In the opinion of some students [illegible] the situation the vote on the by-law for the expropriation of the holdings of the Esquimalt Waterworks Company, which was recorded on November 24 last, has a bearing on the present contest. The figures on that occasion were:

For the by-law	1,172
Against	1,572

Total vote cast, 2,771; spoiled ballots, 27.

HARD TO QUALIFY IN MUNICIPALITY

Several Candidates for Oak Bay Council May Have to Retire

Some of the men who are nominated for the Oak Bay municipal council are said to be in a peculiar position in regard to their eligibility for the position. There is a property qualification of $250 only, but it is said to be doubtful if some residents can qualify even for that much according to the act. In Oak Bay municipality land values only are taxed. That means that land values only are assessed. If a man has a house and lot worth $3,000 it is probably assessed at about $800. The mortgage in many cases is higher than that, so that there is no margin of $250 between the mortgage and the assessment.

The act clearly states that every candidate must for three months next preceding the day of his nomination have been the registered owner in the land registry office of land or real property situate within the municipality of the assessed value, on the last municipal or provincial assessment roll, of $250 or more, over and above any registered judgment or charge.

A mortgage is a registered charge, and if it exceeds Assessor Floyd's last assessment it seems that the candidate is ineligible. A special assessment made for the purpose would not, it is claimed, comply with the act, which is quite explicit on the subject. How many of the Oak Bay council aspirants this will affect is not known, but it is understood that some of them will be disqualified.

THREE KILLED.

Hilborn, Tex., Jan. 9.—Three persons, a conductor and two passengers, are reported to have been killed in a rear end collision on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway near Abbott Hill county.

WASHED OVERBOARD FROM NEW SCHOONER

Emma H. Returned to Halifax, With Her Skipper, Victor Gullin, Victoria, Missing

After losing her skipper, Victor Gullin, a well known Victorian, who was washed overboard by a huge sea while she was weathering a heavy gale, the sealing schooner, Emma H., which left Halifax, N. S., some time ago for Victoria to join the local fleet, returned to the Nova Scotian port last week. A report to that effect was received on Saturday by E. B. Marvin & Co., from the east, the mate of the schooner who is now in charge telegraphing for orders.

It was thought that the Emma H. was being brought to this coast for W. T. Dawley, Clayoquot, but when a wire was sent him he answered by saying that he had nothing to do with the schooner. F. Adams, of Marvin's is now looking for her owners so as to be able to send instructions to the east.

The late Capt. Gullin was one of the best known mariners in British Columbia waters. He commanded many vessels, his last post before leaving for Halifax, being master of the steamer Tasmania, Prince Rupert. Capt. Gullin was engaged by the owners of the schooners to bring the vessel to Victoria via the Horn and left several months ago. His many friends here will learn with sincere regret the news of his sad and untimely death.

WINNIPEG MAYORALTY SUIT.

Winnipeg, Jan. 9.—Mayor Evans has retained H. Whitla, who until recently was city prosecutor, to represent him in the petition brought by the unsuccessful candidate, E. D. Martin, who contested the mayoralty election. The city prosecutor is an appointee of the provincial government.