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LOCATING HIS QUARRY. Huntsman Lubbe—"Ah! I thought I would get him on this runway if I waited long enough." NEWS NOTE—Ald. Stewart predicts that the city will be buying water by the gallon from the Esquimalt Waterworks Company in 1912.

EIGHTEEN PERISH IN FIRE

BODIES OF EIGHT VICTIMS RECOVERED Ten Others Believed to Be Buried in Debris of Big Store.

London, 21.—It was definitely stated today that eighteen persons lost their lives in the fire that destroyed the great Arding & Hobbs store in Clapham suburbs at noon yesterday. Eight bodies have been recovered. Ten other persons are missing, and are believed to be buried in the ruins of the store.

MAN BURIED IN MINE FOR WEEK

Found Alive After Having Been Without Food for Seven Days.

Marquette, Dec. 21.—Two of the four men who were entombed in Negaunee mine a week ago by a sudden rush of mud were reached last night. Frank Candelio was found alive and Peter Mundi was dead. Candelio was buried 800 feet down in a space only a few feet square and was without food, but had plenty of water, however, and when taken out was able to walk with one man supporting him.

ESTABLISHED RECORD.

British Seventh Submarine Flotilla Make Voyage From Portsmouth and Dundee.

STREET CAR HELD UP.

Conductor Robbed of \$1.60 by Two Masked Men Who Escape.

G. T. P. MAY BUILD HOTEL

REPORTED COMPANY HAS EYE ON VICTORIA C. P. R. Official Takes Exception to Proposed Wharves of Rivals.

Mr. Marpole, representing the C.P.R., was in the city on Monday, and while here on other business, waited on the committee of the Board of Trade to protest against the proposed construction of G.T.P. wharves in the inner harbor.

SAILOR HELD FOR MURDER OF WIFE

Carried His Victim Into Drug Store After Shooting Her.

Bremerton, Wash., Dec. 21.—John Stokes, boatswain, is held to-day in the naval prison here following his arrest at Charleston last evening for killing his wife.

COOL BURGLAR.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 21.—The police are searching for a man who is believed to be a burglar. He is described as a white man, about 35 years of age, with a mustache, and wearing a dark suit.

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COOK'S CLAIM NOT VERIFIED

SCIENTISTS REPORT FINDING TO UNIVERSITY Data Insufficient to Warrant Verdict That He Found North Pole.

Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—The committee of scientists which has been investigating the data of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the Brooklyn explorer, today officially reported to the consistory of the University of Copenhagen that Cook's records and observations are wholly insufficient to warrant a verdict that he discovered the north pole.

TAXICABS MAY BE INTRODUCED HERE

Local Capital Interested in Project to Provide New Vehicles.

"Taxi, sir; taxi?" This new note of the curbstone will, it is said, be heard in Victoria for the first time this summer, a company being projected to give to the Capital City the added convenience among its inter-city transportation facilities of the swift and cheap taxicab.

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VICTORIA MUST SOON BUY WATER BY GALLON

Startling Statement By Ald. Stewart—Elk Lake Only Good For Two Years—Ratepayers to Be Asked For \$1,500,000

"We might as well face the music. Elk Lake has not sufficient water to last us the years of its length of time which must elapse before water can be brought from Sooke Lake. We must purchase water by the gallon very shortly from the Esquimalt Waterworks Co. If we are not driven to this within two years, we certainly shall in three."—Ald. Stewart at last evening's meeting of the City Council.

All unexpectedly the water question came to the fore with a bound at Monday's meeting of the city council, on Mayor Hall asking if it was the wish of the board to have a by-law respecting Sooke Lake should be put before the electors at the forthcoming elections. As a result of the discussion it was disclosed that there is not sufficient water in Elk Lake to last during the period of getting the water from Sooke, and that in the interim it will be necessary to buy water by the gallon from the Esquimalt Waterworks Co. It was decided to submit by-law to the electors, calling for the expenditure of the sum of \$1,500,000 for the purpose of bringing water from Sooke Lake.

The matter came up by the mayor mentioning, before the regular business was taken in hand, that it ought to be settled whether it was the intention of the board to submit a by-law on Sooke at the coming elections. Ald. Raymond wanted to know if a special committee which has been enquiring into Sooke Lake had reported. Ald. Stewart, the chairman of the committee, said all the facts which had been gathered had been laid before the council, but they could not get the council to say anything about going to Sooke. Mr. Bryson, the assistant engineer, had said that he estimated the cost of bringing water from Sooke Lake would be, approximately, \$1,500,000.

Mayor Hall—Yes; Mr. Bryson said it was impossible to bring in water without tunnelling. He figured, I think, about a million and a half as the cost. Ald. Ross—Why not put a by-law before the people just for a million? You could borrow the rest afterwards. His Worship said he did not think the ratepayers would vote on a by-law which did not stipulate the whole amount.

Ald. Mable—it will only be a waste of time to place a by-law before the people; they will not vote the money. I am quite sure of that. You can buy Esquimalt water cheaper by the gallon than you can bring it from Sooke Lake. Ald. Henderson did not agree with the view of Ald. Mable, that the citizens would turn the by-law down. He was satisfied that the citizens wanted water from Sooke Lake and were willing to pay the cost involved in the enterprise. There was pressure from certain quarters against the Sooke Lake scheme, but he felt confident that the pressure would have to be very great indeed to convince the people that the scheme was unworthy of support. He thought the most important question for the board to decide was as to whether the whole amount should be borrowed at once. Cook's course it was well known that a strong effort would be made to secure the city into tying up with the Esquimalt company. What the council should insist upon is to have Sooke Lake all ready to deliver water when Elk Lake was about exhausted owing to the growth in population. Of course there was a good deal of opposition to the water department of the city just now, but he felt convinced that no time should be lost in getting the water from Sooke Lake before purchasing one gallon of water from the Esquimalt people. He moved that the city solicitor be instructed to prepare a by-law at once.

Ald. Fulerton seconded the resolution, and Ald. Stewart said he would support the resolution, but he did not agree that there was enough water in Elk Lake to last for five years. Elk Lake had never been so low as this year prior to the excessive rainfall. For the past five years the lake has not filled to its average capacity. The city was growing very rapidly, and it was not wise in his opinion to create the impression that there was an ample supply of water in Elk Lake to draw from. He personally was of the opinion there was only sufficient water in Elk and Beaver Lakes to last over the coming year. If members of the board would take the figures of the daily consumption and follow the records, which are available in the water commissioner's office, they would see with him. As for there being hidden springs in Sooke Lake which were adding to the volume of water, he did not believe there was a drop of water flowing into the lake in the summer time. There were 400 new dwellings erected in Victoria last year. This meant a great increase in the number of additional water services. Then there were the additional sewer connections. In his opinion, if the city was not forced to buy water by the gallon in two years it would certainly be forced to do so in three. They might as well get ready to face the music. Any person could see that he had not exaggerated the situation if they would take time to study the records. Elk Lake had never been so low as this year. Of course the excessive rainfall of a few weeks ago had relieved the situation somewhat. Ald. Turner favored going further and asking for a sum of \$1,700,000. This

would allow of a margin of capital so that a sum would be available for doing work at Elk Lake to increase the watershed. He was opposed to buying water by the gallon, and would be prepared to do anything else to avoid that. He agreed, however, that Elk Lake would be unable to supply the city for the next five years unless the quantity of water in the lake was increased. Sooke Lake was where the city would have to go eventually. Ald. McKee was in favor of going to Sooke, but he thought the cost was a little more than the citizens were prepared to assume at present. However, the city was growing, and by the time Sooke was ready the money would be forthcoming. Ald. Raymond favored the motion, but he believed that the supply at Elk Lake would be increased by getting more watershed. It only needed additional pumping to increase the supply from Elk Lake. Ald. Stewart—it costs more to pump than it would to buy by the gallon. We paid out \$3,000 this year, and we only used the pumps a very brief period. Ald. Mable—The people will vote down the Sooke Lake by-law. They have no confidence in the City Council. Ald. Henderson said that if Elk Lake could not supply the city for the next five years that would mean that Victoria was growing so rapidly that the people could afford to buy water by the gallon when they were forced to do so. He did not think the people had no confidence in the City Council, as was mentioned by some speakers. They had voted the sum of \$600,000 only a short time ago, and the money was asked by a board which was about to relinquish office. He was in favor of buying 600 additional acres at Elk Lake to add to the watershed. This land could be obtained for about \$5,000. The city has \$40,000 to the good from the water revenue, and he was opposed to borrowing more money. Ald. Bishop was of the opinion that the citizens would not support the loan. Mayor Hall, in closing the debate, said he believed that the sooner the water question was settled once and for all the better it would be for the city. The papers were constantly printing letters about an inadequate supply, and this was a bad thing for the city. It was finally decided to instruct the solicitors to prepare the necessary by-law.

CANDIDATES FOR THE THRONE OF GREECE

Military League Favors Crown Prince Constantine's Son as George's Successor.

Athens, via the Frontier, Dec. 21.—The military league, whose grip on the government is firm enough to allow of executive commands, has decided on Crown Prince Constantine's son George for the throne if King George abdicates, as he is expected to do very soon. There are also several other candidates. The politicians outside the army want the Duke of Abruzzi. Their theory is that George would be the league's puppet, and they are extremely jealous of the army's power. But the position of the politicians is weak, and they lack physical strength to carry out their will. The nephew of the late King Otto is also reported to be in Athens trying to stir up sentiment for himself. He is not regarded as formidable by the army or politicians, however. The present King's abdication is almost certain. What is thought will drive him from the throne is the league's determination to declare war against Turkey in the spring. His Majesty thinks this would be suicidal, but the militarists believe that the powers would protect Greece against Turkish vengeance.

KING LEOPOLD'S WILL

Daughter of the Late Monarch Prepares to Bring Action Against Baroness Vaughn.

Brussels, Dec. 21.—Attorneys representing the Princess Louise today began preparation of the papers in the suit she will bring against Baroness Vaughn, over the distribution of the late King Leopold's estate as provided by his will. The present King's abdication is almost certain. What is thought will drive him from the throne is the league's determination to declare war against Turkey in the spring. His Majesty thinks this would be suicidal, but the militarists believe that the powers would protect Greece against Turkish vengeance.

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