

SEWER SYSTEM IS INADEQUATE

STATEMENT MADE BY ALDERMAN HUMBER

Business Before Last Evening's Meeting of the Streets Committee

That the city has outgrown its present sewerage facilities and that it will shortly have to spend a huge sum of money in order to enlarge the same was the declaration made by Ald. Humber at Friday night's meeting of the streets committee of the City Council.

Opportunity for this remark on the part of Ald. Humber came with the receipt of complaints of defective box drains from various parts of the city. Mayor Morley suggested that hereafter surface drains should be laid on the local improvement plan and not out of general revenue as at present.

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The tenders for sand and gravel were reconsidered and after a long debate it was decided that the contract for all the filling and 20 per cent. of the sand and gravel to be awarded to the Scott & Lineham Company and 80 per cent. of the sand and gravel to the B. C. Sand & Gravel Company.

It was decided to improve Connaught road by grading the roadway and constructing plank walks, provided the owners benefited pay the whole cost.

The valuation set by Beaumont Boggs on the property which the city will expropriate in the work of widening Oak Bay avenue from the junction easterly at a cost of \$4,388 was accepted.

It was decided to close Rock Bay bridge it was deemed advisable to close the bridge to vehicular traffic.

WELLINGTON AVALANCHE. Bodies of Four Canadian Victims Still Buried Under Snow.

Seattle, Wash., March 12.—The only Canadians whose bodies are still in the ruins at Wellington are George Heron, James Monroe, John Melville, of Meyston, B. C., and Alex. Chisholm, of Rossland.

SUDDEN DEATH OF BISHOP SPELLMEYER

Found Dead in Bed in His Apartment at Trenton, N. J.

Trenton, N. J., March 12.—Bishop Henry Spellmeyer, of St. Louis, was found dead in bed in his apartments at the Hotel Dennis today. Heart disease was given as the cause of his death.

Bishop Spellmeyer was in the East to preside over the 74th session of the New Jersey annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, which is now meeting at Atlantic City. He was elevated to the episcopacy at the general conference of the church at Los Angeles in 1904.

Bishop Spellmeyer was born in New York November 20th, 1847. After his graduation and for the following 33 years he was pastor of a Methodist Episcopal church in Newark, N. J.

Bishop Spellmeyer occupied a number of the foremost offices in the church and was well known in educational circles.

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CHINESE URGED TO WITHDRAW TROOPS

OCCUPATION OF THIBET MAY CAUSE TROUBLE

British Government is Bringing Pressure to Bear on Chinese

(Times Leased Wire.) London, March 12.—Under the guise of "friendly representations" the British government is bringing exceedingly heavy pressure to bear on China to remove her Chinese troops from Thibet as speedily as possible.

The advance into 'Thibet' was conducted along lines that showed a military development of the highest order. The troops were well disciplined, well armed and fought with gallantry and persistence.

The German press is just as certain that China's new movement spells trouble for somebody. "The conflict which has long been smouldering could not have been provoked so fiercely," declares the Berlin Tagliche Rundschau.

It cannot be pretended, says the Telegraph, "that this unlooked for turn of events does not raise more than one problem of vital importance and great difficulty. For the first time since we took over the government of India, we shall have the force of China encamped at our very gates and we shall be fortunate indeed if the new northern frontier does not soon prove as constant and as costly a source of anxiety as was ever the most famous northwest."

The Express says that "China is engaged in one of the most momentous military undertakings of the present day. China is at last awake and has begun her new life with an energetic policy which must have lasting and far-reaching effects."

Lord Curzon, who had more than anyone else to do with sending the expedition of Col. Younghusband into Thibet in 1903-1904, is being severely censured at this late date.

DENIES DIRECTORS WERE FORCED OUT

President Rogers Answers Questions at Crow's Nest Coal Co. Meeting

(Special to the Times.) Toronto, March 12.—At the meeting of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company yesterday President Rogers, in reply to a question, said the company was selling coal at the great northern railway at the average price of \$2.50 per ton.

The anti-Hill shareholders afterwards expressed dissatisfaction with this as being too low a price. To another shareholder, President Rogers was asked as to dividend, but President Rogers said he could say nothing definite.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

Old Building Collapses in Seattle While Firemen Are Fighting Flames.

Seattle, Wash., March 12.—Fifteen firemen had a narrow escape from death at 9 o'clock this morning when the burning six-story Mimer hotel completely collapsed, and the fire fighters were forced to crawl under the ruins of the building. Luckily the ruins in falling struck the side of another building, thus holding the blazing timbers some eight feet above the ground. Otherwise the men would have met certain death.

FOR LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS

Former Vice-President of the United States Predicts Success of Movement

(Times Leased Wire.) London, March 12.—Former Vice-President Charles Fairbanks, who sailed for America from Liverpool today, declared that he may re-enter politics at no distant date, according to an interview with Fairbanks published in the London Evening News this afternoon. Fairbanks is quoted as having said:

"I will not say that I am out of politics. I may, in fact, re-enter politics at no distant date. For the present, however, my time is occupied in working for a limitation of international armaments. As a result of this movement the civilized world may expect to see a material reduction of the world's war expenses soon."

Fairbanks failed to state just what field of politics he is considering entering.



LABELLED AT LAST!

ALBERTA PREMIER RETAINS OFFICE

RUTHERFORD SPRINGS SURPRISE IN HOUSE

Cross Again in Cabinet—Want of Confidence Motion Defeated

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EMIGRATION OF ARMY RESERVISTS

Will Be Permitted Only to Limited Extent Says Sir Edward Gray

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SPLIT AMONG YOUNG TURKS

SECEDERS FORM NEW POPULAR PARTY

Leaders Are Threatened With Death and Clashes Are Feared

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LABOR LEADERS ISSUE ULTIMATUM

THREATEN TO CALL STATE-WIDE STRIKE

Federal Authorities May Try to End Dispute at Philadelphia

(Times Leased Wire.) Philadelphia, Pa., March 12.—Federal intervention in the street car and general strike here is considered to-day to be the only real hope for peace.

Every effort by both sides in the conflict as well as by the general public to have the question settled amicably appears to have failed.

President Taft has suggested that the industrial peace commission, founded by former President Theodore Roosevelt, should interfere and endeavor to effect a settlement.

The intentions of the government officials, with attendant delays through red tape and routine, may be thwarted by the action of the strike leaders last night in sending out an ultimatum that unless the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company consents to arbitration within 48 hours, every union man in Pennsylvania will be called out.

The leaders also declared that every union man on strike now or later, will demand an increase of wages before its members return to work unless the company quickly consents to arbitration.

Officials of the transit company still maintain that they cannot consent to recognize striking employees unless the employees return to work as individuals and not as members of the carmen's union.

Meat Advances. The retail prices of meat here to-day range from five to ten cents a pound above normal prices and thousands of strikers and their families are suffering in consequence.

The retail meat dealers predict another advance on Monday. It is also asserted that other commodities will follow the rise of meat.

Cars Attacked. The strike leaders announced to-day that a number of men employed at the Diston Saw Works at Tacony, left the company to-day. The leaders predicted that they would be able to close the plant by nightfall. The Diston officials, however, denied that the company was crippled by the defection of the men.

Minor disorders occurred throughout to-day and in some streets the cars were stoned.

PATTEN SAYS SPINNERS ARE NARROW-MINDED

Chicago Operator Talks After His Lively Reception at Manchester

(Times Leased Wire.) Liverpool, March 12.—Still looking crestfallen after his experience at the hands of a Manchester mob, James A. Patten, the Chicago operator and "wheat king," sailed for home to-day on the liner Mauretania.

"The trouble with the people of Manchester," said Patten, "is that they do not appreciate that I am not responsible for the law of supply and demand."

"The demonstration against me showed their narrowness. I have no more to do with the Manchester cotton industry or conditions of the English wheat market than with the movement of Halley's comet."

The demonstration referred to by Patten was hooded from the Manchester streets by a mob, and later almost mobbed on the streets by an angry mob, the members of which believed that Patten's market operations were inimical to their interests.

Patten visited the corn exchange here yesterday and was greeted with cheers and other manifestations of friendliness.

SKIN GRAFTING OPERATION AT HEDLEY

Rev. Mr. Kinney Contributes Cuticle to Heal Wounds

Hedley, March 10.—The first operation in the Hedley general hospital was that performed last week when it became necessary to resort to skin grafting to heal the severe burn received by Dorothy Meausette, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Meausette of Keremeos.

Rev. Mr. Kinney contributed the amount of cuticle required, which in this case had to be a generous quantity for the wound which had to be covered with new skin was about four inches wide and ten inches long.

The doctor was assisted in the operation by Miss Bond, the new matron, and the little patient, notwithstanding the severe suffering she has had during the past three weeks, as well as in the operation itself, is doing nicely and making a satisfactory recovery.

TWO MONTHS' BATTLE FOR LIFE

MISSING MEN FROM FARALLON FOUND

Tell of Suffering From Cold and Hunger After Losing Boat

(Times Leased Wire.) Seward, Alaska, March 12.—After a sixty-three days' battle with cold, hunger and hunger, four of the six men who were rescued from the wreck of the steamer Farallon, January 7th, are safe in Seward to-day, and the remaining two are safe at Kodiak.

The four men were brought to Seward on the revenue tug Tahona, which left February 21st for a search for the missing men.

They are: Gus Swanson, second mate of the Farallon; Charles Peterson, seaman; Albert Bailey, passenger on board the Farallon; and Capt. Wilder, master of the launch Sea Wolf, who remained at Kodiak.

For a month, the Tahona searched for the missing men with no success. March 7th, as the revenue tug was leaving Karuluk straits she spoke the schooner Mattie, whose crew shouted that the six men had been at Uyak, leaving there two days ago in a dory headed for Afognak.

The Tahona headed full speed for Afognak, and there on the evening of March 7th, found the men.

The four now in Seward will return to Seattle on the Tahona, which leaves here Sunday night.

The men tell a marvellous story of their two months' battle for life and a final victory.

Leaving the wrecked Farallon on the morning of January 7th they headed for Uruk cove, where they put in for the night. Putting out the next morning they ran into a northwest sea.

The heavy sea nearly swamped the boat, and the spray froze on the men until they resembled animated icebergs.

Just off Douglas Island, the boat sank under the weight of the ice with which it was coated, but the men managed to reach the island, all terribly frost bitten. They huddled in a sheltering nook for 48 hours, until the blizzard subsided.

February 7th, stormbound when they started out again, Nelson became snow blind and wandered away, and was not found for 24 hours, reaching Kamak after the fourth day, and dug it out of the snow and made their way to Kattai bay, living the entire time on whale oil and dried fish flour. There they managed to kill seal, but in attempting to cross the straits their boat was wrecked in a gale just as they reached Cape Ugat.

After more appalling hardship and suffering they made their way to Uganek village in a native canoe and, with two native guides, went to Afognak, where the Tahona found them.

There were present Mr. George Christie, Grant, St. Laugrin, Munn, Leeming, Hayward, Carter, Knish, Allen, Mara, Blakemore, Mullen, Kishnam, The Vincent, Fitcher, Goodson, A. B. Fraser, Sr., Nelson, Campbell, Pe Jackson, Bullen, Willard, Bond and Reid.

THREE VESSELS COLLIDE IN FOG

Gunboat, Tug and Schooner Damaged in San Francisco Bay

(Times Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Cal., March 12.—Three vessels involving the gunboat Vicksburg, show the results to-day of a double collision on the bay in the night owing to heavy fog. The series of accidents occurred shortly after midnight.

The sailing schooner James, of San Francisco, laden with gravel, outward bound, began the trouble. The tug craft was in the Mare Island channel, before the vessel could be controlled she had crashed into the Vicksburg at anchor in the stream. The tug was disabled for some time, and the schooner was also damaged.

Both trains were out of control, and the passenger running on the year end of the freight.

NEWSPAPER MERGERS

St. John, March 12.—The Star and the Sun, published by the Star Company, cease publication.

They have been purchased by B. E. Pearson, of Halifax, owner of the Halifax Echo, by the Times and the Halifax Times, morning and afternoon papers.

ENDORSEMENT NAVAL BOARD OF TRADE

GIVES ITS APPROVAL

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's manlike Work is Referred to With Favor

(From Friday's Daily Star.) At the meeting of the board yesterday afternoon the board of trade endorsed the motion after the report from the Ottawa had been received.

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