

COUNCIL MEETING

BUSINESS COMPLETED

Call Members of the Fire Department Petitioned for an Increase in Salary—Other Business.

Monday's meeting of the city council was a record breaker for brevity. It lasted only half an hour...

The water commissioner recommended that waterworks employees of the city be allowed one pair of gum boots yearly.

The building inspector recommended the removal of a certain shack on Fort street. It was decided to notify the owners of the structure to meet the council...

The call members of the fire department petitioned for an increase in salaries in the following communication:

To His Worship the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen: We, the undersigned call of officers and members of the Victoria fire department, do hereby humbly petition your honorable body that you will have the most favorable consideration the matter of granting a request for an increase in salaries.

We now wish to lay before you a scale of pay which we consider a fair amount of remuneration for the services rendered by us, and trust that upon due consideration a higher rate of pay will be allowed than we feel justified in according to our wishes in this regard.

Assistant chief, to be raised from \$25 to \$30 per month; captains—\$30, \$30 to \$32; firemen, \$18 to \$21.

Referred to the favorable consideration of next year's council.

The finance committee recommended the appropriation of \$3,853.92 for the usual purposes. Adopted.

The sewer specification by-law was reconsidered, adopted and finally passed.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS. Children of South Saanich Methodist Sunday School Celebrated Monday Evening—Other Treats.

A Christmas entertainment was held Monday evening at the Methodist church, South Saanich, when the pupils of the Sunday school of that church sang a thoroughly enjoyable time.

When the ceremony had been completed, the present, as already stated, proceeded to the Victoria hotel, where they were seated at tables laden with all manner of delicacies.

Annual entertainments will be held at the first Presbyterian and Knox Presbyterian churches this evening.

CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION. Of St. Louis Opposed to "Closed Shop" and Eight Hour Law.

St. Louis, Dec. 30.—In a speech last night before representative citizens from every line of trade and commerce in the city, David M. Parry, of Indianapolis, president of the Citizens' Industrial Association of America, spoke in favor of suppressing any law which would restrict the business of the country, and opposes its passage.

INTERNATIONAL GAMES

Over Six Hundred Players Who Will Take Part in Tournament for Challenge Cup.

Paris, Dec. 30.—Arnaud de Riviers, the manager of the forthcoming international chess tournament, to be played at Monte Carlo, announced today that the following players had been selected to start in the tournament for the challenge cup in February: Swiderski, of Berlin; Marz, of Schleibitz; Viennese, of Vienna; and of New York: Marozz, of Buda Pest, and Gansberg, of London.

REDUCING OIL

Corsican, Dec. 30.—The pipe line yesterday cut crude petroleum five cents a barrel, dropping the price to \$1.27. The advance began last May, when the price was 85 cents and continued steadily until \$1.32 was reached. Heavy oil was cut to 55 cents.

CONSERVATIVES WILL MEET IN VICTORIA

Members of the Provincial Executive Discuss Measures to Discipline John Houston.

A meeting of the provincial Conservative executive was held in Vancouver yesterday to take into consideration a number of burning questions.

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WANT FOR CHANGE

VANCOUVER ISLAND COMPANY EXPLAINS

It Expects Government to Be Put in Hands of Competent Men Before Long.

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A RECORD YEAR

OVER SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND IMMIGRANTS LAMED AT NEW YORK DURING 1903—MORE EXPECTED.

New York, Dec. 30.—The Journal of Commerce today says: "Immigration at this port in 1903 passed the previous records. During the calendar year now ending, 619,980 immigrants, steamer passengers, were landed here before January 1st, so that the total increase will probably be close on to 75,000."

ALL QUIET AT KISHINEFF

St. Petersburg, Dec. 30.—It is officially announced in view of the reports current here, that there has been no disturbance at Kishineff since never quieter than at present.

SOLDIERS DEPART FOR THE FAR EAST

Embarked on Express of China This Morning—Interesting Scene at Outer Wharves.

Company No. 83, R. G. A., had fare-well to Victoria on Tuesday. The Express of China, taking them to Hongkong, arrived down Vancouver last night about 8 o'clock, and remained here until 10:30 o'clock this morning in order to embark the men.

The company coming from Halifax to succeed Company No. 83, R. G. A., arrived here and taking command at the local work of colonel.

VANCOUVER NEWS

Funeral of the Late N. C. Schou—The Merchant Service Guild.

The funeral of Mr. Nicolai C. Schou, who died in Victoria on Christmas morning, took place on Monday from Centre Street, at 10 o'clock.

The C. P. R. is building a new wharf dock extending to the Vancouver harbor water front, east of Gore avenue, for the New England Fish Company.

A branch of the Merchant Service Guild, whose members are composed of seamen, is being organized in Victoria.

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BRIEF TELEGRAMS

A positive refusal to arbitrate was the decision of the joint associations of child laborers on Tuesday on the proposal submitted by the striking Liverpool drivers. Many desertions from the union were reported.

Ex-Congressman John M. Glover, who was wounded in the arms and arrested by military at Cripple Creek on Colonel Verdenberg's. His wound is not serious.

The National Shortland Teachers' Association in session at Cincinnati was given an exhibition of recently prepared reports on a blackboard on Tuesday, when Fred Ireland, official stenographer of the House of Representatives at Washington, wrote from dictation at the rate of 233 words per minute, and read the same without an error in less than fifty seconds.

W. J. Bryan has returned to England from his tour in the West Indies. He has made a study of the financial conditions abroad and has returned to his home in Maryland with a report on the subject. "Not the slightest," Mr. Bryan said he regretted that lack of time had prevented him from making a more extensive investigation of the social and industrial conditions of the countries through which he had passed.

UNBESINESS AMONG GERMAN

A General Rising of Hottentots in South Africa is Feared.

Capetown, Dec. 30.—The Cape Times reports grave alarm throughout German territory in South Africa, and says that there are fears of a general Hottentot rising there.

KIDNEY EXPERIMENT—There's no time for experimenting when you've discovered that you are a victim of some form or another of kidney disease. Lay claim to the treatment that thousands have found their faith to and has cured quickly and permanently. South American Kidney Cure stands pre-eminent in the world of medicine as the kidney sufferer's trust.

LICENSE AUTHORIZING AN EXTRA PROVINCIAL COMPANY TO CARRY ON BUSINESS.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897." Province of British Columbia. No. 244.

It is to certify that "The Princess Royal Gold Mines, Limited," is authorized and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia.

The head office of the Company is situated at Rotherham, in the County of King's, New Brunswick.

The amount of the capital of the Company is one million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, divided into one million two hundred and fifty thousand shares of one dollar each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situated at Victoria, B. C., and David MacEwen Eberts, whose address is Victoria, B. C., is the attorney of the Company.

Given under my hand and seal of office at the City of Victoria, British Columbia, this 24th day of November, one thousand nine hundred and three.

REGISTRAR OF JOINT STOCK COMPANIES.

To acquire, purchase, hold, sell, transfer and dispose of any rights, interests, franchises, trade marks and hereditaments in connection with the business of the proposed Company.

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OUR Scientific Powers. Relieve You of That Tired Feeling. TRY ONE BEFORE BREAKFAST. CYRUS H. BOWES, CHEMIST, 98 Government St., Near Yates St. 'Phones 425 and 450. CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS. NOTICE.

COTTON KING'S CAMPAIGN. How Fund Being Raised Among Spinners of the United States Will Be Spent. New York, Dec. 29.—I. Sully, the cotton king, who has made \$10,000,000 in the great campaign in cotton futures, which yesterday put the price of this commodity up to 14 cents, the highest in twenty-five years, and which has closed cotton mills all over the country and Europe and thrown many thousands of men and women out of employment, is raising a fund of \$200,000 among the spinners of the United States. "Influence" the American press and the American people to accept the high price of one of the greatest necessities as the inevitable result of conditions created by physical necessities rather than by speculative manipulation, says a morning paper. Mr. Sully has himself subscribed \$10,000 to the fund, and in a letter to the fund he solicits liberal subscription to the fund for the campaign, which is designed to be conducted during the year 1904 through specific channels.

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Chicago, Dec. 31.—For the since Chicago has possessed peace and whistles to shriek to blow, the old year to thank loved, silently to take its place and the new year present come in with no evidence of birth. In an official pre Mayor Harrison suggested usual New Year's celebration this time, omitted, and the it a really response in the heart people, saddened by yesterday's The proclamation follows: "On each recurring New Year's morn has been caused by the persons in noisy celebrations of age of the old year. The cities have at all times discour practice, but now when Chic the shadow of the greatest d history for a generation, n ing, whether by bells, whistl horns or any other means, is b objectionable. "As mayor of Chicago I wo fore request all people to ref this indulgence, and I would a way officials and all persons factories, boats and mills to d employees not to blow whistl the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock. For the second time in the h city of Chicago has been str heart. Not only have many c and daughters met death in of horror, and torturing fo troublous theatre, but the blow almost as heavily upon the w whom we meet. There is n large or town, last night, in th of 150. It is general at this time that the most estimate is 604. This num is in every event exceed 575. Including the missing, th that the total number of c the present time is approxi There are among the missi being revealed. "When the names of the de still to be identified hav from the list of missing, it that the extent of the cat be fully revealed. "Some of the most remark of the fire were not know days. E. L. Donaldson, a c of Hayes, Alexander, in th handled a long telegram of fire and its harvest of dea that his own wife was missing. When he went ho and taken to a drug stor hurriedly returned and sc through the morgues and the to-day had not found the body of his missing wife. A six years old, was one of t struck down and trample Her body was removed by and taken to a drug stor child was seen by her i had escaped uninjured. For the remarkable escapes w the fire, Gallagher, 12 year girl once a night in th from the front on the main assisted she made her wa escape. Her clothing was into shreds. "One of the most peculiar itations was that of the he of Hayes, Alexander, in th of Clinton, Iowa. Her m Edwards, who has been in a visit, identified the dan and a burned body from a sa cloth in her skirt, which h pocket. "Mary Wunderlich, repres town piano house of this