

FIVE TRAMPLE DEATH IN PANIC TWENTY-ONE ALSO SUSTAIN INJURIES

Thieves Light Firecrackers in Theatre and Pick Pockets During Rush.

Lemburg, Austria, Dec. 31.—The entire police force of this city is in a man hunt in their efforts to run down the desperate pickpockets who exploded fireworks at a moving picture show Wednesday, when five were killed and twenty-one seriously injured in the panic that followed the explosion.

The pickpockets' plan was entirely successful, scores being robbed as they fled through the exits. It is supposed that the criminals had a man stationed at each door while the leader stood at the back of the house and lighted the fuses attached to a number of cannon crackers which he had concealed under his seat.

HOLDING SALMON FOR HIGHER PRICES

Peabody & Co. Report Little Selling During Past Few Months.

The salmon on this coast is already finding its way to Europe by the Teanauque route. Prices still remain high and sellers think the price will go yet higher, consequently they are holding.

Henry W. Peabody & Co., of London, England, report as follows: During the last four months practically no trade has been done in British Columbia salmon, either on the spot or to arrive.

Alaska—There is a scarcity of tails, and sales have been made at the 71-an at 22s. 8d. The Cyclops, due next week, will bring a further supply, but there is no likelihood that this market will recede until the bulk of the shipments which are coming here by sailing vessel arrive.

The total imports of salmon to the United Kingdom for the eleven months ending November 30th were:

Table with 2 columns: Salmon type and quantity. Includes entries for C. sockeye salmon to Liverpool, C. sockeye salmon to London, Alaska salmon to Liverpool, and Alaska salmon to London.

Received, Delivered, Stock. 808 427 28,517 188,716 809 8,083 25,796 75,283

SURVEY STATIONS FOR WIRELESS AND MARINE

C. P. Edwards Leaving Saturday for Prince Rupert.

On or about Saturday next C. P. Edwards, the superintendent of the Dominion government wireless stations, accompanied by Engineer Killen, will proceed to Prince Rupert to survey the tram road of the site of the wireless station on Digby island.

Mr. Killen has another work to perform while at Prince Rupert. He will survey the site for the new sub-station of the marine department for the Dominion government. This station will be built on Digby Island, adjoining the wireless station. Mr. Killen is at present at West Coast, but is expected to return before Saturday.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

The agent of marine at this port gives notice that the boiler of the fog alarm is now undergoing repair, and the fog horn will be inoperative until about the 10th January, 1910.

ING ACT OR CIVIC FOLLY PEOPLE ASKED TO VOTE WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE

W. E. Oliver Scores the Council—Explains His Policy to Workingmen.

A good reception was given to W. E. Oliver by a meeting of workingmen in Labor hall last evening. Mr. Oliver's frank presentation of his platform pleased the audience, which was critical, as all audiences of workingmen are.

The chair was occupied by ex-Ald. Ed. Bragg. Mr. Oliver devoted his time chiefly to the water question, as being the most important to the people in his estimation, and his scheme for the solution of the problem by the creation of a water board.

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Powell and Bridge Streets to Be Widened for Short Distance.

Vancover, Jan. 5.—The city council will shortly take steps to have Bridge street widened at the southern end and Powell street widened for about a block between Boundary and Campbell avenues. This latter thoroughfare for that distance is only 68 feet wide, whereas it should be the full 66 feet, but the right of way of the C.P.R. railway happens to encroach.

In the past the city has had difficulty in getting the company to move. The latter will now apply to the provincial government for power to expropriate sufficient of the private property on the south side to make the street of the necessary width.

Ald. Crowe brought up the question of having the proposal to give an eight hour day to civic employees voted on by only those entitled to vote on the money by-laws. Instead of a general plebiscite, he claimed that it meant an expenditure by the city of at least \$100,000 per year, and the property owners were the ones who were principally affected. His amendment however, was lost on the following vote:

For—Ald. Crowe, McKechnie, Prescott, Kirpatrick and Goodman; against—Ald. MacMillan, Whiteside, Morton, McBride, McTaggart and McSpadden.

EXPLOSION AT PHOENIX

Phoenix, Jan. 4.—An explosion in a cook stove in the wash block, a boarding house, here, completely wrecked the kitchen and considerably damaged the entire building, most of the windows being broken. Prompt action fortunately prevented a fire, as a score or more people were asleep in the rooms at the time. The explosion appears to have been caused by dynamite in the wood, but how it got there is a mystery.

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CHINAMAN TAKES OATH ON SAUCER

Administered for First Time in Vancouver Police Court.

Vancover, Jan. 5.—The saucer oath was administered in the police court for probably the first time here. The witness was a Chinaman, who said he was unable to write his name even in his own language, and therefore the ordinary court paper oath was of no effect. The case was that of Thomas Hernandez, charged with smuggling opium, and J. A. Russell, who appeared with W. C. Brown for the defence, suggested that the chicken oath be administered.

C. J. South, acting magistrate, suggested that the saucer oath would be more convenient.

Detective Anderson brought in a small saucer, but the court objected that it must be of China and of the proper dimensions.

"A thing like that," remarked Mr. Russell, "would only bind the lefthand of his conscience."

A full-fledged China saucer was produced later, and the Chinaman swore that he would tell the truth or expect his soul to be cracked like that saucer, and dashed it to the ground.

Hernandez, the man in the case, was charged with smuggling and selling opium. Superintendent Welsh, of the Canadian Bureau, has just got on his track by hearing some men in a boarding-house conversing in Spanish, a language he understood, and how he and Detective Perry had searched the rooms of Hernandez afterwards and found several tins of opium there.

The Chinaman told how he had been commissioned by another Chinaman to take a package to the room of Hernandez, but that was all he knew about it. Hernandez was remanded.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT.

Victoria Meteorological Office. 28th-December to 3rd January, 1910.

Victoria—Total amount of bright sunshine, 18 hours and 38 minutes; rain, .50 inch; snow, .25 inch; highest temperature, 42 on 20th; lowest, 24 on 2nd.

Vancover—Total sunshine, 28 hours and 35 minutes; highest temperature, 42 on 30th; lowest, 14 on 2nd.

New Westminster—Rain, .44 inch; highest temperature, 42 on 30th; lowest, 12 on 2nd.

Kamloops—Snow, .30 inch; highest temperature, 32 on 30th; lowest, 4 below on 2nd.

Barkerville—Snow, .25 inches; highest temperature, 30 on 28th and 29th; lowest, 20 below on 1st.

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OLDEST WHITE MAN

Antoine Lamproné Passes Away at Kamloops at Age of 111.

Kamloops, Jan. 5.—Antoine Lamproné, who died here recently is believed to have been British Columbia's oldest inhabitant—certainly the oldest white man in the province. He was 111 at the time of his death. He had himself lost all count of the passage of years, but cherished an old, old family Bible, in which the fact was recorded of his birth on March 15, 1798. Old-timers in the Kamloops district, among them C. T. Cooney of Tranquille, himself a resident of 60 years standing, remember Lamproné as a very old man when he came to the country half a century ago. He had been for years a pensioner of the Hudson's Bay company, for whom he worked as a trapper and courier in the early days of the last century.

CHAIR PRESENTED TO EX-MAYOR KEARY

After Eight Years in Council He Takes Chair With Him.

New Westminster, Jan. 5.—At the closing session of the old city council, Alderman Fader moved that the mayor retire from the chair and permit Alderman Gray to act as chairman. Mr. Fader then moved that the chair from which Mr. Keary has presided at the meetings of the council for the past eight years, be presented to him, and that the city clerk prepare a list of all the councillors who have ever sat under Mr. Keary and present the same to him. Alderman Fader said that he had always found Mr. Keary a good friend of the city and to the citizens.

Alderman Jardine seconded the motion made by Mr. Fader and said a few words expressing his regret at seeing Mr. Keary retire. The other aldermen all spoke in the same strain, agreeing that they had had their little differences with the mayor at some time during their term of office, but they had been able to put them aside and would be forgotten while the memory of their pleasant relations with the mayor remained fresh.

Mr. Keary very gracefully thanked the aldermen for their gift saying that though he knew that the chair was not of any great intrinsic value, he was glad that an old friend would still be with him, in retiring from the chair he had only to regret that he had anything that he had done, although he might have said things in the heat of argument that he now regretted. He would be glad to have the name of the alderman who had been in the council with him since 1902.

Speaking of the prosperity of the city he remarked that he was sanguine that it would continue throughout the year 1910. He thanked the newspaper reporters for the fair reports that they had given of the meetings of the council in 1909, and hoped that they would continue in their course.

HOSPITAL MERGER HAS BEEN DISCUSSED

Negotiations on Between City and the Jubilee Directors.

Mayor Hall yesterday had a conference with E. A. Lewis, president of the board of directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital, relative to the question of the amalgamation of the Isolation Hospital, which is managed by the city, with the larger institution. Mr. Lewis reported that the matter had been discussed at a special meeting of the directors, and it had been deemed advisable, in view of the fact that the incoming council will shortly take office, to postpone negotiations until after the elections. Mayor Hall is to get a letter from the Jubilee board setting forth the above, and will lay the same before the next meeting of the City Council on Monday evening, which will be the final session of the present body.

Discussing the matter this morning, the corporation said the directors of the Jubilee wished to go very carefully into the financial liabilities which would be involved in the merger of the two institutions; and as it would necessarily take considerable time to prepare the statements it would be difficult to use in the present council going ahead with the negotiations any further.

In view of this situation, it is improbable that anything further will be done in the matter of the complaint of the medical health officer of the city, Dr. Hermann Robertson, against the matron, Mrs. King, that question also being left over as a legacy to the incoming council.

FIRE IN CHILLIWACK HOTEL

New Westminster, Jan. 4.—Fire in the Dominion hotel, Chilliwack, caused damage to the extent of \$1,500 on Friday. The fire broke out on the first floor, and the prompt arrival of the brigade was responsible for confining the blaze to that section of the house. The fire fortunately occurred at a time when the majority of the guests were out of their rooms, and the few who were in the hotel at the time found no difficulty in escaping.

NEW CHURCH DEDICATED

Vancover, Jan. 4.—The new Mount Pleasant Presbyterian church was formally dedicated at the services held there on Sunday. There were large congregations both in the morning and evening, and the services were impressive. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Woodside, preached at the service, and the choir of the church sang on earth and its mission.

—Morse Davis, M. E., left last night for London, Eng., where he will consult with chemists who he objects of arranging a mining property in the Yukon.

MAN FATALLY BURNED

Vancover, Jan. 4.—Peter Trudeau died in the General hospital on New Year's morning. He was working on a new house at the corner of Pender and Jarvis streets, and had evidently gone to work still feeling the effects of the celebration of the coming of the New Year. The morning was cold, and he lit a fire to warm himself, but fell into it. Some of the workmen dragged him out and sent for the police. Trudeau was sent to the General hospital where he died before noon.

To teach proper declamation to the pupils in some Viennese schools, the voices of eminent actors are repeated on phonographs.

PROVINCIAL CABINET DOES MUCH BUSINESS

Revision of Statutes—Appointments Made—Many Deputations.

The provincial executive had a long session yesterday, heard four deputations, discussed civil service reorganization with Mr. Cotsworth of the civil service commission and made several appointments.

Charles Wilson, K.C., and A. P. Luxton, K.C., are appointed as commissioners for the revision of the statutes. This will be the first revision since that of the late Chief Justice Davie and R. T. Elliott, K.C.

E. E. Lenson is appointed as provincial assessor in the place of J. K. Worsfold, who retires at his own request and will be superannuated.

J. O. McMillan, inspector of police and assistant to Supt. Hussey, succeeds Wm. Mansson, M.P.P.-elect, as government agent at Prince Rupert. He leaves for the North on the Princess May to-morrow.

The resignations were accepted of W. O. Carter, collector of revenue tax here, and A. Lucas, Kaslo, provincial assessor for Kootenay district. The successors have not been appointed yet. There are four vacancies in Nelson district to be filled—government agent, district registrar, police magistrate and assessor.

On behalf of the Children's Aid Society of Vancouver, A. B. Erskine, Rev. Mr. Sandford, C. J. South and Mr. Gordon asked for changes in the law for the better protection of the young. The Attorney-General will report on these.

A Vancouver deputation, headed by W. M. McKay, applied for authority to construct ocean docks at English Bay, to cost about a million and a half, and for a lease of foreshore at what is known as Spanish Banks. Plans, specifications and details were left with the government.

The Hatzic Prairie dyking scheme will be given further consideration by the government, after hearing from a deputation. The fourth deputation represented the Fort Melling Pulpwood & Paper Manufacturing Co., which seeks to consolidate its pulpwood leases at Howe Sound with others at Quatsino. This will receive consideration.

An order-in-council was passed permitting the killing and selling of bear by Indians in the Northern districts between now and August 1st, 1911, when the close season terminates. Deaver have so multiplied and thrived under the protection they have been given for some years back that hardly a week passes now without permits having to be issued to kill them where they have become a nuisance. Last week a permit had to be granted in respect of bearing on Lulu Island, which are boring holes in the dykes. Another colony is making itself a nuisance at Deer Lake, close to Vancouver city.

OLD PIONEER OF ALBERNI IS DEAD

George Compton Was One of the Oldest of Residents.

Alberni, Jan. 5.—Alone in his cabin, George Compton, one of the oldest residents of Alberni, died of heart failure.

Mr. Compton, who was 72 years of age, and was known to have heart trouble, had not been seen for three days, and George Roff, suspecting that he was ill, called at his home, to enquire about his health. He found that the door was locked on the inside, and after having given several loud knocks and made several calls, he broke open the door. The dead body of Mr. Compton was found in bed. There was an expression on the face as if he were merely having a peaceful sleep. There was no sign of his having suffered or struggled.

Coroner Pybus examined the body.

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