

ENGINEER WILL DECIDE PAVING

COUNCIL HAS HAD ENOUGH OF WORRY

But No One Need Think They Have License to Bother Mr. Topp.

"Let us lay a couple of blocks of Douglas street with bitulithic and the rest with hassam and so have a means of convincing ourselves of their respective merits and satisfying the public as well," said Ald. Stewart at the streets committee meeting Friday night.

It was during the regular paving discussion that takes place at every meeting of council and streets committee as regularly as the reading of the minutes. It looks as if there would be at least a hull how, however, the city engineer has had the duty turned over to him of deciding what form of pavement is best adapted to each particular street. Council has finally come to the conclusion that this is part of his work, anyway, and that he is better qualified to judge of the comparative values of different paving materials than either aldermen or public.

Whether or not this will really put an end to the continual discussion by the aldermen of this, that and the other pavings is a question which remains to be answered. Council will, of course, settle on the policy of paving a street, and will have the final say as to the adoption or rejection of the engineer's report or the kind of pavement to be put down. Following up its decision to make the engineer responsible it would naturally be expected that his reports will be adopted.

The city engineer, who has his hands more than full as it is, foresaw a peck of trouble for himself as a result of this latest move, in view of the endless canvassing by property-owners and pavement representatives that the eleven members of council have been subject to. He was told that he was to act on his own responsibility and pay no attention to anyone outside. This may be taken as notice to everyone concerned that it will be absolutely useless to take up Mr. Topp's time with any representations for or against any particular class of pavement.

Douglas Street Paving. City Assessor Northcott reported that the petition against the paving of Douglas street, from Humboldt to Cornmorant, was signed by 23 proprietors, representing an assessment of \$905,020, leaving 11 owners of property, assessed for \$170,000 unopposed. This was sufficient to prevent the work being done.

Ald. Stewart said something should be done regarding the paving of this street. J. L. Skene had been down to Portland and brought back a sample of hassam cut out of a roadway. After seeing this he was a convert to hassam and thought it would make a good pavement here if put down in the right way. It certainly had been a surprise to him. At the same time he had it on the authority of A. G. Long, whose opinion every Victorian would respect, that bitulithic was doing well in Portland. It would be a wise thing, he thought, to try all the pavements on a stretch of a couple of blocks.

Mayor Hall agreed with making a trial, but objected to doing so on an important street. He would put hassam, bitulithic and granitoid down in one block and let people see them side by side. His own opinion was that until some one pavement was proved the view of the people was that it would be advisable to stick to wood blocks.

Aldermen Turner and Stewart advocated strongly that the council should leave these matters to the engineer and let him handle what he knew more about than they did. "We would get more efficient work if we left it to the engineer and held him responsible," Ald. Turner declared.

Ald. Raymond remarked that Pandora avenue owners were now getting up a petition in favor of hassam. "You can get up a petition in favor of anything," said his worship. "Over in Tacoma the other day a man said he could get up a petition to hang an alderman—and he did."

"Should he consider the property-owners' wishes as to material?" asked Ald. Raymond. "No," replied Ald. Fullerton. It was the opinion of council that no danger need be apprehended of the engineer deciding on a pavement which the people would be likely to veto by petition. In any case the council would have the final voice on his report. The aldermen were unanimous in their opinion that the engineer was the proper person to decide on the best material for each case, and put through a resolution placing the responsibility on him.

In reference to Cornmorant street, which it was decided a week ago should be laid from Store street to Douglas street with granitoid, it was mentioned that J. G. Hay and Tai Yune, whose properties extend through the block, were objecting to the work east of Government street on account of their having to pay for the projected paving of Pandora avenue. For this reason it was decided to restrict the paving of the street to the block between Store and Government streets.

PORTLAND "GATEWAY" CASE. No Decision Yet Rendered in Injunction Proceedings Brought by Hill Lines. St. Paul, Minn., May 29.—No decision has yet been reached in the injunction proceedings brought by the Hill lines to prevent the Interstate commerce commission from carrying into effect its decision opening the Portland gateway.

Arguments that have been advanced so far have involved the question whether the travelers from St. Paul to Puget Sound are afforded by the Northern Pacific a route as "reasonable and satisfactory" as the one that would be operated via Portland by the Hill and Harrington lines joining in Issuing through tickets to and from Eastern points.

WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH IN HOME

USED KEROSENE OIL IN KITCHEN STOVE

Husband and Four Children Are Also Injured and Two May Die.

(Times Leased Wire.) Mount Vernon, Wash., May 29.—Mrs. Jacob Anderson is dead, her two daughters, Inga and Mena, may not recover, and Jacob Anderson, her husband, and two young sons are suffering from serious burns to-day as the result of an explosion of kerosene oil which the dead woman used to aid in building a fire in the kitchen stove.

Mrs. Anderson held in her hands a can of the oil when it exploded, setting fire to her clothing. She ran screaming into the hall of the house, her flaming clothing setting fire to curtains and other furnishings. Members of the family rushed to the rescue, but before the woman's clothing could be torn from her body she had received fatal injuries and the others had also been terribly burned.

MILLIONS FOR TERMINAL. (Special to the Times.) Fort William, May 29.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company announces plans to expend \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000 on its terminal here.

OTTAWA'S NEW HOTEL. (Special to the Times.) Ottawa, May 29.—An agreement has been signed by the Dominion government and the Grand Trunk whereby the latter will erect a million dollar hotel here.

WHITE EMPLOYEES ON MAIL TRAIN

Strike Breakers Are Not Molested by Georgia Central Firemen.

(Times Leased Wire.) Atlanta, Ga., May 29.—Officials of the Firemen's Union believe that they gained a victory to-day when a mail train was taken out of Atlanta over the Georgia Central manned only by white employees. The white firemen of the railroad are striking in protest against the employment of negroes.

White strike breakers acted as firemen on the mail train, and the strikers believe that this is the first move of the railroad toward the abandonment of the employment of negroes. The union men made no attempt to interfere with the white strike breakers, it having been agreed that there should be no interference with the mails. Negotiations are pending for a settlement and the firemen believe they have a good chance of winning.

Strike Settled. Atlanta, Ga., May 29.—(Later)—The strike of the white firemen on the Georgia Central Railroad was settled this afternoon and the service was resumed.

MRS. DU VAL MAY NOT RECOVER. Winnipeg, May 29.—Dr. Du Val, rheumatologist of the Presbyterian General Assembly, will not be able to go to the gathering at Hamilton next week. His wife has only a few days to live, according to the doctor's report last night.

PREDICTS INCREASE IN RAILWAY TRAFFIC

President of Pennsylvania Road Says Outlook is Improving.

San Francisco, Cal., May 29.—That the coming months will be characterized by a steady and gradual increase of railroad traffic, is the opinion of President James McCrea, of the Pennsylvania road, who arrived in this city late yesterday. McCrea is accompanied by his wife. They will remain in San Francisco a week, awaiting the arrival of their daughter from the Orient.

McCrea stated that while he anticipated no great railroad boom in the near future, indications point to a gradual swelling of traffic totals. He said this steady growth would be followed by moderate road extensions, with additions to the equipment and the employment of additional operatives. Regarding the Spokane rate decision of the Interstate commerce commission, McCrea said that during his recent trip from the east he had failed to see one man who favored the application of its provisions.

McCrea and his wife, after the arrival of their daughter, will visit Portland, Seattle and other western cities before their return to Philadelphia.

LAURA SECORD'S MEMORY. At the annual meeting of Chippawa board of trade, the secretary was instructed to write a letter to R. E. A. Land, secretary of the Canadian Battlefields and Monuments Association, Toronto, requesting that the Laura Secord monument be placed not at Queenstown heights, but at Chippawa. There is a great deal to support this request. In Chippawa, Laura Secord spent a great deal of her life, and it was there she died.



FLOODS FEARED WHEN SNOW MELTS

RIVERS IN IDAHO ARE GRADUALLY RISING

People Residing Near the Snake Are Preparing to Move.

(Times Leased Wire.) Lewiston, Idaho, May 29.—With the Snake river at this point rising gradually and the Clearwater stream on a rampage, people residing in this vicinity are preparing for the worst, for the sudden melting of snow at river points would be followed by a flood that would do great damage.

The first span of the Holbrook Island bridge across the Clearwater, though connecting the city with the hill grounds, has already been washed away. Engineer Darwin, who was directing a number of men engaged in strengthening the structure, had a narrow escape from death, as he was carried on the span several hundred feet down the stream before he approached near enough to the shore to jump.

The Snake river has risen more than two feet within the last 24 hours. The Clearwater has been rising rapidly for three days. Families whose homes are near the streams are prepared to move at the first sign of a flood.

HELP FOR WORKMEN. Factory Managers Advance 25 Per Cent of Wages During Enforced Idleness.

City of Mexico, May 29.—To keep the families of thousands of idle workmen from starvation, several factory managers to-day decided to advance to 6,000 employees 25 per cent of their wages weekly during enforced idleness. The men were thrown out of employment by an accident to the Mexican power plant. The action to relieve distress was taken by the factories at the request of Governor Landry Y. Escandon.

TWO HUNDRED MEN BATTLE WITH FLAMES

Fire Which Threatened Big Oregon Mill is Now Under Control.

Lebanon, Ore., May 29.—Flames that destroyed cordwood valued at \$28,000, that were fought by 200 men nearly 12 hours, and that came dangerously close to destroying the \$1,000,000 mills of the Lebanon Paper Company, were placed under control to-day.

The fire started late yesterday afternoon in a small pile of wood and, fanned by a strong wind, soon ignited piles of cordwood containing 18,000 cords and valued at \$54,000. Men were summoned from all directions to battle with the flames, which were leaping high and threatening to attack a huge straw-stack midway between the burning wood and the big mills. It was only by keeping the fire away from the straw that the plant was saved.

Dynamite was hurled to the scene from Albany and fire apparatus from other villages was brought to Lebanon, but they were not needed. Shortly before 9 o'clock this morning the volunteer firemen dug a path through the great piles of wood. As the flames could not leap over this cut they burned themselves out.

LIVE FISH EXHIBIT. Delmonte, Cal., May 28.—Government experts are at work in Monterey Bay collecting live fish for an exhibit to be made at the A.Y.P. Exposition at Seattle. The department of commerce and labor has sent one of its specially fitted cars, belonging to the fisheries department, and it is being loaded with specimens. The car is equipped with two large galvanized tanks in which sea water is placed and supplied with oxygen by means of pumps. The car will start in a few days for Seattle.

NAVAL AND MILITARY DEFENCE CONFERENCE

Major General Lake and Admiral Kingsmill Will Accompany Ministers.

Ottawa, May 29.—Admiral Kingsmill, head of the Dominion fisheries protective cruiser service, and Major-General Lake, chief military advisor to the minister of militia, will accompany Hon. L. P. Brodeur and Sir Frederick Borden to England next month in connection with the imperial subsidiary conference on naval and military defence.

APPEAL ALLOWED IN TWO B. C. CASES

Ottawa, May 29.—The Supreme court yesterday gave judgment in two British Columbia cases. In Horne vs. Gordon, a real estate partnership case, the appeal was allowed and the judgment of the trial judge restored.

In Bligh vs. Ferrera, the appeal was allowed. This judgment reversed the decision of the British Columbia Supreme court, which held Bligh responsible for the loss by drowning of a horse entrusted to him by Ferrera.

OVER MILLION ACRES FOR HOMESTEADERS

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Republicans and Democrats Fight in Town in Porto Rico.

New Orleans, La., May 29.—Dispatches to-day from Porto Rico, Costa Rica, say that seven men were killed and 12 wounded in an encounter between Democrats and Republicans at San Pedro, Mojon. The trouble followed the killing of a Republican policeman by a Democrat.

MANIAC IN AUTOMOBILE. Dashes Wildly Through Streets of Los Angeles and Tries to Shoot Deputy Sheriffs.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 29.—Flourishing in maniacal frenzy, Clayton White, former man of a garage here, created consternation in a score of streets yesterday, as he sped a high power automobile over the pavements at the rate of sixty miles an hour. It was only after White had made a desperate effort to shoot Deputy Sheriffs Rice and Sepulveda, when he was cornered in a machine shop near Naud Junction, that he was overpowered and disarmed. He is now in the insane ward in the county jail apparently a raving maniac.

White has shown slight symptoms of insanity for several days. Not much was thought of it until yesterday, when White dashed out on the streets in a big six cylinder car. Scores of frightened pedestrians were forced to flee for their lives when the crazed driver deliberately attempted to run them down.

SLAYS DAUGHTER AND HIMSELF

PARIS RESTAURANT SCENE OF TROUBLE

Jersey City Man Becomes Insane While Dining With Family.

Paris, May 29.—An inquest to-day over the body of David-Henderson of Jersey City, N. J., who shot and killed his daughter Marthe and then committed suicide in a restaurant last night, showed that he was a mental wreck.

It is alleged that his reason was destroyed by excessive drinking. Rendered suddenly by neurasthenia, Henderson suddenly drew his revolver and in the presence of his wife and family, shot and killed his daughter Marthe, and committed suicide. The tragedy was witnessed by many in the restaurant. After the shooting, the place was in a turmoil caused by a number of women who fainted after the firing ceased.

Henderson had been dining with his wife and three daughters and their governess. There had appeared nothing unusual in his conduct at dinner. After desert he arose and walked toward the cashier's window.

Before reaching it he turned, drew his revolver and fired at random toward his family which was grouped about the table, preparing to leave. The first bullet struck his eldest daughter in the back of the neck, severing the spinal cord. The other missiles went wild and damaged only the walls and mirrors. The last shot in the revolver Henderson saved for himself and fell dead with a bullet in his brain.

The Hendersons are said to have been left temporarily without funds by the tragedy, although Henderson is said by the governess to have owned a villa near Paris and much real estate in New York.

The youngest daughter is 10 years of age. She flung herself in front of her mother when the shooting began.

By a curious freak of fate, the name of the restaurant where the shooting occurred is "The Tranquil Father."

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EVIDENCE AGAINST SUSPECTED ROBBERS

Bills Stolen From Union Pacific Train Found in Possession of Suspects.

(Times Leased Wire.) Omaha, Neb., May 29.—The police declare to-day that three bills stolen from a train were found in the possession of the three suspects, Woods, Gordon and Torgensen, who were arrested Thursday night. This, following the discovery of eight registered mail bags in the attic of the Brown Park school, has strengthened the belief that the right men have been found, and that the \$15,000 reward offered by the Union Pacific for the arrest of all the robbers may go to the local police.

MAY RIVAL U. S. STEEL CORPORATION

Merger of Seven of Largest Independent Manufacturing Companies.

(Times Leased Wire.) New York, May 29.—Wall street sees a deep significance in the incorporation at Dover, Del., of the Imperial Steel Corporation. It is believed to-day that this new corporation, which is reported to be a merger of seven of the largest independent steel manufacturing companies, presages the growth of an organization that may prove a rival to the powerful United States steel corporation.

The new corporation is capitalized at \$3,000,000 but under the provisions of its charter, the capitalization may be increased to \$750,000,000. The following independents are said to have affiliated in the merger:

Bethlehem Steel corporation, Middle West steel company, Sloss-Sheffield steel and iron company, Republic iron and steel company, Pennsylvania steel company, Lackawanna steel company, Jones and Laughlin steel company.

The capitalization of these companies is \$245,750,000. Their combined funded debt is \$110,000,000, making their aggregate capital less than one half of the amount for which they may capitalize, according to the terms of the charter. It is claimed there is little or no water in the capitalization of any one of these companies, and that the total capital does not represent adequately the actual value of their holdings.

The charter for the new corporation was granted yesterday.

A TAX ON WIDOWS. In the Reicherath the finance minister in a speech dealing with the budget, announced a plan for new taxes, including a supplementary income tax on bachelors, widows and childless married couples, and also on widows and widowers.

Under the new tax law, he said, \$13,000,000 would be realized.

MANY FLOUR MILLS

HIGH PRICES WHEAT

There is Show Further Ant

(Special.) Winnipeg, May 29.—The smaller flour mills have been shut down because of the high price of wheat. They will not be opened until the price of wheat falls.

There is a big shortage of wheat in Canada at present prices. Winter wheat has been badly damaged.

NEW YORK. Ten Automobiles to be Sold.

New York, May 29.—McClellan is a Seattle automobile collector. The afternoon of the big fair at Seattle, coincident with the fair as followed by Burt Scott's car, driven by George S. Thomas, but it were not made.

The route was closed by Buffalo, cargo and St. West of St. had been arranged to be allowed to enter Seattle.