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NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Crow-
ford Bay and St. Mary's Railway Com-
pany will apply to the Parliament of Can-
ada at the next Session thereof, for an
act authorizing the Company to construct
and operate in extension of its undertak-
ing already authorized, a continuation of
a railway from the present Eastern ter-
minus at or near Fort Steele, in the
Province of British Columbia, easterly
by the most convenient and feasible route
to Leithbridge, in the Province of Alberta
and extending the times within which the
Company may construct and complete the
railways and works, which it has been al-
ready authorized to construct.
Dated at Ottawa, this 31st day of Feb-
ruary, 1906.

J. T. B. CARON
Solicitor for Applicant

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Court
of Revision for the Municipality of the
City of Slocan for the hearing of all com-
plaints against the assessment, as made
by the assessor of the said Municipality,
will be held in the City Hall, Slocan, on
Monday, the 27th day of February, next,
at 10 o'clock a.m. All complainants must
be present in writing to the City Clerk,
at least ten days before the said date.
Dated, Slocan, B. C., Jan. 22nd, 1906.
N. MORRISON, C.M.C.

IN PROBATE

Estate of Martha Robinson. Deceased.
TAKE NOTICE that the will of the
late Martha Robinson has been
presented to me, the undersigned sole ex-
ecutor of her claims duly verified by
the assessor of the said Municipality,
will be held in the City Hall, Slocan, on
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IN PROBATE

Estate of Francis Samuel Roberts and
Mary Jane Roberts.
TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Adminis-
tration of both the above estates have
been granted to Mary Ellen Allen, Admin-
istratrix. Creditors are required to pre-
sent their claims duly verified by the
assessor of the said Municipality, to the
undersigned on or before the 15th day
of March, 1906. After that date the
Administratrix will proceed to distribute
the estate, having regard only to those
claims of which she shall then have re-
ceived notice.
E. A. CREASE, Nelson, B. C.,
Solicitor for the Administratrix.

or a fire hall which will cost some
\$500. They have also let a contract
for the immediate building of some
500 feet of sidewalk to Captain Dis-
row. The Columbia commissioners
are Charles May, J. A. McCallum and G.
McGregor.

VOL. 4

BACK FROM THE GRAVE

Fourteen Miners Alive at Courrieres After Three Weeks' Entombment

Unexpected Victims of the Catastrophe are Found Two Weeks After All Attempts at Rescue Were Abandoned

Lenz, France, March 30.—Fourteen of
the 1200 miners who were entombed in
the coal mines at Courrieres 20 days ago
were taken from the mine alive and
well today. They had lived on hay for
in one of the underground stables.
Morsels of food which they took into the
mine with them nearly three weeks
ago. All attempts to rescue the men
had been abandoned more than two
weeks ago.

The sudden appearance of the im-
prisoned men caused stupefaction. A
gang of salvors had just completed
their night's work when they were
startled to see a group of miners ter-
ribly haggard and exhausted appear
from a remote part of pit No. 2. The
strongest of the party stated that they
had broken out of a distant gallery
where they had been entombed since
the disaster. When the rescued men
were taken to the surface they were
unable to see owing to the dazzling
daylight. The men were able to talk
sensitively though feebly. They all asked
for news of relatives and friends
and wished to go to their homes im-
mediately, but were taken to a hospital
instead.

Large crowds besieged the mines later
in the hope of hearing of further es-
capes. It is said that others of entombed
miners are alive and about to be
brought out, their signals having been
heard. One of the men rescued today,
a man named Nemy, said that for the
last eight days the party ate bark off
the mine timbers. Later they found the
decomposed body of a horse which they
cut up and ate with hay. Nemy,
who was the first of the miners who es-
caped, thus graphically described their
imprisonment after the explosion.
The rescued miners are now being
overlooked and seeking refuge from the
gases. I found some comrades shelter-
ing in a remote niche. We ate earth and
bark for eight days and then the pro-
prietor gave out. We suffered much
from want of water. Finally we became
desperate and started in three parties,
each communicating with other by
shouts. Last night we felt a draft of
fresh air which guided us to an open-
ing.

The doctors have forbidden the sur-
vivors to do any further talking.
Nemy's father arrived at the hospital
soon after the rescue. He was known
to the rescuers and he was one of
people surrounded the hospital where
the escaped men are being treated.

Leon Boursier, another member of
the surviving party said: "Nemy's
story is correct except that he forgot
the total number of men in the mine
and they formed our best meal." The
rescued men are being kept in semi-
darkness. Dr. Lautiers, who is in charge
of the patients, said that the eating of
the decomposed horse prevailed to some
poisoning, from which the men were
suffering.

The survivors are sturdy young min-
ers from 17 to 25 years of age, excepting
their leader, Henry Nemy, who is 30
years old. Despite the terrible effects
of their experiences, being exhausted,
exhausted and blinded, their rescue
caused temporary nervous lucidity dur-
ing which they greeted their relatives
and gratefully detailed their suffer-
ings. The doctors then enforced quiet
upon them, fearing the results of fever
and poisoning. There were touching
scenes as wives and mothers greeted
those whom they had long given up as
dead. Crowds besieged the hospitals to
which the men were taken, cheering
the survivors and imprecating the ineffi-
cient nature of the salvage work which
followed immediately after the disaster.

This is a report that in addition to
the 13 men who were brought out of
the mine today, there are five others
who came with them almost to the bot-
tom of the pit, but were unable to come
on further because of their exhaustion.
The total number of men missing after
the catastrophe was 1252. The bodies
recovered approximately numbered 500
and there is still unaccounted for, ap-
proximately, 700.

The engineers explain that smouldering
timbers prevented them from ex-
ploring remote passages of the mine
where it is thought there could be no
survivors. The mine owners also assert
that the strike of miners reduced the
number of rescuers available. Up to
present the mine owners and the govern-
ment engineers and scientists agreed that
all the miners must have died long ago.
Engineer Lauer, however, dissented, as-
serting that the salvage work had been
negligently inefficient and he believes
that scores died of exhaustion on ac-
count of the poor work of the salvage
companies.

REMY'S SECOND TRIAL

Helen, March 30.—After three days of
hard work the attorneys in the Remy case
have secured a jury. It is still possible
there will be one change, the fact that
the developed that one of the jurors is

APPEAL FOR THE JEWS

RUSSIAN WRITERS' LEAGUE ISSUES A PROCLAMATION

WARNS PUBLIC OF PROJECTED EAST- ERN MASSACRES

St. Petersburg, March 30.—The League of
Russian Writers has issued an appeal to
the Russian people to unite in the name of
their consciences and self respect to pre-
vent the Jewish massacres, which they
claim beyond doubt are being prepared in
southwestern Russia for Easter.

The appeal says that it is not fancy, but
fact that the police and gendarmes are
ranging to let loose the Black Hundred
upon the members of the race. It recalls
that the Kishinev, Gomel and Odessa
Jewish outbreaks were committed at the
instigation of a minister of the Interior,
Plav, chief of the Police, Nedhardt and
count Podgoranek, chief of the gendarmie
in the Ukraine. In the past, these St.
Bartholomews were arranged by agents
of the government, and the recent pro-
secution of the Moscow trial, which was
the office of the police master at St. Pe-
tersburg, and that of the military staff at
St. Petersburg.

The appeal further declares that the au-
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LIFE COMPANIES LOANED ON FORBIDDEN STOCKS

In the published telegraph reports of the insurance investigation now in progress at Ottawa before the royal commission, only a very brief summary of the evidence offered has been given. The eastern Canadian papers contain long accounts of some of the sensational statements made by the speaker of the life insurance companies, William Fitzgerald, in reply to questions put by George F. Shepley, K. C., who is conducting the investigation for the government.

Appended will be found extracts from some of the evidence given at the close of last week.

Mr. Shepley then proceeded with the investigation of certain transactions by the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company, which created somewhat of a sensation. Mr. Blackadar, who was engaged in the usual inspection of the books of that company in Toronto on February 8th, 1904, wrote to Mr. Fitzgerald seeking his assistance in dealing with what he characterized as a "serious matter," which required "very careful handling," to save the company and those connected with it \$100,000, which the directors are responsible for.

Details of the transaction were given by Mr. Blackadar, and subsequently by Mr. Fitzgerald, in their reports as follows: An examination of the Traders' Bank stock book showed a deposit of \$286,443.50 on December 28th, 1903, and further, that the bank balance had dwindled to a small amount on February 1st, 1904, and, moreover, that the bank had throughout the year been either small or adverse to the company. In addition he found that a check was issued by the company on January 28th, 1904, for \$287,955.77. This had the trace of the particulars in the cash book and blotter and found the following entries: Call loan, Mackenzie & Mann, \$128,959.00; Call loan, Mackenzie & Mann, \$141,818.00; Stock, Dominion Coal Co., \$230,838.86; Stock, Crow's Nest Coal Co., \$15,682.62.

Total \$388,443.51. These four items related to the pass book entry in December. In the pass book for January are entered the same four items with 5 per cent interest on the same, \$1,482.50, making the total of the check drawn \$387,955.77. The call loans to Mackenzie & Mann were made upon the security of 230 bonds of the Inverness Railway & Coal company, par value \$115,000, and 500 bonds and 4,000 shares of Manufacturers' Life stock, upon which 20 per cent had been paid, amounting to \$30,000. These are securities upon which the company has no power to loan.

"This transaction was authorized by a minute of the finance committee of the company in order that the same might be placed by Mackenzie & Mann in the Traders' Bank on December 28th, 1903, to the credit of the company might be included in the assets of the company at the end of the year 1903, and the call loans and coal stock. By the transaction of January 25th the call loans and coal stock investments were restored in the company books to their proper position as occupied prior to December 28th, 1903. Notwithstanding the above transactions and entries in the books of the company the insurance company was not at all affected by the call loans and coal stock, a fact which the managing director conceded, and the call loans were also actually in existence at the end of the year 1903, and the company was not at all affected by them, while not able to determine definitely the value of the Inverness railway stock held as collateral, the company said it seemed probable that the call loans were adequately secured, although the stock was not such as the company could legally loan money upon. It was quite possible, the company said, that the call loans to Mackenzie & Mann were made upon the security of 230 bonds of the Inverness Railway & Coal company, par value \$115,000, and 500 bonds and 4,000 shares of Manufacturers' Life stock, upon which 20 per cent had been paid, amounting to \$30,000. These are securities upon which the company has no power to loan.

"The second matter which Mr. Blackadar characterized as of a more serious nature was that in the list of mortgages was one made by Mr. Pellatt, under which there was due at the end of the year 1903, \$103,300. This was the result of a stock transaction. It appears that the company purchased through Pellatt and Pellatt, acting in their capacity as brokers, 1,000 shares of C. P. R. stock, which were to be paid for by installment. Pellatt & Pellatt, however, hypothecated the company's stock to certain bankers, and when the last installment was paid by the company the brokers were unable to make delivery of the stock. The amount, required to release the stock was \$101,800. Colonel Pellatt, a member of the firm of brokers, who is also a director of the company, agreed to give the following security that this amount would be paid by him to the company: A mortgage of certain land at Scarborough Beach standing in the name of his wife, valued at \$46,300, to deliver up to the company 1,000 shares of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company's common stock; 500 shares Mexican Light & Power Company's common stock, and his equity of redemption in 1,000 shares of Manufacturers' Life, on which \$20 per share had been paid.

In accordance with a resolution by the directors on the 26th of October, 1903, the C. P. R. stock was released by the directors advancing \$101,800 pro rata, and for the better securing of the company and to pay off the lien of \$25,000 on the stock of the Manufacturers' Life, mortgage was given for \$125,000, covering the Scarborough property for two years at five per cent, was given. Messrs. Lloyd Harris, lieutenant-colonel James Mason and J. P. Junin, managing directors, were appointed to deal with the matter and register the mortgage if they deemed necessary, and to sell the securities if they attained certain prices, the proceeds to be credited to the mortgage. The present values of the stocks held as collateral were set forth as Dominion Steel, \$30,700; Dominion Coal, \$23,300; 500 shares of Mexican Light & Power, \$12,500; Life, \$30,000. The value of the Scarborough property was \$46,300, making a total security for \$126,800 of \$108,300. The report pointed out that in view of the fact that the company could not legally invest in that stock, the directors were personally liable for the difference between the actual cost of \$132,415 and the actual value, \$119,000, of the C. P. R. stock, or \$13,415, together with any loss that may arise from the Pellatt transaction.

Among the company's assets were certain securities, \$20,000; King Edward Office Building Company, \$20,000; investments in which were legal. In reply to Mr. Shepley's questions, Mr. Fitzgerald said Mr. Mackenzie and Colonel Pellatt were directors of the company, but on consulting the list of shareholders judge MacTavish said their names did not appear there. "How does this happen?" asked Mr. Shepley, but Mr. Fitzgerald did not know a person could be a director and not hold shares.

"There are many things about these companies we do not understand," was Mr. Shepley's comment. Mr. Fitzgerald had no doubts regarding the propriety of the transactions regarding the call loans and coal stock. He tried to trace the source from the Dominion Coal and Crow's Nest Pass Company's stock came to the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company. Wherever they came from, together with the call loans, they disappeared from the company's books for the time being. When the witness asked Mr. Fitzgerald whether he had considered the propriety of such transactions, here was an answer: "I have not, but I should say, prima facie, that it is entirely wrong."

"Would you object to the company, in your view, if, instead of loaning to Mackenzie & Mann personally, the funds were loaned to a company of which Mackenzie & Mann were directors?" "Well, I should say it was quite improper, and there would be no real difference in the transaction."

Mr. Shepley quoted the correspondence showing that the two loans referred to had been transferred from Mackenzie & Mann to the Mackenzie & Mann Co., Limited, and that the old securities had been replaced by the securities of the Canadian Lake & Ocean Navigation Co., Limited, the Imperial Real Estate Company, and the Vancouver Electric Company.

He next asked Mr. Fitzgerald's attention to an agreement made in 1904 between Messrs. Mann, Mackenzie, Junken and other directors, to the number of which was also attached the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company. Directors of the company had in 1903 purchased stock of the Dominion Coal Company and Crow's Nest Coal Company for \$240,000. But these securities, not being authorized investments, and if sold at the then prices being likely to result in a loss to the company of about \$125,000, the directors agreed to take up the securities and make good the loss.

The Prudential Securities Company was then formed to be a holding company to carry out this transaction. The Dominion Coal Company and Crow's Nest Coal Company stocks were sold to them. They were also given Mexican Light & Power Company's stock to the value of \$25,000, and Ontario Electrical Company's stock to the value of \$45,000. The Securities Company were to pay the Manufacturers' Life \$100,000 in cash, and the latter were to make a call loan to the former for the balance of \$140,000.

"These ten gentlemen, according to the scope of this agreement, it appeared that they intended to organize a company to be called the Prudential Securities Company, and to be a holding company for the stock. This Dominion Coal and Crow's Nest Coal stock was to be sold for \$240,000, together with \$35,000 Mexican Power and \$45,000 Ontario Electrical Company's stock. "That is a great deal to understand it," Mr. Fitzgerald admitted that the incorporation of the Imperial Real Estate Company, the stock of which was to be substituted in part for the Manufacturers' Life, were irresponsible parties. He had noticed that fact in connection with the immense capitalization.

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CONFERENCE OF FRUIT GROWERS AT OTTAWA.

BRITISH COLUMBIA INTERESTS WELL CARED FOR.

For the first time in the history of the country representatives of Canadian horticulture from all parts of the dominion met last week at Ottawa to discuss the general conditions of the industry, and to advance in every possible way the best interests of all those concerned in the growing, the handling and the eating of fruit.

Amongst some of the prominent men present were E. D. Smith, M. P. for Wentworth, a practical, level-headed man, thoroughly well informed as to Ontario horticulture; Murray Pettit, of Winona, a pioneer in the fruit business, and one of the largest growers of grapes, on which fruit he is regarded as a foremost authority, and W. H. Bunting of St. Catharines, Nova Scotia, was ably represented by such men as Messrs. Parker and Eaton. Mr. Chais spoke for Quebec, and Prince Edward's Island had one of the most useful members of the conference in the person of Father Burke, whose judgment, address, and practical knowledge greatly helped the proceedings. British Columbia had four delegates, including the Hon. J. A. Macdonald, M. P. (Hammond), Brundage (Ladner) and Martin Burrell, of Grand Forks, who represented Kootenay. The fruit division was represented by inspectors from the Dominion of Agriculture, Mr. J. H. Smith, going from B. C. The provincial governments each had a representative, R. M. Palmer very ably filling the place for the own government, and the new province of Alberta sending R. J. Hamilton, formerly of Nelson, and now the energetic manager of the Oscar Brown Co., Ltd., the wholesale fruit firm of the province.

Hon. Sidney Fisher, minister of agriculture, also wisely extended an invitation to the handlers of fruit to present their views. A special committee of seven selected by the convention waited on Sir Wilfrid Laurier to urge the placing of express companies under the jurisdiction of the Railway Commission.

The premier accorded the delegation a particularly careful hearing, and it was evident that the subject commended itself to him. The committee wisely refrained from going into statistics, but urged that the principle should be established. Express companies were intimately associated with the fruit business, and the fruit growers accomplished something in forcibly introducing this question to the government, a question the importance of which has long been recognized by the public.

On the whole the convention must be considered an unqualified success. The mere fact of representative horticulturists from all over the dominion meeting to interchange ideas will accomplish something. The actual results were greater than many of us anticipated, and though it is true that the proposed legislation has yet to be brought out in the house, it is extremely unlikely that opposition of any effective sort will be met with in view of the fact that the convention was so well attended, and the fruit growers accomplished something in forcibly introducing this question to the government, a question the importance of which has long been recognized by the public.

The learned chief justice found that work did actually commence before the expiration of the charter, and he accordingly holds that the railway company did substantially comply with the conditions imposed in the charter, adding that it was not competent for the legislature to vary the terms of the aid granted by declaring what constituted "construction." His lordship also commended the success of promoters as "charter mongers" who claim that a certain amount of this sort of work has to be done to induce capital to enter the province.

(Special to The Daily News) Greenwood, March 28.—There is great joy over tonight's decision of the Ontario court in the Midway and Vernon railway matter referred to his lordship by the government, who got a bill through the legislature at the last session for the purpose of enabling the Midway and Vernon railway to get out of an awkward situation in this way.

The decision now handed down means that thousands of dollars worth of accounts, of many months' standing will now be paid forthwith and that railway construction work will be recommenced in the immediate future.

Word reached here at 5:30 this evening of the chief justice's decision through a telegram from Ralph Smallies to Duncan McIntosh. The message read: "Decision in my favor. Subsidy Act in full force and effect." The news spread like wild fire and there was general rejoicing in consequence.

(Special to The Daily News) Ottawa, March 28.—At the annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association held this afternoon, Colonel Gibson of Hamilton presided. All the old officers were re-elected. The president, Mr. J. H. Smith, tendered his resignation, but was not accepted. He was a good citizen, and he became efficient with the rifle and his services would be at the disposal of the crown when required. He spoke of the necessity of training school children to shoot and offered prizes for the cadets at Rockville.

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EXCITEMENT AT MIDWAY

Early Murdered on Main Thoroughfare by a Desperado

Witness Rampant in Boundary Town—More Police Protection Wanted—The Camp is Worked Up

(Special to The Daily News)
Grand Forks, March 28.—H. E. Eldridge, a druggist at Midway was shot last night about 10 o'clock just as he had left the store. His assailant is unknown. The shots were supposed to be meant for E. C. Moe, manager of the Eastern Townships bank at Midway, who some few months ago prevented his bank from being held and wounded one of the burglars. It is thought that feelings of revenge motivated this latest cowardly assault. Eldridge is reported this afternoon to be in a critical condition, excitement prevalent in Midway is brutal assault.

E. M. Stevenson and E. T. Hogle, two of the train crew on the boundary line, who reached here last evening gave a circumstantial account of the shooting referred to in the special dispatch above. They say that druggist Eldridge had just locked up his store for the night and was going home. It was a minute or so after 10 o'clock while walking along the sidewalk opposite the Eastern Townships bank, a man with a light hat on and with a handkerchief covering the lower part of his face suddenly rushed at Eldridge and pointing a revolver at him said "hands up." Eldridge thought it was a joke and replied "not much." Immediately the man fired, the bullet passing through Eldridge's right shoulder inflicting an ugly flesh wound but making no bones. Eldridge being unbalanced turned and fled down the street. The injured man was at once taken to the hospital and had his wounds dressed by Dr. Newcombe, who reported that fortunately both wounds were clean and that provided blood poisoning did not set in Mr. Eldridge would recover in time. Eldridge is a popular young man about 27 years old and the attack on him caused a great deal of local indignation and excitement. A large crowd gathered shortly after the shooting and searching for the highwayman and Midway crossed the bridge and followed the man to the house of Perry, hoping to find some trace of the would be robber. Had they succeeded in catching him and identifying him he would have run a fair chance of being lynched, as the assault on citizens was an excited ugly deed. However no trace of the scoundrel could be found and up to last evening no arrests had been made.

The railway construction camps have attracted a lot of undesirable people of all sexes and it is not safe to be out Midway after dark with a wad of money. There are only a few constables on duty and they are unable to cope with the disorderly element. The case with which "bad men" can cross over into the states, and they commit a crime, makes the situation still worse and there is a good deal of talk in Midway of forming a vigilance committee for protection.

When the first shot was fired at Mr. Eldridge the bullet, after passing through his body went on through the glass window of the Eastern Townships bank building and narrowly missed manager E. C. Moe, who was sitting in his office at the time.

RUSSIAN ELECTIONS
St. Petersburg, March 28.—The province of Moscow, European Russia, is the first to have completed its elections in the provincial congress. Forty-six peasants, 19 clerics, 38 merchants, 6 professional men, 38 priests were returned. The results show that the small land owners, who in reality are only peasants or poor prosperous class, holding their property stood together against the big land and those exclusively peasants.

FLOODS IN IOWA
Waterloo, Iowa, March 28.—The water in the river rose over 11 feet last night, early today broke the levees, and the surrounding country was inundated. Hundreds of families were rendered homeless. Rock Island railway tracks were washed out for half a mile and all roads closed up. Cedar Falls reports a great deal of disaster and the situation is very serious. Bridges and dams were set awry.

JAP DONNYBROOK FAIR
Position Induces in Free Fight in the Parliament.
London, March 28.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, reports that the House of Commons has passed a bill for the nationalization of railways, to the house of commons on Tuesday night, and caused a great deal of a considerable exchange of views on the tearing of clothing and the shouting of the police were summoned, who restored order and closed the session in order to frustrate the attempt of the opposition to leave the house in the middle of the session. The bill was then adopted by a vote of 24, the opposition declining to vote in the matter inconsistent with the principles of constitutional government.

DELAY NOT EXPENSE

Power Plant Contractors Try to Place Blame on City

Council Have Wired a Strong Protest to Machinery Firm—Will Hold Them Liable for All Damages

(From Wednesday's Daily)
The city council has resolved to insist on the fulfillment by the Allis-Chalmers-Bullock company of its contract for the supply and installation of hydraulic machinery for the power plant. The decision was taken at a special meeting last night after a full discussion with the company's local representatives, who were admitted to a very frank and fair in their statements. City engineer McCulloch gave a very full and lucid statement of the correspondence with the company since the contract was let, and plainly showed that the city was not in fault in any particular.

The council was called to order at 8:30, Mayor Gillette and aldermen Hume Kirkpatrick, Irving and S. J. S. present. The city engineer, the city solicitor and J. O. Gillette, representing the Allis-Chalmers-Bullock company, were present.

The notice of meeting, called by the city clerk and briefly explained by the mayor. The clerk also read the report sent by the mayor, after consulting the city solicitor and city engineer. The mayor stated that so far he had received no reply.

J. O. Gillette then read a telegram from the company's works at Milwaukee, signed by J. A. Milne, manager, as follows: "The city engineer has asked for a receipt of definite information regarding the receipt of the machinery. Since your telegram of March 1st was received, we have been working on the machinery and the shops day and night. It appears to us perfectly feasible to proceed with the work during high water and we will send an hydraulic engineer to discuss the matter with the city engineer."

Mr. Gillette, in reply to alderman S. J. S., said that the company's work was not done, and that the city should not take four months more, nor one month, I am sure that the company will do everything possible to help the city.

To W. A. Macdonald—Yes, I fully appreciate the position of the city, and I will do all in my power to help the city. In reply to Ald. S. J. S., I fully appreciate the position of the city, and I will do all in my power to help the city.

Ald. S. J. S.—The suggestion of sending an engineer and arranging for installation during high water is not a whole season. I submitted full report to the city council on March 1st that the local office wrote me regarding the delay. After the contract time had expired, all the correspondence was handled. After the correspondence was handled, I wrote the city council on March 1st that the local office wrote me regarding the delay.

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of shipment, the company's representatives withdrew. The action of aldermen S. J. S. and Kirkpatrick, who was unanimously resolved that a telegram be sent to the Allis-Chalmers-Bullock Co., Ltd., notifying them that the city would hold the company to the letter of the contract, the form of the telegram to be left to the mayor and city solicitor. The council then adjourned.

'Twas All a Mistake'

Mr. Pillsbury's Ambassador Makes an Excursion

The Pillsbury Western Land company of Minneapolis, the concern which caused so much adverse comment here by its method of subdividing mountain peaks and hillside lands in this district as "fruit farms," is extremely fortunate in the selection of its representative to straighten out the tangled web of correspondence which has been leading advertisements they issued. Mr. Hammond called on The Daily News yesterday and stated that as a personal friend of Mr. Pillsbury, and as a former secretary of the company, he was out here to straighten out the matter. He was not the representative referred to in the despatches. Mr. Pillsbury, he said, did not desire that the public should be misled in any way, and had recalled the matter first issued, and substituting other, and hoped, planner statement. Mr. Hammond said further that he had been a purchaser who had been misled by the original advertisement, and who had bought the lands in question under the idea that they were intended for agricultural purposes. Mr. Hammond further explained how the offending advertisements came to be made, and how the distributing rates were drawn from other competing cities.

Rather than quarrel among ourselves over the distributing rates, he proposed to give them in groups as they are situated chemically. The first group comprises niobium, thallium, tantalum, tungsten, and molybdenum. The two latter we have already given. We will confine ourselves to the former three.

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OF INTEREST TO MINERS

SPECIAL WEEKLY ARTICLE ON RARER METALS

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS AND NOTES

(From Sunday's Daily)

The last few months we have been running articles upon the "Rarer Metals" in our Sunday's issue, and now having come to a point upon which the more prominent of them are finished, we propose giving the balance during the next three or four weeks, a few lines only being given to each, so that any interested miner has a source to take advantage. Should any of our readers desire further particulars upon any one of these metals and minerals we shall be pleased to assist them in any way possible.

We must draw the attention of our correspondents to the directions we have published from time to time in this column, as to their sending in samples. All ore sent to us should contain a few particles of the ore in question, as well as the wall rocks of the vein or dyke from which it is obtained, otherwise we cannot in justice to ourselves as well as to our correspondents, give a good and correct opinion.

Contributors in Nelson must conform to these directions as well as others from outside points.

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