

States Will Not Interfere

America Declares Her Attitude in the Great Eastern Question

Will Not Help China to Maintain the Integrity of the Empire.

Washington, March 14.—The ambassadors and ministers here representing those powers having large interests in China, have communicated to their foreign offices the substance of the recent answer of the United States to Italy, to the effect that this country would maintain an attitude of disinterested neutrality in reference to the Italian designs on San Mu Bay. Some of the diplomats have advised their governments that they regard the announcement of the United States' attitude as of supreme importance in the Chinese situation.

A prominent member of the diplomatic corps, representing one of the powers of Europe, said: "It is most important to all the powers to know that the United States does not intend to interfere on behalf of China, even to the extent of exerting her moral influence toward maintaining China's integrity. For that reason I look upon the American answer to Italy as the most important development of the Chinese situation which has taken place in recent days, and I think it will be so accepted by all foreign offices."

HERSCHELL'S SUCCESSOR

Lord Russell of Killowen says the statement regarding his appointment is premature.

THAT UNLUCKY NUMBER.

Chicago, March 14.—Peculiar features in regard to the superstition in connection with the number thirteen were intimated in the death of James Powers, a prominent Chicagoan, who died yesterday at the age of 13.

THE POPE'S HEALTH

London, March 14.—A special dispatch from Rome announces that the Pope has suffered from a renewal of fainting fits, but it is added that his physicians do not regard his condition as serious.

WHAT IS A "PLACE"

A Much Discussed Question Is Decided at Last.

THE GOMEZ DEMONSTRATION

Women Try to Stop the Parade and Receive a Warm Reception.

the blood flowed. Then, dismayed by the savage yells of the wounded man's companions, he withdrew to another point. Chief Moncal was mocked by the crowd in the Tacon walk. When near the Quinta de Los Millinas the demonstrators began to shove the policemen, pulling their coats and attempting to take away their clubs. There were more than a hundred policemen within three blocks, but they did not act together; indeed they were thoroughly scared, and one policeman ran to the Central park, where the 119th regulars were camped.

SKIRMISHING CONTINUES

Another Briak Engagement Near Pasig. General Otis Sends Particulars of the Fighting.

Manila, March 14, noon.—At 7 o'clock this morning, hearing the insurgents' bugles sounding, Scott's battery dropped three shrapnel shells into the wood on the left of the Pasig church. No reply was made, and at 7.45 the 22nd regular infantry advanced until they encountered a number of volleys. This fire was returned with interest.

How Natives Smuggle Arms

Cleveland, Ohio, March 14.—Andrew Loebner, Company M, 14th United States Infantry, now at Manila, in a letter to his parents in this country concerning the attempt of the rebels to capture the city on January 11, says: "The insurgents tried to take the city by making an attack in the front, and the citizens an attack in the rear. In order to do this it was necessary for them to get arms into the city. We noticed they were having a large number of funerals from the church in Pasig. One day there were seventy-three coffins taken in. When some of our boys were detailed to inspect they found these coffins contained guns, and in this way captured 1,200 of their weapons."

DEATH OF HON. J. F. WOOD

Who Was Controller of Customs in the Late Conservative Government.

Ottawa, Ont., March 14.—Hon. J. F. Wood, M.P., controller of customs in the Bowell government, was found dead in his room at the Queen's hotel, Toronto, this morning. This leaves a vacancy in Brockville.

COAL LANDS SOLD

Cheyenne, Wyo., March 14.—The foreclosure sale of the Union Pacific coal lands in Wyoming was held here yesterday by special master Day. The lands were bought in by Vice-President Cornish, for the re-organization committee, for the sum of \$1,255,000. There were no other bidders.

ANGLO-AMERICAN RELATIONS

London, March 14.—At the annual meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce to-day, the Hon. Sir Henry Stafford Northcote, president, in the chair, a resolution was passed asking the British government to obtain the "open door" in China and prior British rights in the Yang Tse Kiang Valley.

Fearful Loss of Life

Ten Steamers Go Down During the Recent Hurricane in the Atlantic.

No Hope for the Crews, Three Hundred of Whom Have Been Drowned.

New York, March 15.—The Tribune publishes the following: It seems now almost certain that ten freight steamships have been lost on the Atlantic in recent storms. This involves the loss of more than three hundred lives, and \$2,500,000 of capital.

Of course there yet remains a slim chance that some of the crews may have been picked up by slow-going sailing vessels bound for distant ports, or that one or two of the missing ships may still be drifting, disabled far away from the usual lanes of travel, but the possibilities are heavily against the hope. It is said the rate of reimbursement on missing ships is ninety per cent.

A FRENCH CRIME

Sausage Maker Cuts His Wife to Pieces and Burns the Remains in a Stove.

Chicago, March 15.—Augusta Becker, the sausage maker, who has been under arrest for four weeks on a charge of murdering his wife, has made a full confession. He said that he cut his wife to pieces and burned the remains in a stove. Becker, when first arrested, admitted killing his wife but declared he pushed her off a viaduct into the lake, and that she was drowned.

NEWS FROM VANCOUVER

Yukon Steamers Must Carry British Skippers and Engineers—Board of Trade Officers.

Vancouver, March 15.—At the annual meeting of the Vancouver Board of Trade last night Mr. O. E. Thiel, M. P., was elected president and Mr. Fred Buscombe vice-president, with the following council: Messrs. W. H. Alexander, William Pelletier Harvey, W. H. Mallin, William Godfrey, Walter Ker, J. C. McLagan, H. Bell Irving, Campbell, Sweeney, F. Cockburn, William Skene, G. I. Wilson, C. Gardner Johnson, W. F. Salisbury, Adolphus Williams and F. Burns. Mr. W. T. Stein was re-elected secretary.

TIMBER REGULATIONS

Ottawa, March 15.—The regulations governing the granting of yearly licenses and permits to cut timber on Dominion lands in Manitoba, the Territories and within twenty miles on either side of the C.P.R. in British Columbia, established in July last, are amended by specifying that the homesteader may have a free permit to cut 2,000 fence rails to be used on his own land.

OGILVIE'S STATEMENT

Regarding His Relations With Mining Company Promoters.

man. In each instance I gave every assistance in so far as it would be compatible with whatever official position I might afterwards hold in the Yukon. As regards the "British Canadian Gold Fields of Klondike" company the exclusiveness of the information I gave them was confined to such points as these gentlemen intended to make use of in lines which I had myself put down and only in so far as the methods and appliances proposed differed from those now in vogue; also because no other company had proposed to embark in an enterprise of this character.

LOSS OF THE CASTILIAN

Commander Spain Leaves to Investigate the Wreck of the Allan Lier - Prevost Will Hang.

Ottawa, March 15.—Commander Spain of the Marine Department left today to make an investigation into the cause of the wreck of the Castilian off Yarmouth.

NEW SENATORS

Successors of the Senate at St. Oliver, Man. and Mr. Adams Appointed.

Ottawa, March 15.—Mr. Wm. Kerr, Cobourg, Ont., has been called to the Senate in place of Sir Oliver Mowat, who has retired. Mr. Peter McSweeney, Charlton, N. B., called in place of the late Senator Adams.

PROZEN TO DEATH

A Man Lost on His Way to St. Michael's and Found Dead.

Seattle, March 15.—A letter from Captain W. B. Barker, master of the burge Admiral, which is in winter quarters here, says that the crew of the ship, which will be able to save her in the spring. Seven men left the steamer but one got lost coming down, and the other, think he was frozen to death.

A TRAIN SNOWBOUND

Cheyenne, Wyo., March 15.—The snowbound train on the Cheyenne and Northern road at Wheatland has been abandoned by the company officials, who will take steps to rescue the passengers by means of sleds. The company was hopeful of rescuing the passengers by means of rotary plows. One of these was borrowed from the Union Pacific main line, and more were expected. The one secured moved out a mile of ice, but was recalled owing to another storm on the Union Pacific. The inability to get plows accounts for the failure of the company to bring the train through.

ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS

John Oakley, Wm. Pettigrew and John Owen, three passengers, reached here last night. They walked ten miles on snowshoes to meet one of the relief trains, and came to this city on a light engine. They are in a pitiful condition.

Slaughter of Filipinos

United States Troops Inflict Heavy Loss on the Natives Near Pasig.

The Bodies of Many of the Dead Are Floating Down the River.

Manila, March 15, 4.40 p. m.—General Lloyd Wheaton, commanding the United States column, attacked and defeated a force of 2,000 Filipinos at Pasig this afternoon, inflicting heavy loss on them. Many bodies of the rebels killed in the engagement are floating down the river.

Explosion of a Boiler on the Big Cruiser Kills One Man and Injures Others.

Devonport, England, March 15.—The British first-class cruiser Terrible has arrived from Malta and reports a boiler explosion on her on Monday, which killed a stoker, fatally injured another man, and badly scalded several others. The Terrible is a sister ship of the Powerful. The latter, now in Manila bay, has been most unfortunate, having experienced a continuous series of accidents and breakdowns since she was launched.

FLASH POINT OF PETROLEUM

The Proposal to Raise it is Defeated in the House of Commons.

London, March 15.—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Harold James Rickett, Liberal, moved the second reading of a bill raising the flash point of petroleum from 73 to 100. He said it would not add appreciably to the cost, as a New York firm had offered to supply oil at 100 flash point at one-half cent per gallon below the present price.

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KIPLING STILL IMPROVING

New York, March 15.—Rudyard Kipling passed a good night and continues to improve.

CATARRH CAN BE CURED

Catarrah is a kindred ailment of consumption, long considered incurable, but yet there is one remedy that will positively cure catarrah in any of its stages. For many years this remedy was used by the late Dr. Stevens, a widely noted authority on all diseases of the throat and lungs. Having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, and desiring to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge to all sufferers from catarrah, Consumption and nervous diseases this recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing, with stamp, running this paper, W. A. Rogers, 920 Powers Block, Rochester, N. Y.

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dition from the hardships they have endured from lack of food. Oakley's feet were frozen while waiting out from the imprisoned train, and will probably have to be amputated. All the men have swollen limbs and are weak and emaciated from lack of proper food. They report all the passengers sick from the meagre diet of the last two weeks, and that they are weak and disheartened.

H. M. S. TERRIBLE DAMAGED

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Late News of the North

The Kentucky Creek Claim Jumpers in Trouble at Dawson.

Col. Evans Reports Experiencing an Earthquake Shock at Selkirk.

News comes from Dawson that a number of the Kentucky Creek stampedees will spend time in a Dawson prison for perjury in recording claims they had never visited and staking them afterwards.

The most sensational trial that Dawson has ever had commenced January 29 before Judge Starnes. Before night eleven claim stakers had been committed and are held for trial before the Territorial Court. Some of the men secured temporary liberty by depositing heavy bail, but the others will remain in jail until their cases come to trial.

On September 20, 1898, three men appeared at Dawson and after a few days recorded a new stream which they called Kentucky, emptying into Nine Mile Creek, which flows into the Yukon below Dawson. As usual there was a stampede, but the men who went out to stake the claims came back to town, for the creek was staked, and by men who had never been in Dawson all the time.

The three discoverers were quickly arrested. The matter was a long time coming to a head, but at last one of the trio confessed. William Duffield had been done by himself or partner.

The Mounted Police, with Duffield's testimony, worked up a fine series of cases against the prisoners. E. D. Bellinger, recorder, swore that the men testified to having staked the claims in person, and cut off the stabs on which the location notices had been written. The handwriting was easily proven to be that of some one other than the alleged locators.

Fred H. Jones was the first man tried. Duffield testified that he had made a map of the creek and told Jones all about it, so that he could record. He testified that his partners were Dugas and Dutch Jones, who were committed and had great trouble getting the right to give bail.

Thomas Beltram, who staked No. 5 Kentucky without leaving Dawson; Francis Downer, whose claim was staked by Darne; A. H. Bowman, who made a full confession; Dr. W. M. Bruner, whose claim was staked by Duffield; Ernest L. Foster, who says he took no part in recording; Edgar B. Brown, who recorded No. 11 below; and Sam Kirk, were all committed for trial. Others were to be tried the next day.

It is said that there are other cases pending at Dawson where the same scheme has been worked. Commissioner Ogilvie declares he will make a full investigation and there is much trembling in high places. Some prominent officials are said to have secured claims in this way.

Earthquake at Selkirk.

Col. Evans, commanding officer of the British troops at the Yukon, has arrived at Dawson from Fort Selkirk to inspect that camp. He came with quite a number of troops and says that he has heard from the outside that the British soldiers will be withdrawn from the Yukon this summer, leaving the Mounted Police supreme in authority.

Col. Evans brings most interesting news of an earthquake at Fort Selkirk. The facts of the case are as follows: On 8th January 23rd. He and his staked co-owners, who preceded him to the city limits of Selkirk, were very badly frightened.

Scurry on the Pelly.

The miners on the Pelly river are suffering from an epidemic of that dread northern disease, scurvy, and scores of them are sick. The conditions were reported at Selkirk and seemed so serious that Col. Evans, commanding the British forces on the Yukon, organized an expedition to go to their relief. A number of deaths have resulted.

A subscription was taken up among the miners at Selkirk and a quantity of provisions and medicine gathered together. This was turned over to Sergeant Pieter, who headed a party up the river to the assistance of the unfortunate miners. He was to report actual conditions on his return, and if necessary a force of British troops will bring down the men most in danger.

The Pelly river miners have not only been very unfortunate in this respect, but they have failed to find any rich mines to pay them for their misery. A great many have thrown up claims. Around Stewart river the same conditions exist. The winter work has developed practically nothing, according to Col. Evans.

Col. McCook, American consul at Dawson has received a letter from Alexander B. Beckwith of Portland telling of the destitution of scurvy-stricken miners. They are Americans and their names are given as C. E. Jenkins, J. R. Reynolds, G. E. Runnels and J. T. Watts. The men are almost dead from the dread disease. The American consul was unable to give them any aid, but turned the matter over to Col. Steele, who proposed to send relief.

Deaths at Dawson.

Jefferson Tolbert, superintendent of Dawson for the North American Transportation and Trading Company, died on the 13th of March. He passed away on the 13th of last month of congestion of the lungs. He was 55 years of age and a native of Kentucky. He had a prominent position under Capt. Healey, and was highly respected. He formerly lived in Dawson.

John Hughes, one of the pioneers of the Klondike country, died at Dawson on the 13th of March, through a general breaking down of his system. He first went to the Yukon country in 1883 and engaged in mining on the Levese river. He was the father of the late Frank Dismore.

William E. McDonald, a native of the Northwest Territory, died at Dawson on the 13th of February of consumption. He

A Libellous Pamphlet.

The White Pass & Yukon Railway Company Abused.

The Statements Refuted by Mr. J. H. Greer, Local Manager.

Americans Retaliate

Sentiment Against Allowing Canadians to Locate in Porcupine District.

Talk of the Canadians Moving the Boundary Line Causes Excitement.

In a letter from Juneau the special correspondent of the San Francisco Call says: "A report which came down from Porcupine Creek by the steamer Wolcott, plying between Juneau and Haines Mission, caused excitement here. It was to the effect that the Canadian flag had been moved down the trail, from Pleasant camp, on the Dalton trail, four miles, so as to take in the Porcupine, Salmon Creek and other placer mining districts in American territory. Coming as it did about the time sensational stories were wired from Washington, D. C., concerning the acquisition of Lynn Canal by the British, it received considerable credence. Investigation has proved the report untrue up to the present time. It is known here, however, that a Canadian police officer left Lake Bennett recently for Lake Tashik with instructions to secure there an extra detail of police, return to Bennett and proceed thence to Porcupine post. The situation on Porcupine Creek is strained anyhow. There is little doubt that should the Canadians get the location of country many claims would not be abandoned without bloodshed. Sentiment is crystallizing there against allowing any Canadian to make a location on Porcupine Creek, and the exclusion of Americans from Atlin. As is well known some of the Canadian police at Pleasant camp post have staked claims at Porcupine. A movement is on foot to quietly notify all alien holders of locations in American territory to get out of the country. This would be done through a miners' meeting and such a meeting would be held at the Porcupine. It gives aliens equal rights to mine. Anybody who knows anything about miners' meeting knows that what the miners decide on is usually carried out to the letter. No man would dare to stake in a mining camp of the west or northwest after having been notified to vacate. It is ten to one that the proposition of being taken in the Porcupine country.

C. P. Cahoon of Minnesota, the locator of discovery claim on McKinley Creek, is now here. He says he has heard a large number of men express themselves against allowing any Canadian, policeman or not, to work a claim there. Other locators on McKinley Creek are C. J. Lewis of Los Angeles, Cal.; Carl West of Los Angeles and Charles Leitch of Los Angeles, W. S. Hawes of Minnesota, Alexander McConally of Colorado, Bert Woodson of Colorado and Ed. Hackley of Washington State. Mr. Cahoon says these men are opposed to allowing Canadians to mine.

Some claim-jumping is now going on in Porcupine, but not to any great extent. Small steamers on Lynn Canal are carrying more freight and passengers to Haines Mission each trip. At the present rate there will be at least 3,000 people on the trail and creeks back of the mission in thirty days. The weather is now very cold and windy, but it does not seem to stop the crowd.

Hood's Sarsaparilla never disappoints. It may be taken for impure and impoverished blood with perfect confidence that it will cure.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

Mason v. Nason was set down for trial to-day, but the parties arrived at a settlement out of court, whereby the plaintiff enters judgment against the defendant for \$1,750 without costs. Gordon Hunter for plaintiff and D. M. Eberts, Q.C., for defendant.

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"It's only a slight cold, only a little cough," you say—but it hangs on and on and won't leave. Better wake up to the fact before it's too late that you're on the highway to Consumption. Better have the Cough cured now, when you can—than wait a while longer when, perhaps, you can't. A bottle or two of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup will promptly cure that Cough, and heal up the lungs so that not a trace of its effects will remain.

Mr. Grace Lynch of Blackville, N.B., writes: "I have been troubled with Coughs, Colds and weakness of the lungs for a long time, and could get no relief until I took Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, which made a complete cure in my case."

Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup is sold by medicine dealers everywhere at 25c. and 50c. a bottle.

IN SPRING TIME

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When men and women are burdened with death-dealing sicknesses, such as kidney disease, liver complaint, blood troubles, rheumatism, neuralgia, and the terrible after effects of grippe, spring has no charms for them. They have allowed themselves to sink into a condition of misery and helplessness during the winter that must quickly terminate in life, unless that true health and life giving, Paine's Celery Compound, be made use of without delay.

The nervous system, weak and unstrung, must be fortified; the blood, sluggish, impure and watery, must be made clean and fast flowing, and every organ of digestion must be toned up to true health pitch.

Nature's wonderfully successful medicine, Paine's Celery Compound, does this good work as no other remedy can do. It acts as a nerve and brain food, it gives life to stagnant blood, it banishes permanently kidney disease, liver complaint, rheumatism, dyspepsia and other troubles that make life a misery.

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FREE ART CLASSES.

Those desiring free instruction in art should apply to the Canadian Royal Art Union, Limited, 228 and 240 St. James Street, Montreal, Canada.

CHINA'S REPLY.

The Foreign Office is "Ignorant of Italy's Standing Among the Nations."

London, March 15.—The Pekin correspondent of the Times says, regarding the demand of the Italian government for a concession at San Mun bay, that stronger measures than the ultimatum of Signor Martino, the Italian minister at Pekin, will be necessary to induce compliance, as the foreign office is "entirely ignorant of Italy's standing among the nations."

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VICTORIA CITY MARKETS.

The market remains in very much the same condition as last week, prices showing very little change. Table potatoes are worth \$1, but seed potatoes cannot be obtained for less than \$1.25. There is a good supply of them throughout the country, but farmers are holding on to the supply in the hope that prices will stiffen. It is improbable, however, that the market will go much higher.

Chickens are very scarce and prices rule high. On the fish stalls halibut and salmon continue scarce, but prices are unchanged. The retail quotations are as follows:

Ogilvie's Hungarian, per bbl.	6.00
Lake of the Woods, per bbl.	6.00
Letitia, per bbl.	5.00
O. K., per bbl.	5.00
Snowflake, per bbl.	5.00
Calgary Home, per bbl.	5.50
Premier, per bbl.	5.50
X.Y. Enderby, per bbl.	5.00
Grain:	
Wheat, per ton	25.00/26.00
Corn (whole), per ton	23.00/24.00
Corn (cracked), per ton	21.00/22.00
Oats, per ton	20.00/21.00
Barley, per ton	20.00/21.00
Roll'd oats (H. & K.), 7 1/2 sack	80
Feed:	
Hay (baled) per ton	10.00/12.00
Straw per bale	5.00/7.00
Middlings, per ton	25.00/27.00
Bean, per ton	23.00/25.00
Ground feed per ton	23.00/25.00
Vegetables:	
Potatoes, per 100 lbs.	1.00/1.25
Beets, per lb.	1.00
Cabbage, per lb.	1.00
Garlic, per lb.	1.00
Guilliver, per head	2.00
Onion, per lb.	1.00
Letts, 4 lbs. for	2.00
Onions (pickling), per lb.	3/4
Shallots, per lb.	1.00
Fruit:	
Salmon (smoked), per lb.	20
Salmon (spring), per lb.	12 1/2
Salmon (American), per lb.	15
Hams (Canadian), per lb.	16
Bacon (Canadian), per lb.	14 1/2
Bacon (rolled), per lb.	12 1/2
Bacon (long clear), per lb.	12 1/2
Beef, per lb.	8 1/2
Pork, per lb.	10 1/2
Veal, per lb.	12 1/2
Forst, per lb.	10 1/2
Shoulders, per lb.	14
Fruit:	
Apples, per dozen	25/35
Cocoanuts, each	15
Lemons (California), per doz.	30/35
Oranges (California), per doz.	20/25
Oranges (Jap.), per doz. (small)	10
Bunches (long bunch), per doz.	15
Melons (each)	20/30
Olives	15/20
Crab apples, per lb.	1.00
Apples	1.25
Hens (per doz.)	9.00
Dressed fowl (per pair)	1.50/2.00
Ducks (per doz.)	9.00
Turkeys (per lb., live weight)	20/25

KAISER COMMANDS THE NAVY.

Berlin, March 14.—The higher administration of the navy has been reorganized. Henceforth the Emperor holds supreme command. The office of commander-in-chief therefore lapses, and the chief of the navy becomes directly subordinate to the Emperor. The admiral is advised to Chamberlain's John Baur. He says: "A few applications of this liniment proved of great service to me. It subdued the inflammation and relieved the pain. Should any sufferer profit by giving Pain Balm a trial it will please me."

THE PEACE TREATY.

Madrid March 14.—The Correspondence says the cabinet has advised the Queen Regent to ratify the treaty of peace with the United States without awaiting the re-assembling of the Cortes.

The People's Judge

Of the Merits of Dr. Chase's Ointment and Pronounce it Unrivaled as an Absolute Cure for Itching Piles.

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To Consider Sorby's Plan

City Council Set Apart \$2,500 and Appoint a Committee for That Purpose.

George Snider Will Build the New Fire Hall on Yates Street.

Street Railway Company Submit Their Views on the Bridge Question

The city council dealt with a great variety of subjects at their sitting last night, the list ranging from the disposal of garbage to the Sorby harbor scheme with its attendant colossal expenditure. A great deal of necessary and some very important matters were rushed through, with the result that shortly after ten the business had all been concluded, drawing from the mayor a compliment upon the board's expedition.

The contract for the Yates street fire hall was awarded to Geo. Snider at \$3,151.50, a very modest figure, so most of the aldermen concur. The list of contractors anxious for the work numbered sixteen, and very close calculating had evidently been done, as they varied but slightly. The police tenders were left to a committee on the selection of a successor to Engineer Wilnot to a special session of the board.

The Rock Bay Bridge. Before the business was formally proceeded with the mayor informed the council that as the time limit of the Rock Bay bridge had expired, he had notified the street car company that the city would not be responsible for any accident arising from that cause. He had also made an arrangement with the garbage contractors to continue their contract until the end of the month.

Ald. Humphrey said that he didn't disagree with the mayor's view of the matter, but the communication ought to come through the engineer.

The Mayor—We had a report from Engineer Wilnot.

Ald. Humphrey asked if the mayor thought the safety of the bridge ended on the exact date specified by Mr. Wilnot as the limit of its life? He didn't for one moment believe so, and if Mr. Wilnot had been here he would have examined the bridge before condemning.

The mayor said that he had not closed the bridge but had merely shifted the responsibility from the city's shoulders.

Ald. Humphrey reminded the mayor that he had referred to the bridge matter at last Monday's meeting, and that the next day the bridge was closed. He thought the council might have been informed of the mayor's contemplated action.

The Mayor—I didn't think of it until afterwards.

Communications. Campbell Reddie, deputy provincial secretary, notified the council officially of the appointment of Alex. Stewart as a license commissioner, and Co. P. Ford of the Ketchikan Railway Bill. Both were received and filed.

J. S. Helmecken, M.D., asked if the council could not do something to abate the nuisance caused by water running down from Beacon Hill Park on to his property, which was a source of great annoyance to him.

Ald. Humphrey thought something should be done by fencing the nuisance, and that if the city engineer for report.

The Rock Bay Bridge Again.

A. Goward, of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, communicated with the council as follows:

The Mayor and Council of the City of Victoria: Gentlemen: I have the honor to advise you that I was in receipt on the 9th instant of a letter from His Worship the Mayor, reading as follows:

Victoria, B.C., March 6, 1899. Dear Sir: On June 17, 1888, the city engineer reported that he did not consider the Rock Bay bridge would be safe for more than eight or nine months, as that time has now elapsed, I have to inform you that the bridge is now not safe for tramway traffic, and that if the company continues to run cars along the bridge, it does so at its own risk, as in any no-tice the city will not be in any way responsible for the bridge.

Yours faithfully, O. H. RIBBEN, Mayor.

In view of this communication on the company at once desisted from using the bridge for tramway traffic. I do not point out that the company is ready at any time to commence the construction of its portion of the new bridge that is proposed to be built by the city across Rock Bay, but which is defined by its building by reason of the Dominion government not having assented to the plans which have been for some time under consideration.

Under the new arrangement this company will maintain the portion of the bridge service in one of serious damage and inconvenience not only to the company, but to the citizens, and I might point out to your honorable body that the bridge being a pile one could easily be put in proper

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Trust that it will be possible to soon resume traffic over this bridge. I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant.

ALBERT T. GOWARD, Local Manager.

Ald. Humphrey moved that the letter be laid on the table until a report could be obtained from the acting city engineer regarding the bridge. The mayor said that Mr. Cousins would examine the bridge to-day. The motion was adopted.

Ald. Langley's Vacant Chair.

Ex-Ald. Langley wrote announcing the result of the trial of the case of Falconer vs. Langley, which had resulted in his being declared disqualified to sit as an alderman. He stated that he did not intend to contest the matter further, and expressed the hope that the vacancy caused by his resignation would be filled as soon as possible in order that the South Ward might not remain unrepresented as long as necessary.

On motion of Ald. Beckwith the letter was received and filed, and Capt. Langley will be informed that his reasons for not taking his seat as an alderman are satisfactory to the board.

The seat of Mr. Langley was declared vacant, the date of election being set for March 22nd, at the market building, notice to be given in the Times and Colonist.

More Magazines.

W. H. Berry asked the council to subscribe for the New Century Weekly and the Universal Brotherhood Monthly, at a yearly cost of \$2.50. The magazines are organs of the Universal Brotherhood. The council approved of the suggestion.

Mr. Moody and His Mint.

C. C. Moody again brought the question of a mint before the council. He expressed himself as very much pleased with the reception his former communications had received, and stated that he had the approval of the council "signed, sealed and delivered" in his possession. "In justice to the council, to the proposition, and to myself," he thought he ought to be satisfied with his reception. He further stated that he thought we were living in an age of gold, a statement that was received with incredulous sighs by many present. He further suggested a public meeting in the market during Lent, when it might otherwise engaged, to discuss his scheme. Mr. Moody discoursed at considerable length his pet subject.

A question of "Who is Moody?" he also dealt with forcibly. "I will not deal with that communication," said the mayor. "I move that it be referred to the sanitary officer," said Ald. Humphrey. The council laughed and laid the letter on the table.

Thanks and Criticisms.

A. J. Piroo expressed his thanks for the prompt manner in which the nuisance of which he had complained had been dealt with by the council.

"It is pleasant to get such a communication as that received from Mr. Piroo," said Ald. Stewart, and the board murmured "Aye, aye," with unanimity.

The wretched condition of Hillside avenue and some of the other streets in the neighborhood of the fountain was the subject of a strong complaint from Noah Shakespeare. He added that the South Ward was well looked after, while the North Ward was left severely alone.

Ald. Beckwith corroborated Mr. Shakespeare's statements, and moved that the letter be referred to the city engineer for report.

The mayor thought the engineer had included Hillside avenue in the list of streets requiring repairs.

Ald. Beckwith said the late engineer had not done so, and he (the speaker) had been surprised that he had not made some suggestion for their improvement.

The city clerk reported the reception of communications from the following and their reference to the city engineer: James Pottinger and others, with reference to the necessity of improving Michigan street; Moore & Whittington, Pandora street; C. W. Rhodes and others, Terrace avenue; Rev. A. B. Winchester and others, Kingston street; and Rev. D. MacRae, Frederick street, Victoria West.

The city solicitor formally acquainted the council with the result of Ald. Langley's appeal. The communication was received and filed.

The Engineer's Report.

The city engineer submitted the following report: "With reference to the request that the sewer be extended to the corner of Simcoe and Namah: As the map shows the sewer to be included in the pumping area, it is at too low a level to connect with the present ventilation system."

Regarding Mr. Thornton Peit's request that the sewer be extended to his property on Cadboro Bay road: This would necessitate the purchase of about 1,000 feet of 8-inch pipe, for which there are no present funds available."

Referring to Mr. Mason's claim of \$25 for work done by him on William street: I would respectfully recommend that the amount of the gravel now on the above mentioned path is eighteen cubic yards. I would respectfully suggest that the walk on Ida street would be much improved by an average fill of two inches of gravel, which would bring the path flush with the curb."

Regarding the steam roller: It is the intention to commence working the roller as soon as the driver, who is a prisoner, will be in a few days. The roller will be in a few days. The present box drain on the east side of Second street, north of Bay street, which is in a very rotten condition, be removed for a distance of 350 feet by an 8x12 box, the estimated cost of which is \$45.

Ald. Humphrey moved that the report be taken up clause by clause, and this course was adopted.

Regarding the first clause, the petitioners will be notified of the facts therein recited.

The second clause was about to suffer the same fate when a protest was entered by Ald. MacGregor, who said that this petition had been put in last year. Residents on one side of the street had the benefit of the sewerage while the residents on the other side did not.

Ald. Stewart moved that the item be laid over until the sewerage extension came up for consideration.

Ald. Humphrey's motion that the engineer be asked to report on the cost and the probable number of connections which could be made from such an extension, met with the council's approval and was carried.

Robt. Mason's claim of \$25 for work on William street will be paid if he brings the walk up to the proper level of the curb. Mr. Mason, it seems, had no authority to fill in the road, but the council felt that he should be paid if the job was properly indicated.

Ald. MacGregor said that Mr. Mason had delivered the gravel in good faith.

Ald. Beckwith—"He had too much faith."

The suggestion to commence operation with the steam roller at once was approved.

The final clause also was adopted and the report as amended passed.

Library and Pound.

Librarian Goward wrote saying that about \$120 had resulted last year from the sale of books, and that if fines, etc., and asking that this amount be devoted to library purposes. Referred to a finance committee for report.

Foundkeeper Curran asked the city to purchase a dog, which he had owned, animal, which had been gored, being useless for cattle. He would then make no claim for injuries to his animal. A horse will be purchased for Mr. Curran.

Beatty & Co., H. C. Erskine & Wall, and a large number of grocers, asked that the Sunday Closing By-law be made applicable to grocers, fruiterers, and confectioners and tobacconists. The petition was referred to the able together with that of the barbers.

Police Clothing Tenders.

Seven tenders were tabled for police clothing and boots. An eighth was not received until seven o'clock, and Ald. Brydon and Stewart felt that it would be unfair to receive it. Ald. Beckwith said that a tender for brass work had been received at a quarter to eight o'clock, and had been considered with that.

Ald. Stewart, while he did not know who the tendered was, said that from long experience he found that many may put the tendering off until the last minute in order, if possible, to ascertain the amount of their competitors' tenders.

A committee, consisting of Aldermen Beckwith, MacGregor and Humphrey, will consider the tenders and report to the next meeting.

The New Fire Hall.

Sixteen tenders for the construction of the new fire hall on Yates and Gamosen streets were then opened. They were as follows:

*Green & Donnan	\$2,151.50
G. H. Hoops	2,244.50
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Baker & Jeeves	3,390.00
Robert Dinsdale	3,500.00
Thomas Catterall	3,560.00
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Albert Frye	3,568.00
Moore & Whittington	3,575.00
M. MacGregor	3,600.00
J. G. Brown	3,625.00
H. Munday	3,745.00
J. G. Brown	3,830.00

In the case of Green and Donnan \$30 was specified as an extra for wet shaft if necessary. Mr. Northcott said that the purchase of meters to the amount of \$1,250. Received and adopted.

In compliance with the report of the special committee the mayor recommended that the part of the committee's report recommending the purchase of a snow be rescinded. The mayor's recommendation was adopted.

The Sorby Scheme.

Ald. Brydon and MacGregor then submitted a resolution providing for the setting aside of \$2,500 for the purpose of investigating the Sorby scheme, but without power to make any expenditure without the approval of the council. The committee to consist of the mayor, three aldermen and three or more expert owners.

Ald. Kinsman expressed himself as opposed to the proposition because he thought nothing would come of it.

Ald. Stewart also wanted the matter laid over until the rate was fixed. He didn't think it was any use appointing such a committee until it was known where the money was to come from.

The mayor pointed out that the sessions of the Commission was about to open and it would strengthen the hands of the city's representatives there if the scheme were examined and approved by the council. If the council were going to do so now, he didn't believe one proposition necessarily involved an expenditure of money, but Ald. Kinsman was worried to understand how experts could be engaged and the rate was fixed.

Ald. Humphrey pronounced the Sorby proposition as a "crazy, wild scheme," and was emphatically opposed to the motion. He liked the scheme very well, if some one else would pay for it, but if by-law to carry out the scheme was passed any one could have his property at 40 per cent. of its present value. The mayor had referred to the city's representatives taking up the matter in parliament, but he didn't believe one of them would stand sponsor for the scheme in the federal parliament.

Ald. Brydon combated the latter statement, remarking that the consensus of opinion among business men was that the scheme, if carried out, would be the salvation of the city.

The same view was entertained by Ald. Beckwith, who expressed the conviction that if Victoria was to take its proper place as a business centre in the province the people must "shell out." He was favorable even to the expenditure of a small sum for the purpose of ascertaining whether Mr. Sorby's figures were correct.

Ald. Hayward favored the appointment of the committee, and believed the data desired could be verified or otherwise for a small sum. The scheme was a very attractive one, and he thought the council should not hesitate to spend a little money on an examination of the facts.

Ald. MacGregor followed in the same vein. Submitted to a vote, the motion was carried on the following division: Ayes—Ald. Williams, MacGregor, Brydon, Beckwith, Sayward and the Mayor.

Noes—Ald. Kinsman, Humphreys and Stewart.

The mayor nominated the following aldermen as members of the committee: Ald. Hayward, Brydon and MacGregor. The appointment of the citizen members was left to the three aldermen and the mayor.

Ald. Humphrey delivered a parting shot by saying that the committee might take into consideration the question of running a tunnel across the Straits.

The resolution asking for applications for the position of city carpenter at \$70 a month was carried without discussion.

Leave was granted for the introduction of the Revenue By-Law for 1899. The law was read a first time and will be read a second time at the next regular meeting. The council adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Piled up on the Rocks.

Steamer Dirigo Wrecked on Medway Island During a Blinding Snowstorm.

The Passengers Taken Off by the Steamer Cottage City.

Steamer Cottage City, which arrived last night, brought news that the steamer Dirigo, Capt. George Roberts, belonging to the Alaska Steamship Co., has been wrecked on Medway Island, Stenstrom passage, Clarence straits. No lives were lost.

The Dirigo is the seventh steamer to become a victim of the intricate and treacherously dangerous narrow passages in the island and reef studded waterways of the Clarence Nevada and Juneau. A glance at the map will give anyone an idea of the circuitous manner in which the steamers running between those ports have to work.

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Many were able to walk around her and inspect her gashed hull at low tide. There were three ragged punctures in her hull and she was considerably strained, the weight of her 250 tons of cargo twisting her until it was impossible to use her engines.

The majority of the passengers and many of the crew then made their way to Medway Island, taking some supplies with them to allay their wants, and there, with tarpaulin hatch covers for tents, they camped for nearly 48 hours. It was Saturday night before relief came. Then the lights of the Cottage City were seen coming out of the night from the North, and those who remained with the wreck blew again and again shrill distress signals, until at length the answering grunt of the Cottage City told them that their cry for help had been heard. The Cottage City hoisted to and south to Wrangell, and the island together with all who wished to leave the ship were on her and bound south to Wrangell. Some few came down on the mail steamer, but the majority remained at Wrangell to await the steamer Parallon, which runs in connection with the wrecked vessel, on which they will continue their interrupted journey northward.

The officers, with the exception of Capt. Roberts, who was taken to Wrangell for medical treatment, and the greater number of the crew, remained with the wreck. Capt. Roberts is reported to be a very sick man.

It is thought by some of those who came from the wrecked Dirigo that she will prove a total loss. The officers of the Cottage City, however, are of the opinion that it is not at all improbable that she may be floated when her cargo is removed—provided, of course, that the steamer's hold does not give way under her assistance from Wrangell, and it is contemplated to send other vessels up from the Stikine mouth to lighten the rock-bound Dirigo.

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