

BEAUTIFUL CITY

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Thursday, April 16, has been set by the mayor in council last night as a general cleaning up and arbor day, a public half holiday being proclaimed for the occasion. Trees for planting will be obtained for any citizens desirous of setting them out on the boulevards.

The meeting of the council last night, which was fully attended, was chiefly taken up by a discussion of ways and means. There have been many petitions for sewers, for water and for other improvements and the question before the council was how the money could be raised for the execution of the work desired. Within the city a local improvement loan might be raised but this could not be done if the work lay outside the city limits.

After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting the special committee on the new cement work reported that they had authorized the doing of the work at the power plant at a net cost of \$110. The work costs \$120 but its performance saved \$100 on the new work. The new work is that of backing the cliff against which the power plant is built. The report was adopted.

The chief of the fire department reported three fires last month, with a total loss of \$100. An inspection had been made of the public buildings and necessary changes ordered. A new fire alarm system had been installed with satisfactory results.

H. Hill of the Occidental hotel asked for the sole right of selling refreshments at the park pavilion. Also permission was asked to put up bathing boxes. The matter was referred to the works committee with permission to advertise asking for tenders.

D. Maglio petitioned for a new sewer. The city engineer reported the cost would be \$25.

The mayor pointed out that this year it would be impossible to take up work of this nature; there was a heavy burden to be carried with the completion of the power plant.

A petition was read from ten householders on Anderson street, Fairview, asking for a water service.

City engineer Lawrence said the cost, outside of the pipe in hand, would be approximately \$60.

Ald. Procter urged that the work be done. Mayor Taylor said to do the work would be burdening the revenue of the city for the benefit of people who stayed outside, paying no taxes yet doing business in the city.

Ald. Hale thought the city should sell its water.

Mayor Taylor said that already \$12,000 had been added to the estimates and every additional item simply added to the taxation. There was not the revenue to do this thing.

Sewer construction should be covered by payments over 10 to 20 years and not paid out of the revenue of any one year. Either there should be a frontage tax or there should be a separate loan. The revenue should only be expected to pay for maintenance. The work committee should find out just about what sewers were wanted and then report on some scheme for providing for their construction. A local improvement loan could not affect the credit of the municipality. Water connections within the city could come under the same head.

Ald. Procter thought that people should be encouraged to build but they should not build if they could not get sewers.

The petition of D. Maglio was then turned over to the works committee to report on it and on the general question. The Fairview petition was next considered. It was pointed out that a main had been laid out to the shipyard with which the C.P.R. was to connect and pay \$50 a month. This they had not done. There were 10 or 15 people on the line, bringing in a credit of \$100 a month. The cost of the line was \$775. The work was done last year. The mayor stigmatized the spending of the money last year as reckless and foolish. If the new pipe were laid it could not be paid for by any local improvement loan, being outside of the city and would have to be met by revenue. Now there was not the revenue available.

Ald. Procter said the fact had better be advertised that the city was not in the position to supply sewers and water and so "let her up tight."

"Better do that," said the mayor, "than let her up with debt."

The petition was filed.

The mayor asked what about a cleaning up day.

The general opinion of the council was that a half day be taken, the rubbish taken to the back lanes and thence hauled away at a later date with teams.

Mayor Taylor set Thursday week for a half holiday for cleaning up and as an arbor day. Persons wanting trees must apply before Saturday next at noon. Applications must be accompanied by the cost. The trees will be supplied at cost price for this purpose from Grand Forks.

Mayor Taylor said that a general inspection of the city by W. Payne of the electrical department disclosed that citizens generally are robbing the municipality. Drastic rules would be made dealing with the matter and no second inspection would be allowed in future. People who refused admission to the inspector would be fined.

Mayor Taylor said that when the power dam was built it had been figured upon the basis that the river was not narrowed. But the river had been narrowed by the Bonington plant. Consequently the dam would have to be raised.

W. Shackleton said the low water level this year was on March 1. Now the river had risen one foot six inches. The top of the dam was 15 feet 6 inches above low water level. The rise in 1907 was 12 feet 8 inches. In 1902 the rise was 15 feet. With the narrowing of the river there was danger of the high water coming over the dam into the buildings. To add four feet to the height of the dam would cost \$200.

There ensued a discussion as to how high the wall should be carried and it was finally decided that the fire, water and light committee be given power to raise the dam to whatever height should be found necessary. The council then adjourned.

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NO UNREALITY

"Dreamers" Put Visions Into Practice

A NOVEL CANADIAN SECT

NON-BELIEVERS IN THE NEW RELIGION MUST BE DESTROYED—ARSON IS BEING BROUGHT HOME TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW CULT.

Medicine Hat, April 17.—The preliminary hearing which is being given members of the sect known as the "Dreamers" on a charge of having burned the house of Jos. Lehr, in the Josephburg district, 40 miles south of here, promises to be tedious and drawn out for a considerable length of time. It was exceedingly difficult to get the prisoners to give evidence when being in the witness box, against Frederick Neiman today, their memories proving defective on certain points, until the prosecution finally cornered them.

The first witness in the afternoon was Mrs. Lehr, wife of Joseph Lehr, whose house was destroyed by fire. Her evidence corroborated that of her husband, in telling of the narrow escape the family had from death, all having to leave the house through a window. She stated in addition that the prisoner had told her during the winter that if the devil set fire to the place, stupid people would lay the blame on the "Dreamers."

Mrs. Scheider, a neighbor, gave evidence of a sensational nature concerning the beliefs of the Dreamers. She at one time had been a member of the congregation. She stated that the sect believed in destroying all who were not members of their church, and in executing their dreams, providing they were not found out by the government.

At the meetings they discussed a offense against the law committed by the prisoner, which thrilled the crowd. Against the rules of the order, Neiman had purchased goods at an auction sale, for which he gave a note for \$50. To rectify his mistake he asked George Meyers, who had the note, for it and said he would pay it immediately. Meyers produced the note and Neiman took it up. He was arrested for this and had to pay \$120 to settle. Neiman went to "God," Jacob Merk, who told him he should take revenge. This was discussed at a meeting of the Dreamers and it was decided that when Meyers and his wife were away, the family and house should be destroyed by fire. Neiman was to do it.

He afterwards burned Meyers' barns and cattle, using coal oil. He could get no material to start a fire at the house and besides he was afraid to go too close as a light was kept burning in a room of a sick child. There was some snow on the ground and he had to be careful in hiding his tracks by keeping off from it. The Dreamers, Mrs. Scheider stated always carried firearms about their persons.

Albert Neiman, son of the prisoner, was then called to the stand and stated that he could tell nothing about the Dreamers as he had not yet been converted and did not dream, although he attended the meetings. He was excluded when dreams were being related.

Karl Otto, another prisoner, stated that the previous witness was not excluded from any part of the meetings.

TRADE REVIEW

Seeding is Active and Immigration is Heavy

Montreal, April 17.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

In Canada the country roads are drying up and collections show some improvement. Demand for labor is quiet, especially in the eastern provinces.

In the west seeding is active and immigration is heavy. Fall buying is small. Failures for the week ending April 16, number 23, as against 29 last week and 13 in the corresponding week last year.

The bank clearings for the past week were:

Montreal	\$28,865,000	2.5
Toronto	2,548,000	12.5
Winnipeg	5,531,000	6.1
Vancouver	3,176,000	8.5
Ottawa	3,386,000	10.3
Quebec	1,290,000	3.4
Halifax	1,802,000	1.0
Hamilton	1,385,000	16.2
Calgary	92,000	29.9
St. John	1,326,000	12.6
London	1,112,000	12.0
Victoria	1,129,000	12.7

COLLIERIES START UP

Great Demand for Coal—Operators Are Hard Pressed

Pottsville, Pa., April 17.—Orders were posted today at all the collieries of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company notifying that the work will be resumed tomorrow morning after the idleness caused by today's legal holiday. The demand for coal has been so great since April 1, when the reduction went into effect, that the company is scarcely able to keep up with its orders and was reluctant to shut down, even for the customary Good Friday holiday.

ITALIANS ATTACKED

Driven Out of Bloomington by Mob—Great Indignation

Bloomington, Ill., April 17.—The city Italians who have been employed by the Illinois Central were driven out of town last night by a mob who intimidated them by a fusillade from guns and revolvers.

There has been much indignation against the Italians since the mayor received a Blackhand letter, threatening his life. Italians were charged with the authorship. The railroad has been employing Italians to the exclusion of several hundred American born residents, who are unemployed. The authorities have been unable to secure any clue leading to the arrest of the men composing the mob.

CHELSEA FIRE

Authorities Commence Investigation into the Cause—Ten Bodies Found

Boston, April 17.—The state police began a preliminary investigation today of cases leading up to the fire at Chelsea, and of the reports that there was considerable incendiarism in various parts of the city during the progress of the fire.

The tenth body recovered from the ruins was found today. The police fear that further search in the hundreds of cellars will disclose other bodies as the list of persons missing is still incomplete. The missing lists, however, vary, ranging from 30 to 70. Many persons who could not be found early in the week have turned up, but at least 40 are still accounted for.

Up to today there has been systematic search of the cellars of the burned houses. It is expected that as soon as the streets have been thoroughly cleared, the authorities will make an effort to search the cellars.

An urgent appeal for money, food and clothing and a statement that the losses are far greater than was at first supposed, was issued today by the relief committee through its treasurer.

As yet the identity of the luckless craft is not determinable but the mystery will probably be solved during tomorrow as your correspondent left Revere tonight immediately upon receipt of the first news of serious character and will press on over the desolate forest trail through the night in hope of reaching the scene by morning.

The first official bulletin of the wreck came from Carmanah shortly after 10 o'clock this evening, having been brought in by a half breed runner. His report is that large quantities of wreckage washed ashore last night and this morning and was still coming when he started for Carmanah. At that time there had been secured the following exhibits: Two large boats chocks, each about five feet long, of hard wood with galvanized hinges, three in all; a broken part of sixth hatch, marked port forward, the broken topmast, evidently of a large ship, much deckhouse and other white painted lumber, a hard wood tumbler seat, over six feet long, four 15-foot oars, three broken parts of vessels bits, seven feet long by eighteen inches square of oak and copper capped, and the stern of a large ship. No name or other marks appear on anything. All the wreckage is quite fresh.

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ANOTHER LOSS

Unknown Vessel Wrecked on Vancouver Island

IS NEAR GARMANAH POINT

SUPPOSED TO BE SHIP W. F. BABCOCK BOUND FROM AUSTRALIA TO VICTORIA WITH COKE—NO PARTICULARS SO FAR HAVE BEEN OBTAINED.

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Victoria, April 17.—Cumulative evidence of a fresh disaster to some large vessel on the grave yard coast of Vancouver island is coming ashore in the form of miscellaneous wreckage in quantity at a break point six miles east of Carmanah point, or about midway between that signal station and Port Renfrew.

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smelter at Greenwood has resumed operations. It is stated on authority that should copper rise to 16 cents again at least a dozen claims near Danville would be working again.

WILL COME HIGH

Calgary Hotel Men Put up the Price of All Drinks

Calgary, April 17.—Owing to the fact that the license fee has been raised to \$800 and bars must close at 10 o'clock after July 1, Calgary hotelkeepers have raised the price of all mixed drinks to 25 cents. All imported mineral waters, beers and ales will cost the thirsty ones 25 cents in future.

PENNSYLVANIA RIOTING

CHESTER TRACTION COMPANY AND ITS EMPLOYEES.

STATE TROOPS MOBILIZED TO PRESERVE ORDER.

Chester, Pa., April 17.—With four troops of the state police practically in command of the city, the strike situation is well in hand here tonight. Troop "A" from Greensburg, Troop "B" from Harrisburg, Troop "C" from Reading and "D" from Pottsville, comprising about 160 men, make up the force which has taken charge of the strike situation.

Under the protection of the state police, the traction company ran five cars during the afternoon. The first car was run out by F. W. Borman, who ran the cars out of the barns in San Francisco in the face of the striking employees. On the car which Borman operated today, were president Riggs of the traction company and R. Nelson Buckley, chairman of the board of directors of the Interstate Railway Commission, which operates the Chester trolley line. On the car were also two city policemen and a private detective of the company and beside it rode two troopers. The car had not gone far when some of the strikers or their sympathizers began throwing stones and shouting at the men in charge of it. The troopers fired a warning shot and then six men, among them Charles Horneapple, a city employee in the highway department.

The prisoners were put on the car and under guard were compelled to make the trip through the streets and back to the barns, where they were charged with inciting to riot. The subsequent cars were run by the company and no more arrests and a number of arrests were made. Among those arrested is Frank L. Hollins, one of the strikers, who was held in \$2,000 bail at a hearing before a justice of the peace.

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BORDER RAIDS

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DESTROY THREE VILLAGES

MOUNTAINEERS WHO ARE NOMINALLY SUBJECT TO PERSIA CUT WIRES TO TEHRAN—INCURSION IN REPRISAL OF ARMS STOLEN.

Tiflis, April 17.—The Russian troops, which recently invaded Persian territory in the vicinity of Lenkoran for the purpose of punishing Kurdish raiders of the Russian garrison at the frontier post of Belevur, April 13, acted with a promptitude calculated to overawe the tribes of the first class near Belevur.

The fight which ensued assumed the proportions of a pitched battle. The Russians were greatly outnumbered, but they pressed the battle with great vigor and routed the Persians, inflicting a loss of 24 men killed and 50 wounded. The remainder of the tribesmen broke and fled.

The Russians lost one officer and seven soldiers wounded. The cannonade set fire to the village of Belevur, the destruction of which was completed by the Cossacks after a ruthless house to house search for the Russian arms stolen during the raid of April 13.

Pressing their advantage, the Russians bombarded the neighboring villages of Kodhabetulu and Zarah and razed both. The non-combatants suffered great losses.

The theatre of war is in the mountains between the Armenian wedges in the Russian boundary and is the traditional kingdom of robber tribes, who boast thousands of fighters, armed with modern implements of war, and organized in a semblance of military discipline. The robbers have cut the telegraph lines in order to hamper the mobilization of an expedition which Persia is assembling against them.

The Russian expeditionary force, now on Persian soil, aggregates 400 Cossacks, a squad of sharpshooters, and a battery of machine guns. It was intended to send a much larger force there, but a phenomenal flood of the Aras river hindered concentration of reinforcements from Baku and other points north.

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measure taken at Port Limon and Colon against them coming from Venezuela because of the alleged presence of bubonic plague at La Guayra. The Venezuelan authorities decline to admit that the plague exists at that port.

JAPS AT WASHINGTON.

Visit U. S. Senate and are Delighted—Treaties Ratified.

Washington, April 17.—The opening of the United States senate today was witnessed by the Japanese party of 45, who represents the scientific and business interests of Japan. The visitors were present during the opening prayer by the chaplain in the hall on the house side, the visitors from the Bowery kingdom were received by speaker Cannon and accorded a hearty welcome. The spokesman of the party informed the speaker of the pleasure it gave them to meet him and referred to their program, which he said, would carry them to London, Paris, Berlin and other European capitals.

The senate today ratified treaties as follows: For general arbitration with Norway and Portugal, two conventions negotiated at the Hague, relating to the rights of the Japanese in the Philippines, the limitation of the number of Japanese consular officials in the recovery of contract debts between the United States and Great Britain, concerning the fisheries waters contiguous to the United States and Canada, and extradition between the United States and the Republic of San Marino (Italy).

TO CURB CORPORATIONS

MEMBERS OF RUSSIAN DOUMA TAKE ACTION.

WANT GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT INDEPENDENTS.

St. Petersburg, April 17.—A group of Octobrists and other members of the duma, propose to inaugurate a campaign in the house against the growth of great corporations in Russia. It is their purpose to interpellate the government regarding the big metallurgical trust now in course of formation, which will control sixty per cent of the steel production of Russia, as well as extensive coal and iron mines, and they allege that this trust will drive outsiders into bankruptcy. They will ask the government to take steps to protect the independent, and prevent the rising of private corporations in restraint of trade.

The minister of communications is about to send a commission of engineers to the United States to study the construction and operation of steel cars at that country.

UNDESIRABLE PERSONS

Spaniard Sent to Jail for Two Years at Spokane—Came From B. C.

Spokane, April 17.—Because he brought Natalie Gonzales, a native of Barcelona, Spain, to this country, and because he introduced her into the United States from British Columbia, John Torretti, a native of Rome, Italy, was sentenced by Judge Edward Whitson, sitting in the United States court for the district of eastern Washington in Spokane, to serve two years in the federal pen at McNeil's Island, Wash., and pay a fine of \$1000. The girl was sentenced to serve 10 days in the county prison here for contempt of court.

Torretti was found guilty by a jury in the federal court of violation of the immigration laws. The case was full of features and presented an unusual picture of swiftness administered justice, the jury returning a verdict in seven minutes. It developed that Torretti was instrumental in inducing the girl to go to Rosland, B. C., where he was picked up and taken to the police department, after while bringing her to Northport, Wash., and Spokane. Before sentence was passed, Torretti and the girl pleaded poverty, saying they did not know how to marry her, and then, but the judge intimated he did not believe in the affinity theory and would not sanction the long-deferred honeymoon, deciding there was no more time than that of which Torretti is guilty.

WILL SHUT DOWN MINES

OPERATORS REFUSE TO CONSENT TO DEMANDS

