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Editorial Notes and Clippings

THE MAYOR OR THE PUBLIC

In the eyes of the incumbent of Prince Rupert's mayoralty all who oppose him or differ from him in opinion are one of "a gang," "a bunch," or "dirty grafters." As this "gang" represents, according to his own admission, a sufficient majority of the electors to defeat his by-laws, then Prince Rupert, in his opinion must be a seething mass of political corruption and public dishonesty. No sane judgment would credit such a condition. It is a libel which needs no contradiction.

But there is a point in the Mayor's political advertising which is worthy of the citizens' consideration. It is his frank admission that he is unable to go on with the city's public works and to carry out his pre-election promises. He confesses that "the bunch," being a majority of the electors who went to the polls, has tied him up; prevented him from going on with the development of the city. In other words he admits the electors have lost confidence in the mayor and his methods; that

they have practically placed an injunction upon him.

Surely a reasonable man who discovers, within a few months after being elected to a position of trust by a large majority, that he is unable to get the sanction of the electors to his proposals of public works, would conclude that possibly he was wrong, instead of denouncing the electors as a bunch of grafters. An ordinary man, finding himself in that position, would naturally analyze his policy and his methods, and endeavor to discover wherein he is deficient or had failed to make good.

The Mayor takes quite the opposite view. He accepts the \$2000 salary paid for efficient services and then abuses the citizens because they will not furnish him with the means for carrying out propositions which do not agree with the public's idea of good business.

The breach between the public and the Mayor is a wide one. There is something very wrong either with the people or the man who was last year's chief executive.

HELPLESS MOSLEMS ARE MASSACRED IN THOUSANDS

OFFICIAL REPORT TELLS OF DELIBERATE POLICY OF EXTERMINATION BEING PURSUED BY GENERAL JANOVITCH WHEN HIS TROOPS CONQUER MUSSELNEN.

London, Jan. 3.—A terrible recital of atrocities from reliable sources is given in a Budapest despatch to the Daily Telegraph revealing, according to official reports, a deliberate policy of extermination of the Moslems adopted by the Servian general, Janovitch, in the march of his army through the sea coast. Between Kumanova and Uskup thousands were burned to death. Villages were burned and the fleeing inhabitants shot down. Helpless women were forced to watch their children carved to pieces with bayonets.

Executions were the daily diversion of the Servian soldiers. Wherever persons were found in possession of arms they were shot or hanged. The route of

the troops on their march was lined with gallows on which the bodies of Albanians were left hanging. The atrocities were not even confined to Albanians, the deeds committed in Werschitsa exceeded anything the Albanians suffered under Turkish rule. At Verisovitch the Servian commander invited the fugitives to return and surrender their arms. Four hundred of them did so and were immediately shot down. In many cases the Servians killed their prisoners. Near Kratova, General Stephanovitch placed hundreds of prisoners in two rows and shot them down with their own guns. General Janovitch ordered 950 Albanians and Turks killed because they opposed his progress.

BECKER DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF GUNMEN

Insists that He Does Not Know the Men Who Shot Rosenthal

Albany, N.Y., Jan. 6.—Charles Becker, under sentence of death for having instigated the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the New York gambler, insists that he does not know the four gunmen who shot Rosenthal, according to the superintendent of state prisons. The other prisoners are occupants of the same row of cells as Becker's, near the death house.

"I have talked with Becker on several occasions since he was received at Sing Sing prison," said Col. Scott today, "and he insists that his conviction was a frame up. I don't care to undertake to say whether he knows the gunmen who are in prison."

"I have enjoyed several visits with Becker and found him interesting. The insistence which has characterized his statements that he does not know the gunmen and that his conviction was obtained by what he called a frame-up, would lead one to liken his case to that of Albert T. Patrick, who never wavered in his contention that he was innocent."

According to prison officials Becker plainly shows his confinement in the death house.

MANY MONEY BYLAWS ARE TO BE VOTED ON

Town of Chilliwack Will Vote on Money Bylaws Totalling Nearly \$260,000.

Chilliwack, Jan. 6.—Money by-laws totalling nearly \$260,000 will be presented to the rate-payers of this city for ratification or rejection on the day of civic elections, which will take place on the 16th of this month. This amount embraces \$200,000 for the purchase of the Elk Creek water works system; \$35,000 for the installation of a sewerage system; \$4,000 for high school loan and about \$20,000 for the completion of macadamizing the city streets.

According to the assessed valuation of the city \$501,635 can be raised by loans for improvements in the city. Of this amount \$157,000 has been borrowed, \$31,000 of which has been for the building of a new high school, and which does not apply against the borrowing capacity of the city. If the amount to be asked for at the civic election carries, there will still be left to the credit of the city a borrowing power of over \$115,635.

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New York, Jan. 3.—"We will get Mr. Rockefeller if it takes all winter."

This was the defiant challenge issued by Kerry South, chief clerk of the House of Representatives, in command of the government process servers and hired detectives that are trying to serve William Rockefeller with a subpoena to appear on January 6th before the Pujo committee investigating the "money trust."

"We have got both his New York and his Tarrytown homes surrounded and he can't escape us," said the chief clerk. "We can wait as long as he can."

Believing that the old millionaire, who is wanted to testify concerning stock market operations in Amalgamated Copper, and who has been evading service for a week past and is hiding somewhere within the recesses of his big Fifth avenue mansion, Mr. South and Sergeant-at-Arms Riddell marshaled the greater part of their forces in that neighborhood today.

The Department of Education plans to increase the area of the University of B.C. campus by the addition of 100 acres, making a total of 277 acres.

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