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THREE NEW STEAMSHIPS FOR PRINCE RUPERT RUN

SIMPLICITY OF THE ROYAL WEDDING CEREMONY—NANAIMO IS BEGINNING TO SHIP COAL

OVER FOUR HUNDRED MINERS HAVE PROBABLY BEEN KILLED

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION IN WELSH MINE WHEN NINE HUNDRED
AND THIRTY MEN WERE AT WORK—FIVE
HUNDRED RESCUED.

(Special to The Daily News.)
Cardiff, Oct. 15.—More than four hundred Welsh miners are believed to have perished in the Universal Colliery, near here, from fire and afterdamp. There was a terrific explosion when nine hundred and thirty-one men were at work underground. Five hundred were rescued and then fire broke out, halting the work of rescue.
The deafening report brought

the inhabitants of the vicinity to the pithead. They heard the machinery in the mine blown to atoms. Men working sixty feet from the explosion were decapitated by the force of the blast.
Rescue parties of eight workers each were soon organized to enter the mine in the effort to save their companions and five hundred were brought to the surface. The worst fears are felt for the remainder.

COAL SITUATION IS LOOKING SERIOUS

Rogers & Black Got Word That
Steamer from Coos Bay Is
in Trouble.

J. H. Rogers, of the firm of Rogers & Black, coal merchants, is in receipt of a wire from the Coos Bay Collieries advising that the steamer A. M. Simpson, loaded with coal for Prince Rupert, is in trouble and cannot proceed on its voyage. An effort is being made by the company to charter another boat. Rogers & Black are also endeavoring to secure a boat themselves and hope to secure a shipment of coal elsewhere.

E. A. Mann, clerk in Orme's drug store, returned this morning from a holiday trip south.

PUBLIC WORKS EXPENDITURE.

It was learned at the city hall yesterday that the figures given in response to Alderman Kerr's question at the council meeting on Monday evening were not complete. The sum of \$5,700 given as public works expenditure for September covers only the expenditure on waterworks. The total expenditure under the engineering department for the month was approximately \$11,000, and this amount does not include the expenditure on telephone and electric light. The actual facts put an entirely different aspect on the matter.

EXPECTS BIG RUSH TO NEW DIGGINGS

Whitehorse Merchant, in the City
Today, Says Splendid Reports
Come From Chisana.

Robert Low, a member of the Yukon council and a well known merchant and contractor of Whitehorse, was in the city this morning, en route south on the steamer City of Seattle. Mr. Low said that the most encouraging reports are being received from the Chisana diggings. His present trip south is for the purpose of buying horses and supplies to be ready for the rush that is expected into the new field.

Coast League.
Oakland 4, San Francisco 3.
Portland 9, Los Angeles 0.
Sacramento 9, Venice 5.

VANCOUVER MAN GETS CONTRACT AT GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

WORK ON TUNNELS WILL START IMMEDIATELY AND ACTUAL
WORK OF CONSTRUCTION WITHIN A FEW
WEEKS.

A. A. Cox, the architect for the permanent provincial buildings here, arrived in the city this morning, accompanied by W. H. Smith of Vancouver, to whom has been given the contract for the construction of the lanes and tunnels from First and Third avenues that are to lead into the basement of the main building. Interviewed by a representative of The Daily News this morning, Mr. Cox stated that the construction of these lanes and tunnels will start at once, which will mean an additional demand for labor for some months. While the contract has been let to a Vancouver man, it is expected that mostly local labor will be employed.

The plans for the buildings are now practically completed and are only awaiting the final approval of Premier McBride, who is expected in Victoria within a couple of weeks. Mr. Cox says that he hopes to be able to make public the plans on the occasion of his next visit here and is confident that actual construction work will be started within a few weeks. The excavation work, he expects, will be completed by the end of the year.

Referring to the materials to be used, Mr. Cox said that reinforced concrete will enter largely into the structure, but there will also be used a large quantity of granite and brick.

RUSSIAN POLAR EXPEDITION HAS MADE A NEW DISCOVERY

PLANTS RUSSIAN FLAG ON NEW LAND NORTH OF SIBERIA—
MOUNTAINOUS CONTINENT BELIEVED TO BE
AS LARGE AS GREENLAND.

St. Michael, Alaska, Oct. 13.—The Russian flagship Taimyr and its consort, the Waygate, which constituted a Russian polar expedition under Commander Wilkitzky, which left Vladivostok on June 10th of this year, reached St. Michael, stormbound, on October 9th and brought to the port news of the discovery north of Siberia in latitude 81 north, longitude 104 east, of a new uninhabited mountainous land, possibly a continent as large as Greenland. The expedition landed with difficulty on the new land, raised the Russian flag on it and took possession in the name of the Czar. Commander Wilkitzky christened the new land "Nicholas II Land."

Discovery Is Confirmed.
St. Petersburg, Oct. 13.—Confirmation of the discovery of new land in the Arctic Ocean was received by the Russian admiralty today in a brief official wireless report from Commander Wilkitzky of the Russian navy.
The new land extends in a narrow strip from about sixty miles north of Cape Tchelyuskin, also known as Northeast Cape, the northern termination of the Asiatic continent, to 81 degrees north.

Last Discovery to Be Made.
Washington, D. C., Oct. 13.—Members of the National Geological Society said here that the Russian discovery of a continent 500 miles north of Asia, if true, would be the last great discovery of lands. They pronounced it the most important discovery within the Arctic Circle in the last century. The report came as a distinct surprise to the members of the society.

shore a depth of water of ninety-five fathoms was sounded.

MAYOR PATTULLO MAKES HIS STATEMENT ON CITY FINANCE

Gives the Public Some Interesting Facts and Figures Connected
With the Civic Finances Showing Exact Condition of
Affairs at the Present

The Editor of the Daily News:

Dear Sir,—In view of the fact that a campaign of abuse and misrepresentation is being carried on to prejudice the public mind against the present civic administration, I would be obliged if you would give me space to illustrate the situation by citing one or two instances of statements made, which will show very clearly the kind of argument that is being used.

I would like also to make clear a phase of the financial situation perhaps not fully appreciated by the public.

The Evening Empire in one of its issues contained an open letter, signed by ex-mayor Newton, to Hon. Mr. Ross in connection with the proposal to have the Government come to the assistance of the city.

A statement was made that the city was embarking upon a policy of recklessness in proposing to expend \$600,000 in a manner which would seriously injure the credit of the city.

As a matter of fact the present council contemplates new work aggregating \$1,000,000.

I would draw the attention of the public to the fact that the same man who says that the plans of this year's council will injure the credit of the city is the same man who during his term of office tried to foist upon the city a scheme involving \$1,400,000 for a system of sewers alone, which was only part of a larger scheme, involving some \$4,000,000, and which scheme could not be completed within the lifetime of the debentures themselves.

I think that no article so injurious to the welfare of Prince Rupert has ever before been published in this city as the open letter from Mr. Newton to Hon. Mr. Ross, and it illustrates the limit to which depraved animosity will lead a mind actuated by personal considerations, and crazed by prejudice.

Another illustration: The same paper had another front page article ridiculing the idea of the city council appointing a city auditor-treasurer. The city council at no time made such a dual office. Mr. Johnson, who was city auditor, was transferred to the treasurer's office, and subsequently a new auditor was appointed. The statement of the Empire was made either through crass ignorance or by deliberate misrepresentation, or both. I believe it to both.

Here is another illustration of the kind of thing to which the public is invited to lend an ear: Ex-Alderman Douglas, chairman of the finance committee last year, uses as an argument to strengthen the financial statement of last year an item of \$8,451.28 arrears on the electric light, which he claims was left as an asset for this year's council. The item of \$8,451.28 is partially made up of light burnt by the various city departments last year and partially of discounts allowed other consumers. In other words the finance chairman of last year would ask this year's council to accept as an asset the light consumed by the various city departments of last year, and also to accept as an asset the discounts to which consumers were entitled. The same gentleman also asks us to accept as assets two items of arrears of telephone and water, which are offset by bad debts not provided for.

These items well illustrate the inextricable confusion which existed in the methods of book-keeping, due both to lack of system in departments responsible and to lack of cohesion between the various departments.

These items show the kind of abuses which we are correcting. I think that no man enjoys the discussion of public issues more than I do, but I think it very desirable that the public should know the facts.

As I have iterated on several previous occasions any ratepayer can always get the facts from the city hall by simply asking for them. If it is too much trouble to do this no ratepayer has the right to accept as truth the hundred and one irresponsible statements of street rumor or newspaper misrepresentation. If he would be fair he must inform himself, and if he informs himself he can be fair.

Now, with regard to the financial situation and the criticisms that have been made because the financial mission to London has not so far resulted in the sale of our debentures, let me say a word. Whether we shall be able to sell our long term debentures before the year is out I am unable to say. However that may be, I assume that every citizen desires to know the facts of the situation up to date and a consideration of the financial situation may be interesting as well as illuminative to many who

have not given the matter careful thought.

The 1910 council obtained from the Bank of Montreal a credit of one million dollars on capital account. The total amount on capital account obtained since that time approximates \$272,000. Of this amount of \$272,000 \$132,000 approximately has been obtained by this year's council. The balance of \$140,000 was obtained by the 1911 and 1912 councils. All of the work carried on out of money obtained by the 1910 council, with the exception of approximately \$140,000.

The 1910 council left cash in bank on current account approximating \$18,000, and in addition left \$109,000 owing by the Grand Trunk Pacific and subsequently settled at \$15,000, besides arrears on general taxes and arrears on water, telephone and sewers partially offset by unpaid accounts. Since that time the city has never had a surplus until this year, when it will again have a surplus.

In the year 1910 I was chairman of the finance committee. The present chairman of the finance committee, Alderman Naden, was also a member of the 1910 council. That year we had a surplus on current revenue and obtained a credit of one million dollars on capital account. This year we will have a surplus on current account for the first time since 1910 and we obtained \$132,000 on capital account as against a deficit on current account and the obtaining of new money on capital account of \$140,000 by the 1911 and 1912 councils.

This year we have also reduced the capital indebtedness to the Bank of Montreal by \$9,000, while we have taken care of a capital charge on water of approximately \$50,000.

This year we sold the first large block of debentures ever marketed by the city. The sale this year totals \$155,000, as against \$4,605 disposed of by the 1911 and 1912 councils.

The treasury certificates sold by the Bank of Montreal last year were negotiated solely by the bank to pay themselves back the one million dollars which had been obtained from them by the 1910 council.
It may well be asked of those

AN EASY MATTER TO ROB A TRAIN

Rifled Registered Mail and Coolly
Rode to the End of the
Route.

(Special to The Daily News.)
San Francisco, Oct. 15.—A masked bandit entered the mail car of the Southern Pacific at Burlington yesterday afternoon and at the point of a gun compelled the two mail clerks to crawl under a table. He then rifled the registered mail. The train made no stop between Burlington and here and the robber escaped when the train slowed down in the yards. The amount taken is unknown.

MENTALLY DERANGED; PLACED IN CUSTODY

Arrival by the Prince George This
Morning Gave the Police an
Interesting Time.

It took nearly the entire police force this morning to handle John Powers, one of the arrivals by the steamer Prince George. Powers started acting strangely as soon as he landed and kept getting worse until finally the police were notified of his unusual behavior. He was taken in charge in the vicinity of the Catholic Church. He will be sent south on Friday.

THE JURY DISAGREES In Bank of Montreal Robbery As- sise Court Trial.

(Special to The Daily News.)
New Westminster, Oct. 15.—The jury of the assize court yesterday disagreed in the case of Charles Dean, accused of the robbery of the Bank of Montreal.

TO BLOW UP OTHERS HE BLEW UP HIMSELF

Father Endeavored to Blow Up
House in Which Were His
Three Daughters.

(Special to The Daily News.)
Spokane, Oct. 15.—While attempting to destroy the house where his three daughters were living with the intention of murdering them, John Franklin killed himself by the explosion. His daughters escaped slightly injured.

UNHEARD OF STORMS Four Schooners Frantically Sig- nalling for Assistance.

(Special to The Daily News.)
Chatham, Oct. 15.—Unheard of storms swept the cape and caught all the coastwise shipping amid the treacherous shoals last night. Four schooners on the Nan-tucket shoal frantically signalled for help.

"H. M. S. PINAFORE"

The Pollard Opera Company will present tonight that pleasing musical comedy "H. M. S. Pinafore." In spite of the fact that they are repeating bills so recently presented by them, good houses continue.

Fielding Now Editor.

Montreal, Oct. 15.—Hon. W. S. Fielding, former minister of finance of Canada, was yesterday appointed president of the Telegraph Publishing Company and announces that he becomes editor-in-chief and takes the position with the cordial support of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Liberal party leaders.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION
—AT—
Majestic Theatre
TODAY AND TOMORROW
CAPTAIN BARNACLE, REFORMER
HOW A BRAVE MAN DIED
(An Exceptionally Good Reel)
PATHE'S ANIMATED GAZETTE
Concluding with a Most Laughable
2 Reel Comedy
ALKALI IKE'S GAL
PRICES AS USUAL

WILL BE DETAINED

Mrs. Pankhurst Will Be Taken to
Ellis Island.

(Special to The Daily News.)
Washington, Oct. 15.—According to present plans, when Mrs. Pankhurst lands at Ellis Island seeking admission to the United States, she will be detained for the board of enquiry to consider her case.

Sir Richard With Royalty.

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, Oct. 15.—Sir Richard McBride was at the evening party in St. James' Palace last night, given in honor of the marriage of Prince Arthur of Connaught to the Duchess of Fife.

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WESTHOLME OPERA HOUSE
TONIGHT
POLLARD
AUSTRALIAN JUVENILE OPERA COMPANY
in the Popular Comedy Opera
"H. M. S. PINAFORE"
THURSDAY NIGHT
"GRAND REVUE"
Admission 50c, 75c, \$1 and \$1.25
Reserved Seats at Orme's Third Ave. Drug Store
Doors Open at 8 P. M. Curtain Rises at 8:30

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