

DANGER OF SPLIT IN BRITISH CABINET NOW OVER

ALDERMAN MAKES OVERTURES FOR ANOTHER POWER AGREEMENT—MAY GET IN CABINET

APPROACHES POWER COMPANY JUST WEEK AFTER ELECTION

ALDERMAN WHO OPPOSED BYLAW NOW MAKES OVERTURES
FOR ANOTHER AGREEMENT—COUNCIL IN DILEMMA
OVER POWER SITUATION

Just a week since the close of the municipal election campaign, it is just a week since the council, at the solicitation of the present mayor and his supporters, snowed under the agreement bylaw. Every one will recall those can-screes of "franchise corporation steal" and the mayor's plea to "kill the agreement at any cost." Following the election people naturally thought the hydro-electric agreement was as "dead as Cae-ghost," as the mayor said. Yesterday one of the city aldermen who was also one of the most opponents of the present bylaw, approached an officer of the Prince Rupert Hydro-Electric Company and asked the company would enter into negotiations for another agreement with the city.

The mayor's assurance that the power situation is not a serious one does not relieve the situation any. While it may be true that only three applications for electric signs are the only applications not taken on, there are many others who want more power who have not applied because they know they cannot get it. Many of the larger light consumers would also like to install more lights, but cannot do it at the present prices. Providence is coming to the rescue just at the present time with bright days and longer hours of daylight, but so far no practical suggestion for getting more electric current and of reducing the present outrageous price of lighting has been forthcoming.



THE TALE OF THE UNEMPLOYED

Timely cartoon by James Frise showing the tendency of the big corporations at this particular time to switch on to the municipal councils the responsibility for providing work for the unemployed, who are many in most cities in Canada. Capitalist (indignantly): "What does this mean?" Laborer: "We want work." Capitalist: "I have none to offer you. Go and see the mayor at the city hall. When everything is booming again I can use all of you and more; too. But not now. Drive on, James."

DIED HIS OWN CELL BURNED TO DEATH

Matches and Set Fire to Padding in His Cell
Monton, Jan. 22.—An inmate who had for some time been chief janitor at the Alberta University was suffocated last night. He was confined in a cell in the Royal North-West Mounted Police barracks. When he got a match and set it to the padding. He was rescued by a constable, when the latter went to give him a match. He rushed back into the flames. The police found the man unable to rescue him from the fire was subdued. He died shortly after being taken out from the effects of the fire burning he got.

B. C. MISSIONS ASK FOR \$25,000 HELP

Urgent Appeal Sent to England to
Come to Rescue by February
First

London, Jan. 22.—Urgent appeals are being made on behalf of the various bishops of British Columbia begging the English Anglicans to come to the rescue of missions in many new places. The work, it is pointed out, is at a standstill owing to the financial depression. An additional \$25,000 is being asked for before February 1.

OFFICIAL DRAW FOR SECOND CUP ROUND

English Soccer Competition —
Games Tomorrow

London, Jan. 22.—The official draw for the second round of the English cup soccer competition which will be played tomorrow (Saturday) is as follows:
Manchester City vs. Tottenham Hotspur.
Barnsley vs. Gillingham.
Birmingham vs. Huddersfield Town.
Bolton Wanderers vs. Swindon Town.
Burnley vs. Derby County.
Wolverhampton Wanderers vs. Sheffield Wednesday.
Blackburn Rovers vs. Bury.
Sunderland vs. Plymouth Argyle.
West Ham United vs. Crystal Palace.
Exeter City vs. Aston Villa.
Swansea Town vs. Queens Park Rangers.
Chelsea vs. Bradford City.
Glossop vs. Preston North End.
Sheffield United vs. Bradford.
Leeds City vs. West Bromwich.

If you are in the market for a good reliable engine for business or pleasure, see Akerberg, Thomson & Co., machinists, cor. Manson Way and 1st Avenue.
246-11-38

BURNING TIMBERS CAUSE MINERS' DEATH

Two Miners Overcome by Gases
While Imprisoned in Mine

(Special to The Daily News.)
Bingham, Utah, Jan. 23.—Search for two Austrians who are imprisoned in the Boston mine by a fire was discontinued at a late hour without the men being discovered. It is conceded by the company that the men have succumbed to the poisonous gases generated by the burning timbers of the mine.

"A ROMANCE OF ERIN"

Romantic Irish Photoplay at the
Westholme Tonight

An extraordinary attraction will be shown at the Westholme Theatre tonight and tomorrow night, the feature being an exceptionally strong Irish story in two reels entitled, "A Romance of Erin." The story is full of exciting situations and intensely interesting throughout. The scenes are typically Irish and the photography clear and perfect. The action of the pictures will be played by the Westholme orchestra. This is a treat that no one should miss. Other attractions on this programme consist of a fine Weekly Gazette and a splendid full reel comedy entitled "A Slight Misunderstanding."

Scotch social TO-NIGHT at 8 o'clock in Methodist church parlors. Proceeds to aid in choir fund. Scotch programme, Scotch refreshments. Admission 25c.
18-19

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CABINET POSITION

Report That New Appointee Will
Be Member of Canadian
Ministry

(Special to The Daily News.)
Ottawa, Jan. 22.—It is possible that the successor appointed to succeed Lord Strathcona in the office of high commissioner in London will have a cabinet position. This will have the direct advantage of keeping the Canadian ministry close to imperial affairs and the Canadian representative on London in close touch with the situation in Canada. That being so, the appointment will be more of less political and would end with the defeat of the minister who receives the appointment.

Get Ladies storm rubbers at
Jabour Bros. sale for 70c. 16tf

WILL TRAVEL WEST GET COST STATISTICS

Commission Will Investigate the
Cold Storage Situation
in Montreal

(Special to The Daily News.)
Ottawa, Jan. 23.—Having received power to examine witnesses under oath and having reviewed the cost of living thoroughly, the commission is now ready to travel, but will stay in Ottawa till the end of next week. They will then probably leave for Toronto. Their plans are not definite yet, but Montreal will probably come next, with Winnipeg to follow. The cold storage situation will be the principal matter to be investigated in Montreal.

See the great coat bargains at
Jabour Bros. sale next Thursday, only \$13.50. 16tf

BORDEN AND CHURCHILL TRIED TO BRING ON WAR SAYS HUGHES

CLAIMS RECKLESS BUILDING OF ARMORIES AND THE TAX ON
FOODSTUFFS HELPS CREATE HIGH COST OF LIVING

(Special to The Daily News.)
Ottawa, Jan. 23.—Mr. Jamieson continued the debate on the speech from the throne and said that the leader of the opposition was harping on the high cost of living. This was partly due to the world-wide conditions, but also in Canada to the course pursued by the government from 1896 to 1911. Immigration had been fostered which brought too few producers and too many consumers. The needs of agriculture were ignored. Little was done to popularize rural life or increase production. Mr. Jamieson suggested four principal remedies for the conditions which now prevail, arising out of a lack of sufficient production. They were, improvement in the agricultural conditions, better roads, establishment of the parcels post and extension of rural mail delivery.

Mr. Hughes in reply stated that the prime minister had made it quite apparent that he does not approve of the action of the senate in reference to the Naval and Highways bills. Mr. Borden in conjunction with Mr. Churchill, the Montreal Star and others had endeavored to bring about a war with Germany. Having failed in that purpose the premier is disposed to have a bout with the senate. As a matter of fact, Mr. Borden's speech itself was ample justification for the action of the upper house. The high cost of living, said Mr. Hughes, was increased by the reckless expenditure of the present government. He particularly instanced the expenditure of the military department, where he said the present policy was to build drill halls all over Canada. Other things that contributed were the gift of \$15,000,000 to Mackenzie and Mann and the millions that were collected in taxes on foodstuffs.

P. R. BLDG. & INV. CO. PAY BIG DIVIDEND

A Dividend of 14 per Cent. De-
clared at Annual Meeting
Yesterday

The annual meeting of the Prince Rupert Building & Investing Co. was held yesterday afternoon. Mr. M. P. McCaffery, the president, was in the chair. The officers' annual reports showed a very satisfactory year and a progressive policy. The annual dividend of 14 per cent. was declared. The directors elected for the year are: M. P. McCaffery, Jos. Hickey, Dr. C. A. Egger, Jos. Scott, and E. C. Gibbons.

ARE WE VICTIMS OF CIRCUMSTANCES

Question Was Discussed by the
Methodist Debating Society
Last Evening

The Progressive Debating Society held their weekly meeting last night in the Methodist church, when the question, "Are we the architects of our own fortunes, or the victims of circumstances?" was discussed. Mr. H. Hanson in a capital paper championed the cause of the "free will," and while admitting the adverse circumstances into which many are born, contended that the difficulties were not unsurmountable if concentrated endeavor were used to that end. He instances the lives of Napoleon and President Lincoln, men who had "burst the bonds of birth's invidious bar." Mr. Donald Peddie in opposing this view made out a very strong case, pointing out that the forces of nature so evident in plant and animal life played no less a part in the control of man's existence. The different races of the earth, he said, had different characteristics, which were the direct result of the circumstances in which they found themselves. A very animated discussion followed the expression of these views. The meeting was presided over by Mr. T. Roberts, president of the society, who announced that at the next meeting the subject of "Woman Suffrage" would be debated.

MINIMUM ESTIMATES ACCEPTED BY CABINET

Will Appease Admiralty Experts
and Avoid Split in Cabinet

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, Jan. 22.—It is stated on the highest authority that the result of the cabinet meeting was the acceptance of the minimum estimates presented by the first lord of the admiralty for a total of \$25,000,000. The result will appease the experts of the admiralty and will avoid a split in the cabinet. The conflict turned on the interpretation of the phrase "sixty per cent. superiority."

PERPETUAL DEBENTURES PLANNED BY G T P

Bill to Authorize Company to
Raise Money in That Way
Now Before House

(Special to the Daily News.)
Ottawa, Jan. 23.—The Grand Trunk Pacific is planning to issue a perpetual consolidated debenture stock, as indicated by a bill notice of which is given. The bill authorizes the company with the approval of the shareholders to borrow or raise money by the issue of such stock bearing not more than four per cent.

Weather Bad for Fishing

The schooner Borealis of the Atlin Fisheries arrived here at noon today after a trip up the coast to the halibut banks off the Alaskan coast. The fishermen met heavy weather all the time they were out and only got in one day's good fishing. Their catch was not large.

BURNS BANQUET

under auspices St. Andrew's Society will be held in
CENTRAL HOTEL
Monday Evening, January 26th.
Tickets, \$4.00, can be had at Williams & McMeekin's and George P. McCall's.

Fifteenth Annual Masquerade Ball

Four Prizes.
Thursday Evening, Feb. 12
Tickets \$2.00.
18-35

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Jan. 23-24

Sensational Irish Feature

"A Romance of Erin"

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A picture that once seen
will never be forgotten, also
Weekly Gazette and a fine
comedy entitled "A Slight
Misunderstanding."

ADMISSION — 10c and 15c