

WRECK ENQUIRY CAUSES SENSATION AT QUEBEC

MASON-NEWS LIBEL SUIT IN COURT TO-DAY -- SOCIALIST LEADER TALKS POLITICS IN RUPERT

COMRADE J. PLACE, SOCIALIST, ADDRESSED RUPERT AUDIENCE

ROASTED CONSERVATIVE MEMBER FOR SKEENA -- TOLD HIS STORY OF THE VANCOUVER ISLAND STRIKE -- AUDIENCE APPLAUDED HIS COMMENTS

J. Place, M.P.P. for Nanaimo, and Socialist leader in the Province, addressed a public gathering in St. Andrew's hall last evening. There was a good crowd present including several ladies. All the seats were full and the speakers got a good hearing and considerable applause.

Comrade Robertson, an officer of the Provincial organization, also gave an address on socialism and what it stands for. He was a good speaker, and his speech was very instructive.

Ald. Wm. Montgomery was chairman of the meeting.

Mr. Place, as is well known, was prominent in the public eye during the strike trouble on Vancouver Island. He was arrested for unlawful assembly and spent thirteen weeks in jail. He told the story of the trouble and said he was arrested for speaking at a gathering while Sheppard, the Conservative member, addressed the same gathering and was not

arrested, but had his speech published in the papers. He talked of the miners' trouble at some length and also of the fight he had made in the Legislature for labor. He claimed the miners' strike was not due to foreign agitation as was said by some politicians. He offered to debate the miners' troubles with Wm. Manson any time upon a week's notice.

In answer to questions, Mr. Place said the Nanaimo strike was still in existence. The Jingle Pot mine is the only one using union labor. The B. C. Federation have proposed a general strike of all labor organizations.

Wm. Manson had never voted for the laboring man's interests since he had been in the House. The revision of the workingmen's compensation act is promised for next year. It will no doubt go through for the Conservatives want to use it for election purposes.

CHARMING RECEPTION TO MASON'S LADIES

Many Attended the Afternoon Affair at Home of Mrs. McClymont

The reception to the ladies with the visiting Masons at the residence of Mrs. T. McClymont, Borden Street, yesterday proved a very charming affair. The house was prettily decorated and many ladies went to meet the visitors.

Mrs. McClymont and Mrs. J. C. McLennan received the ladies; Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. A. M. Manson and Mrs. Brookshanks poured tea and coffee. The assistants were: Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Peck, Mrs. Baker, Miss Bacon, Miss McNair, Miss Beckwith, Mrs. McTimmer, Mrs. C. H. Orme.

Among the city ladies who were present were: Mrs. Landis, Mrs. Steen, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. W. T. Kergin, Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. T. C. Duncan, Mrs. Burritt, Mrs. Burrs, Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Stork, Mrs. Rix, Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. G. H. Munro, Mrs. Wm. Manson, Mrs. Kaufman, Mrs. Jabour, Mrs. Vaughan, Mrs. La Trace, Mrs. Burd, Mrs. Brooksbank, Mrs. D. G. Stewart, Mrs. Baker, Miss Bacon, Mrs. Orme, Mrs. Partington, Mrs. C. W. Peck, Mrs. Tremayne, Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Manson, Mrs. Jenns, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Woodland, Mrs. McLennan, Mrs. McLean, Mrs. S. D. Macdonald, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Geo. Kerr, Miss Wark, Mrs. Geo. P. McGill, Mrs. Kergin, Miss Clarke, Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. McNicholl, Mrs. Mortimer, Mrs. Parkin, Mrs. H. F. McRae, and others.

J. PLACE, SOCIALIST

Among the speaker's most striking remarks were:—
* We could not get \$100 *
* for an investigation in the *
* miners' trouble, but Manson *
* got \$75,000 for a few days' *
* work with which to bait his *
* papers to support Bowser. *
* Your representative, Man- *
* son, was never there with *
* the goods when the working *
* men asked for something. *
* Manson told me he was *
* elected by the workingmen's *
* votes. When we asked for *
* an investigation into the *
* conditions effecting the wel- *
* fare of 1,800 men, where was *
* Manson? *
* We have one law for pros- *
* titutes and Conservatives *
* and another for miners. *
* When it came to a ques- *
* tion of the interests of the *
* miners and of Mackenzie & *
* Mann, Manson defended *
* Mackenzie & Mann. *
* The fight of the miners of *
* Vancouver Island is the *
* fight of organized labor in *
* British Columbia. *
* We can't consume all the *
* coal that can be mined in *
* America, some miners must *
* be idle all the time. *
* The McBride Government *
* is built up on the word *
* "prosperity" and the aliena- *
* tion of natural resources. *
* The Conservative Govern- *
* ment or the Liberal Govern- *
* ment have nothing to offer *
* you men but wages and what *
* are wages? *

COUNSEL ARGUED RITCHIE SEWER CASE

Judgment Reserved to Consider Point of Court's Jurisdiction on Reasons for Revoking Permit

The Ritchie-Prince Rupert City sewer case was completed yesterday afternoon, but judgment has been reserved. Mr. Ritchie sued for permanent injunction to prevent city from cutting off his private sewer.

The defence offered no evidence but the documents put in and a copy of the permit issued to Ritchie.

For the plaintiff, Mr. Patmore argued that the function of the City Council is to act for the whole community and not for an individual. The Council has no right under Clause 158 of the Municipal Act to close a sewer or drain except when it is a nuisance or dangerous to the public health. Having once permitted a drain or sewer they could not block it without providing another. This is common law in the Old Country.

Mr. Peters for the City Council claimed Clause 158 did not apply in this case as it refers to a nuisance on private property, or a streets. This case applies to something on the city's own property, and the city is justified in making reasonable conditions in a permit over their own property. The person accepting the permit must take the burden with the benefit. The city has the power to revoke the permit.

"Yes," admitted His Lordship, "but there must be a reason for revoking. Your City Council is not performing one of its most particular functions in not providing a sewer. The individual here is helping out the Council."

Mr. Peters also submitted that the power to decide where the cause for revoking the permit is advisable and necessary. He held the court had no jurisdiction in this matter. The revocable clause means something.

His Lordship said: "Yes it means something, but Mr. Patmore claims it means for reasons other than what apparently moved the City Council in this instance; that is, that Mr. Beveridge would not pay the price asked by Mr. Ritchie."

His Lordship contended he was prepared to decide the case immediately, but for the argument that he had no jurisdiction on the question of whether the Council's reason is a proper one.

Mr. Patmore contended, in rebuttal, that if the court is not a court of appeal a council could act arbitrarily and there would be no redress.

Decision was reserved.

SENSATIONAL EVIDENCE OF QUARTERMASTER DISCREDITED

WRECK ENQUIRY AT QUEBEC IS NOW BRINGING OUT MANY THRILLS OF INTEREST -- OFFICERS CONTRADICT GALWAY

(Special to The Daily News)
Quebec, June 19.—According to the assertions of James Galway, quartermaster, at the enquiry into the wreck, the Empress of Ireland would not steer well. He said the wheel was jammed only a few hours before the collision. She swerved badly in the river and the crew of the steamer Alden could verify his statements.

A denial of these claims by responsible officers of the lost steamer made this session of the enquiry one of quickly changing interest from start to finish.

Lord Mersey did not attach much importance to Galway's evidence. A number of questions seemed to indicate that the current of the St. Lawrence was re-

sponsible for the Empress' misbehavior.

Evidence was given to rebut Galway's theory, also a suggestion was made earlier in the day that the C. P. R. tried to get him to leave the country before testifying. John Murphy, the quartermaster who relieved Galway, contradicted the statement of Galway that he had warned Murphy that the ship was steering badly.

Aldelard Berlier, pilot in charge when the jamming was said to have occurred, several Empress officers, Robert H. Brennan, and Robert Liddell of the engineering staff of the Empress, corroborated Capt. Kendall's statement that after leaving Father Point the ship was ordered full speed ahead, stop, full speed astern, and then stop.

CITY ENGINEER'S LIBEL SUIT AGAINST DAILY NEWS TODAY

EVIDENCE ALL IN AND COUNCIL COMPLETED ARGUMENT UP TO NOON ADJOURNMENT--WILL GO TO JURY EARLY THIS AFTERNOON

The case of W. McG. Mason vs. the Prince Rupert Publishing Company came up this morning. In selecting a jury both sides used all their challenges and the plaintiff also objected to a number of others on the ground that they were shareholders in the Prince Rupert Publishing Company. The jury finally selected were: W. R. Love, Alex McRae, W. B. Blyth, R. A. Stalker (foreman), M. C. Mustard, Numa Deemers, W. J. Greer, Geo. P. McGill.

Fred. Peters and Adair Cars for plaintiff; Williams and Manson for defendant.

Adair Cars, in outlining the case to the jury, claimed the libel was an unsigned letter published in the Daily News which referred to the city engineer without having used his name. Mr. Mason was a municipal engineer with twenty years of clear, clean record behind him and any slur on his reputation even if refuted later is damaging to him.

Ald. John Dybhavn gave evidence that McNeill was superintendent of city public works in 1912 and Col. Davis had been city engineer until 1912 when he ceased to act. The plaintiff was assistant city engineer in 1911 and became chief engineer in 1912. He believed the letter published referred to the city engineer. In cross examination he said M. J. McNeill had been discharged during Davis' regime. There was one month in 1912 when Mason was only acting city engineer. The campaign was largely on the question of installing a municipal plant. The plaintiff had advised in favor of the municipal plant. He had read the apology but did not feel it removed all the injury done by the previous article. If he was an outsider reading the article he would not say that it might have referred to the city superintendent of public works.

John R. Mitchell had read the article and had heard the apology had been published. In his mind the city engineer's reputation had not been injured.

W. McG. Mason, city engineer, is member of the Institute of Municipal Engineers of England; he had to have several years' experience before getting it. He gave

evidence of his experience. He was appointed city engineer of Prince Rupert in August, 1912. He had read the article complained of and had immediately gone to his lawyer. There is keen competition for the position of engineer.

There was no cross examination.

A. M. Manson, for the defence, said it is manifest we are coming to you with a business defence. It is a mistake likely to happen in the best organized institution. There was no malice. As soon as it was discovered we did what any business man would do to correct it within reason. We published an apology on the front page and no complaint had been made of that apology until today.

H. F. McRae, the manager and editor of The Daily News, stated he had taken over The News last December. The municipal campaign in January was largely on a question of establishing a municipal electric plant. The paper had invited discussion on municipal matters. The letter complained of came in with some other letters. I saw it appeared to be a campaign letter and I carried it with others up to Mr. Sawle's desk. The letter was cleaned out with all the old paper and copy the same day it was published. The name of the writer is not known. The letter itself was destroyed. Witness said his relations with Mason were very friendly: "I know nothing about any incapacity on the part of Mason. When I saw it I went to Mason and offered to print any kind of an apology he wanted. Mason was hostile and would do nothing. Before I left he said he had no feeling against me but was going after the paper. After leaving Mason I went and wrote out the apology. The letter was printed on the third page. I told the make-up man to put the apology in a prominent place in a box. I had it printed twice."

In cross examination witness said he had discussed the question of publishing ugly letters with Mr. Sawle and had agreed not to publish them. The letter might have referred to Mason.

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SUFFRAGETTES WIN SLIGHT VICTORY

Hunger Strike Induces Premier Asquith to Receive Delegation

(Special to The Daily News)
London, June 19.—Premier Asquith has capitulated to the suffragettes and has consented to receive a delegation of the East End women at Downing Street on Saturday morning.

Miss Sylvia Pankhurst's attempt to carry out a threat of a hunger strike on the entrance to the House of Commons until Asquith yielded to the demand and listened to the delegation of women, is largely responsible for Asquith's decision.

ARTISTIC DANCING DRAWS BIG CROWDS AT WESTHOLME THEATRE

Capacity houses are again the rule at the Westholme theatre, the attraction being the artistic performance of the famous dancing duo Miss Sweepstone and Mr. Tweedale. Both the Argentine Tango and the flirtation waltz proved a veritable revelation and in her solo "The Gypsy Dance" Miss Sweepstone proved herself an artiste of most exceptional ability and was enthusiastically received. Tonight's program includes two new dances never before seen here, first of which is the Mazurka Dalliance danced in duo, and second a solo by Miss Sweepstone "The Pierette Dance" in costume. The Argentine Tango will also be repeated. Among the moving pictures to be shown tonight are "Our Mutual Girl," a Keystone Comedy and a new Gazette.

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(Special to The Daily News)
American
Boston, 8; Chicago, 0.
New York-Cleveland postponed on account of rain.
Washington, 2; Detroit, 4.
Philadelphia, 5; St. Louis, 6.
National
St. Louis, 6; Boston, 5.
Cincinnati, 4; Brooklyn, 1.
Chicago, 1; Philadelphia, 14.
Pittsburg, 4; New York, 3.
Coast
Portland, 0; Sacramento, 5.
San Francisco, 3; Oakland, 2.
Venice, 2; Los Angeles, 1.
Northwestern
Portland, 9; Spokane, 8.
Seattle, 5; Tacoma, 3.
Vancouver, 1; Victoria, 10.

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AUCTION SALE SATURDAY

Complete household furniture, good as new, that has been held in storage, will be sold to the highest bidder. Goods displayed from 10 to 11 a.m.; sale 2 p.m., Saturday, in old Customs House, near McBride. FRANK L. LANDES, Auctioneer.

NEW DANCES

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EXTRA FINE MOVING PICTURES Including Our Mutual Girl and a KEystone COMEDY

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C. P. R. EARNINGS SHOW SMALLER INCREASE

The traffic earnings of the Canadian Pacific Railway for the week ending June 7 are \$2,471,000 a decrease of \$456,000 from the earnings for the same week last year, which were \$2,627,000. For the last week in May the earnings this year showed a decrease of \$806,000 from the earnings for the same period a year ago. The decrease for the first week in June, therefore, is a little more than half of that for the preceding week, which was the heaviest decrease of the year.

NORWAY'S ARMY AND NAVY NOW "DRY"

Christiania, Norway, June 19. The Norwegian Parliament today adopted a resolution prohibiting the consumption of intoxicating liquors by officers of the Norwegian army and navy during their terms of service.

The enlisted men were already enforced abstainers, and the officers' messes on the warships and in the garrisons are now to be made "dry."

REV. DR. GRANT ACCEPTS OFFICE

Special Committee Recommended Against Accepting His Resignation

Woodstock, June 19.—The Board of Home Missions, through the special committee appointed to consider the resignation of Rev. Dr. A. S. Grant, this afternoon recommended that the resignation be not accepted.

Rev. Dr. Grant in defending the position he had taken said: "I told the Assembly years ago that I would give the work a fair try and I think I have done so. I do not feel that I am bound to give this assembly or any other a reason. I want very proudly to say that I have no reason to give, but rather a combination of circumstances. Because of the tremendous demands being made on the Church at the present time I do not feel that I can remain in the storm."

Dr. Grant asserted that he didn't feel the call of the Master to remain in the work, and while he admitted the call of the church might be the call of Christ, he did not feel that it was in his case.

"I was hoping," said the speaker, "that we might pause and get our house in order. I feel that I can easily retire at the present time without causing any injury. You may think that there is a nigger in the fence," he continued, "but I tell you frankly there is not."

Rev. Dr. A. S. Grant has accepted the office of general secretary of the Amalgamated Board of Home Missions and Social Service. With him will be associated Rev. Dr. Shearer, of Toronto.

Local Wrestler Won Decision

P. Sigurdson, the local wrestler, was given the decision last night in the wrestling match at the Westholme Theatre.

Hatch, the middleweight champion of Canada, had the misfortune to have his shoulder put out during the progress of the match and had to withdraw from the contest. Sigurdson then being pronounced the victor.

There was no fall secured by either of the contestants. They had been 24 minutes 45 seconds on the mat when Hatch felt forced to give in owing to his disabled shoulder.

First Anniversary

The Canadian Fraternity first anniversary meeting will be held in the Court House on Wednesday, June 24th, at 8:30.

SECRETARY.

THE GRAND LODGE OFFICERS ELECTED

Installation Last Night Completed Business Sessions

Last night the Masonic Grand Lodge installed the new officers which were elected at the yesterday afternoon's session. This completed the business of the gathering. Today is being spent as a holiday and the steamer leaves for the south tonight.

The officers for the year are as follows:—
G.M., James Stark, Vancouver; D.G.M., W. C. Dittmars, Vancouver; S.G.W., William Astley, Vancouver; J.G.W., Dr. D. Corsan, Fernie; G. Treas., H. H. Watson, P.G.M.; G. Sect., Dr. De Wolf Smith, New Westminster.

District Deputies: No. 1, S. M. Manuel, Victoria; No. 2, C. A. Welsh, New Westminster; No. 3, Robt. Howson, Kamloops; No. 4, M. Baley, Barkerville; No. 5, Alex Warwick, Nanaimo; No. 6, J. W. Greer, New Denver; No. 7, F. W. McLean, Greenwood; No. 8, J. C. Pitts, Windermere; No. 9, D. W. Sutherland, Kelowna; No. 10, Jekyll, Dawson; No. 11, F. W. Dowling, Prince Rupert; No. 12, M. J. Barr, Vancouver.

G. Historian, Rev. C. C. Hoyle, Ladner; G. Chaplain, Rev. J. Hincheliff, Chilliwack; S. G. Deacon, J. W. Prescott, Vancouver; J. G. Deacon, D. G. Sutherland, Prince Rupert; G. Director of Ceremonies, Stephen Jones, Victoria; G. Supt. of Works, A. Galloway, Kamloops; G. Marshall, J. N. Aitchison, New Westminster; G. Organist, E. H. Russell, Victoria; G. Stewards, D. C. Tuck, J. C. McLennan, Prince Rupert; Emil Johnson, Rossland, and F. C. Burd, Vancouver; G. P., S. C. Sykes, Kerrisdale; G. Tyler, T. Michell.

AN UPHEAVAL AT HAND

Almost every day something happens which disturbs the calculations of the old-fashioned politicians and astonishes the public. The latest cause of amazement is the announcement of C. J. Doughty, Conservative candidate, and president of the Conservative Association of Ward One, Toronto, that he advocates the abolition of the bar, tax reform, and votes for women, all in direct opposition to the policy of his own—or shall we say his late?—party. Mr. Doughty would also abolish the sale of intoxicating liquors in shops.

What we are witnessing today looks almost like a complete obliteration of the old party lines and a direct popular vote upon the issues raised by Mr. Rowell.