

INSURGENT BUTTE MINERS BLOW UP UNION HALL

VANCOUVER MASS MEETING PROTESTS AGAINST HINDUS INVASION -- FIRE RATES TOO HIGH

FIRE INSURANCE RATES ARE TOO HIGH IN PRINCE RUPERT

LOCAL BOARD AGENTS WIRE FOR IMMEDIATE REDUCTION — BEST FIRE EQUIPMENT EUT HIGHEST RATES ON COAST — CRISIS IS HERE

The fact that Prince Rupert is being held up on fire insurance rates by the B.C. Mainland Board of Fire Underwriters, is a fact well known. The agents for board companies doing business here have been kicking against it for some time, but the Vancouver insurance autoerats think they have an easy thing in Rupert and make this city pay the highest rates on the Coast. All of the wharf towns along the coast have nothing but frame buildings and no fire protection and lower rates on business risks than Rupert. This city has an exceptionally competent fire company and a splendid equip-

NO RAISE OF SALARIES FOR POLICE OFFICERS

Commission Re-consider Estimates Which Provided for Increase

A month ago the Police Commission passed the year's estimates which included an increase in salaries for the police officers. The chief was to get a raise of \$5 a month and the permanent constables a raise of \$5 a month. Yesterday the estimates were re-considered and the increase knocked out. This was at the request of the city finance committee. The commission had asked for an appropriation of \$14,352 and of this amount \$460 was for salary increase. The revised estimates reduces the total asked for to \$460.

The Mayor informed the commission that it was the policy of the Council to give no increases in salary this year.

Commissioner Lucas thought the salaries of the officers rather low and the increase a modest one. The constables do not get as much money as a laborer.

Commissioner Kerr did not feel inclined to grant the increase when other departments were refused it.

The monthly report of the chief of police for May showed the sum of \$164.80 collected in fines.

Ex-Constable Hamblin sent a communication to the commission asking why he had been dismissed and stating he had been unjustly treated. He asked to be reinstated or at least given a reference.

Commissioner Kerr moved that the chief give him a reference and that the communication be placed on file.

The chief of police was authorized to advertise for tenders for uniforms to be manufactured in the city and for raincoats.

Commission adjourned.

The Empress Theatre

TO-NIGHT

The Greatest Comedy Ever Produced

"AN AMERICAN CITIZEN"

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WITH JOHN BARRYMORE IN THE TITLE ROLE

Produced by the FAMOUS PLAYERS CO.

This splendid Comedy Will Be Shown TWO NIGHTS ONLY
Wednesday and Thursday, June 24 and 25

Admission, 25c Children, 10c

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY BANK AT MISSION

Branch of Bank of Nova Scotia Entered and Safe Doors Blown Off

Mission, June 24.—Police Constable Clarkson was awakened morning by a blast which shook his house. Snatching a revolver, he slipped downstairs onto the street, when he saw a man standing at the door of the Bank of Nova Scotia. He began shooting at him with his revolver.

Clarkson blazed away, which gave the alarm, and he saw three men run from the bank. Investigation showed the door of the bank safe had been blown open, evidently with a charge of nitroglycerine. The time lock, however, had held fast.

Though the robbers used crow-bars they were unable to break in. No money was missing, but the robbers got away to the woods. A posse of police are chasing them.

PROMINENT MINING MEN WILL INVESTIGATE

Capt. Gibson and E. H. Wilson Go North to Look Over Properties

A party on business and pleasure combined arrived on the Prince Rupert today, headed by Capt. Gibson, vice-president of the G. T. P. dock, Seattle, accompanying him are E. H. Wilson, a Frisco mining man who has spent several weeks here this season, Mr. Gibson, Jr., Mrs. Gibson, Miss Wilson and Miss Carkeek. They are making a round trip to Granby.

On the return of the Rupert to this city Capt. Gibson, his son and Mr. Wilson will go on to Alaska where they will look into some mining property. They may also investigate some properties in this vicinity.

FRIEND 'FITZ'

In Moving Pictures at the Westholme Opera House Tonight

Everybody knows Mr. Fitzmaurice of local amateur fame, or "Fitz" for short. In days gone by this genial gentleman has often "trod the boards" at the Westholme Opera House in various amateur performances. In fact, no amateur show was complete without him, and now Fitz is to appear in a real live moving picture and his genial face will be seen by millions of people all over the world. Mutual Weekly No. 72 shows the arrival of the first through train from Winnipeg on the G. T. P. and of all the thousands of people in the crowds present on that occasion, many of whom can be recognized but none so plain and life-like as Fitz. These pictures will be shown tonight at the Westholme Opera House in connection with the great five reel feature of modern realism entitled "The Daughters of Men." This is a sensational story, strictly up-to-date dealing with the very rich and the very poor with their follies and miseries ranging from champagne baths and monkey dinners to work in the sweat shops and semi-starvation. It is a strong, splendid story pointing a healthy moral and showing not only the wrongs of present conditions but the way to right these wrongs as well.

Rupert Most Active City

"I think Prince Rupert is the best city in the West today in its business activity," said Mr. Geo. H. Collins of the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Company, who is registered at the Hotel Prince Rupert. Mr. Collins has just been in all the Coast cities and appreciates the slackness of business on the coast. He will remain in the city about a week.

NOTICE

All those who intend taking part in the procession on Dominion Day are asked to notify the undersigned, giving if possible description and numbers, that space may be arranged before Friday noon, June 26.

W. BARRATT CLAYTON,
Chairman Procession Committee.

RUPERT NOW HAS U.S. CONSULAR AGENT

J. C. Christiansen, of Vancouver, Will Look After American Interests Here

After persistent efforts and correspondence with the Department of State at Ottawa and Washington, word was received today by the Board of Trade that Jorgen C. Christiansen had been appointed American consular agent for Prince Rupert.

Mr. Christiansen will come from the Vancouver office of the American consular service, where he has been for some time under Mr. R. E. Mansfield, Consul-General.

YESTERDAY'S BASEBALL

American: Cleveland, 5; Detroit, 4.
National: Pittsburg, 1; Brooklyn, 2.
St. Louis, 7; Philadelphia, 5.
Coast: Oakland, 1; Sacramento, 3.
Venice, 7; San Francisco, 6.
Portland, 9; Los Angeles, 7.
Northwestern: Seattle, 0; Portland, 5.
Victoria, 8; Spokane, 0.
Vancouver, 2; Tacoma, 6.

Oil Specimens from Q. C. I.

A. Sibbald, who has interested himself extensively in Queen Charlotte Islands, has brought over some specimens from the oil fields on the west side of Graham Island. He shows some of the tar found in the creeks and the oils and stones. He is endeavoring to interest local parties in the field, having great faith in its possibilities. There are two companies now sending drilling outfits in and by fall Mr. Sibbald predicts they will be showing real oil flows.

Don't miss "The American Citizen," in four reels. The greatest comedy ever produced. At the Empress Theatre TONIGHT. 145-146

A GREAT BIG FINE SHOW AT THE WESTHOLME OPERA HOUSE TO-NIGHT

Two Big Features

"DAUGHTERS OF MEN"

In Five Parts

An intensely realistic and exciting modern story showing the follies of the very rich and the miseries of the very poor and pointing a wholesome moral lesson.

THE ARRIVAL OF THE 1ST THROUGH TRAIN ON THE G. T. P.

A local event of interest to everybody

Admission: - 15c and 25c Children, 10c

SAYS GRAHAM ISLAND HAS RICH OIL FIELDS

Back from Inspection Trip, W. P. Sloan Gives Interview on the Situation

Mr. W. Porteous Sloan, who has just returned to Vancouver from Graham Island, reports that the oil excitement is general along the coast, particularly in the Queen Charlotte Islands, but it applies, he says, chiefly to the local field on Graham Island. Many are going into the island in anticipation of the strike that is certain to come.

Mr. Sloan landed at Naden Harbor and after looking over the ground and making a number of choice locations, proceeded to the west coast of the island over the emergency trail built by the British Columbia Oil Company and later partly opened up by the government. "Much requires to be done to make it even a passable trail," he says, "and no doubt the government will see the wisdom of spending some money on repairs this season to facilitate the passage of travellers."

"Mr. E. H. Lea, a director of the British Columbia Oil Company, and Mr. Wilfrid Macdonald were at Otard Bay. Mr. Lea was over at the company's well to look into the requirements in the way of repairs, etc., in anticipation of an early start being made; in resuming the work left off at 800 feet depth which was suspended last fall on account of hot water and shortage of casing. Gas is escaping continuously from around the casing plug, which would indicate something in reserve, and from appearances it would be safe to say that oil might be expected to flow at any time in the course of drilling. The Northern Oil Company which owns ground contiguous to the British Columbia Oil Co., have ordered their machinery and expect to have their derrick up and drill in active operation as soon as it is possible to get supplies on the ground."

Mr. Sloan adds that in all his experience of oil fields he has never seen anything to approach, even remotely, the showings on Graham Island, and it was a surprise that these oil fields should have remained so long undeveloped, more especially after the favorable report of the eminent geologist, Dr. Dawson, made many years ago. "Excellent reports have been made by various experts for the companies operating there and elsewhere, but even a casual inspection of the ground discloses the fact that in almost every instance the statements made were of the most conservative character. The samples of surface rock taken during the trip were a revelation, thick oil exuding under the application of strong heat."

Mr. Sloan visited the island in the interests of a number of prominent financial men of Vancouver and Montreal who believe that these oil fields present unrivalled opportunities.

As a result of Mr. Sloan's visit and personal inspection of the ground operations will be commenced in the near future simultaneously at Naden Harbor and at a point on the west coast in close proximity to the British Columbia Oil Co. and the Northern Oil Co.'s holdings where the geological structure indicates the best position for boring to the anticline.

"There is no reason why Graham Island should not become the great oil field of the Pacific Coast as every indication points that way," declares Mr. Sloan.

WHO SHOULD WORRY ON SCARCITY OF MONEY?

Graham Island Business Men Get Along Without the Coin

Real money is very scarce on Graham Island these days, and Ed. N. Clark tells an amusing story of the method in which a real estate man secured payment on a lot. The buyer was a cook hiring out on a launch. The launch owner couldn't pay wages till the storekeeper twenty-five miles up the inlet paid freight charges, and a sawmill farther on was running a credit account at the store. The sawmill man paid his grocery bill in a note for lumber to the amount due; the storekeeper settled with the launch man on the note, thus enabling the latter to pay the cook's wages in like manner, and the cook handed the note in settlement to the real estate man, who drew the lumber and built himself a house with it. No money changed hands and everybody was paid off, happy and satisfied.

C. M. Wilson, the real estate man in question, says a sack of turnips is legal tender for most any of the necessities of life on the islands.

Passengers on Prince Rupert

Among the passengers arriving on the Prince Rupert today were the following:—

Capt. Gibson and wife, Miss Wilson, Miss Carkeek, Mr. Gibson, Jr., E. H. Wilson, J. E. Oppenheimer, Mrs. Geo. E. Ball, Mrs. H. S. Smith, D. A. Rankin, Mr. J. A. Johnson and wife, Mr. A. B. Hughes and wife, G. H. Collins, R. E. Coleman and wife, Mr. Adams, H. B. Holland, H. McLean, A. H. Silverside, R. L. Gale, D. F. Brown, R. G. Bush, H. Love, E. Walker, J. C. Jones, W. T. Maloney, G. S. Wilson, Geo. Davis and wife, H. H. Jones and wife, J. Porter and F. J. Gibbons.

RIOTING MINERS IN BUTTE BLOW-UP UNION BUILDING

PITCHED BATTLE WITH DEPUTIES IN FRONT OF WESTERN FEDERATION OF MINERS HALL—INSURGENT MINERS RAIDED MAGAZINE OF STEWART MINE

(Special to The Daily News)

Butte, June 24.—The front of the Western Federation of Miners hall was blown up with dynamite placed by a mob of insurgent miners during a pitched battle with deputy sheriffs who were in the hall. They were armed with sawed off shot guns. More than a score of shots of dynamite were exploded. One man was killed and three injured, one fatally when deputies began firing over the head of the crowd, fearing an attempt to rush the meeting of union miners.

A party of armed miners seized a box of dynamite at the Stewart mine, but were prevented from effectively placing it by a charge of fire from the deputies.

The deputies held the hall till the miners climbed the roofs of nearby buildings.

The crowd then took possession of the hall and marched to the Stewart mine and compelled the engineer to lower several rioters to the magazine.

Half a dozen men carried a fifty pound box each of dynamite. The thirteenth blast brought down the front of the building, shattering windows of the neighborhood. Shattered glass is inches deep for a radius of a block and a half.

In all twenty-three blasts were let off.

ROAD FOREMAN AND PARTY LOST IN GROUNDHOG COUNTRY

MUCH ANXIETY FOR THEIR SAFETY—RELIEF PARTY BEING ORGANIZED BUT MEN REACHED STATION SIX LAST NIGHT

Wm. Manson, M.P.P., received a wire yesterday from Stewart to the effect that John Anderson, road foreman there, with two road men was many days overdue from a trip into the Groundhog country. Anderson started out nearly three weeks ago from Stewart to the Groundhog country. Ordinarily the journey is four days each way. The three men were equipped for about 8 days. They have now been absent some 17 days and fears were entertained for their safety. Wm. Manson has wired through Supt. Bob Jennings to send a relief expedition out for them.

Later.—Today word was received at the district road office that Anderson and the other two had reached Station Six on the Dominion telegraph line yesterday. The party was safe but they had had a hard trip. They underestimated the length of the journey. The other men are Armstrong and Cameron.

THIS YEAR'S TAX RATE TO BE ABOUT 13 MILLS

The Information Was Handed Out by the Mayor at the Police Meeting

"The rate for taxation this year will be about thirteen mills," said the Mayor at a meeting of the Police Commission yesterday afternoon, "but if we keep adding items like this (referring to the increase in police officers' salaries) we will have a high tax rate."

The rate comprises about five mills which will be net and the balance will have a discount if paid by November 1st.

The City Council has not passed the year's estimates yet, but the rate will probably be about thirteen mills.

Last year the gross rate was a fraction over sixteen mills, but a large amount of money had to be raised on general rate to take care of the waterworks extension to Shavatlans Lake. The Council last year also left a very substantial surplus which this year's got the benefit of.

Speak 23 Languages

London, June 23.—Delegates to the World's Congress of the Salvation Army filled to capacity a specially erected hall off the Strand, with accommodation for 4,000.

Representatives of 45 nations and colonies were present, and 23 different languages were spoken by the delegates. It formed the biggest "rally" ever achieved by the Salvation Army.

The entry of General Bramwell Booth into the hall was the signal for a prolonged ovation. The great audience sprang to its feet and cheered for many minutes.

S. J. Eubank, a well known prospector of Alice Arm is here today with a fine collection of ore samples for the Board of Trade.