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CLEAN SWEEP IS TO BE MADE IN CITY HALL MANSON AND BOWSER AGAIN CROSS SWORDS IN LEGISLATURE ON MONDAY

All City Employees on Monthly Salary to be Given Notice for February 1 Decided by Council

All municipal employees on monthly salaries will be given notice that their services will not be required after February 1, 1923, pending a general re-organization of all departments. As soon as a complete system of re-organization has been decided upon, applications for the different positions will be received, applicants to give the usual qualifications, thus giving every municipal employee discharged the first chance for any position under the new system providing he can qualify. Further, the present heads of departments shall be required to furnish forthwith a new system if necessary for their respective departments in order to simplify the work and reduce their staffs to a strict minimum.

Such was the amendment passed by the city council last night in regard to the re-organization plan submitted by Mayor Rochester. The mayor's recommendations were lost in favor of the above motion. The council chamber was packed with people and it was nearly midnight when the final vote was taken.

1. The successful motion was moved by Alderman Collart and seconded by Ald. McLeod. The final motion was amended slightly, the first motion containing the time of dismissal as December 31, 1922.

Mayor's Recommendations
1. That the city clerk's department, the city treasurer's department, the city solicitor's department and the utilities department be re-organized on a more economic basis.

2. That the services of the present city clerk, city treasurer, city solicitor and superintendent of utilities be dispensed with at December 31, 1922, as per notices served on such officials on November 30.

3. That the office of the city clerk and the city solicitor be combined; and that the city treasurer be also required to perform certain book duties as well.

4. That the superintendent of utilities be required to take

DEFENDS HIS DEPARTMENT

Minister of Lands Ready to Meet all Criticism from Opposition

VICTORIA, Dec. 5.—Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands and member for Prince Rupert, was under the fire of the opposition last night in regard to the heavy expenses of his department.

He was ready to answer all criticism, however, and showed that his department was the largest of all including practically all the natural resources. It was necessary for him to visit various parts of the province to know whether money was being well spent. He had a duty to the province and to himself in looking after the interests of his department.

The minister wondered if the opposition was cognizant of the development policies being carried out and mentioned grazing, conservation, irrigation, timber pulp and paper. The timber was never before as healthy as it was today. He believed that he had also performed a public service in the formulation of an immigration policy.

ESCAPED JAIL

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5.—Clara Phillips, sentenced to life imprisonment for the Hammer murder at Alhambra Meadows escaped jail by cutting the bars of her cell.

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Ald. Montgomery

Ald. Montgomery thought it was the duty of every alderman to reduce expenses and he said he was of the same opinion as the mayor. "If we are tied up in red tape, we are going to fall and the sooner we start the better," he stated.

Ald. Collart started by stating, "That every dog has his day and that he was getting his now." He felt that they had been after a re-organization so long that they should not do it half way now. He then advanced a number of suggestions in addition to his amendment, including abolition of the city solicitor's office, the chief of police to handle the prosecutions in the police court except in very important cases; the city clerk and city treasurer's duties to be performed by one man; the cashier and accountant to be a one-man job; purchasing agent to be abolished; the janitor to get the mail every day in place of the office girls; the city engineer's and electrical engineer's duties to be performed by one man; the public works superintendent to be

Speaking to this motion, the mayor said that the object was pure and simply to drop the surplus help. He had no fault to find with anyone. All that he criticized was the method of doing things. He was not satisfied with the amount of work being done in certain departments and felt that things should be put on a basis where they could be carried on successfully. Continuing, the mayor stated that there seemed to be the impression abroad that the re-organization was confined to the heads of the departments alone. This was not correct and he did not want to go in and pick men out of a department. Men were there to run the departments but he was sorry to say this was not being done in the treasurer's and utilities departments.

Turning to the idea of combining the clerk's and solicitor's departments, he said he had no fault to find with either. It had been worked out before in 1917-18 for \$250 where it was now costing \$425. By this method \$3,000 per year would be saved. He cited the City of Nelson where it cost \$1000 to run the legal department.

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Regarding the utilities department, the mayor stated it was also too high. The policy of construction and maintenance together was foolishness. "It is time to throw sentiment to the winds and get down to brass tacks. We can do with a much less staff and carry on," Mayor Rochester said, adding that this department was not being managed properly.

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IRISH BILL IS LAW: HEALY APPOINTED

LONDON, Dec. 5.—King George this evening gave the royal sanction to the bill setting up the Irish Free State as a Dominion of the British Empire. Official announcement was made today of the appointment of Timothy Healey as the first governor-general of the Irish Free State.

ANXIETY FELT FOR VALEROUS

C.G.S. Malaspina is Searching For Well Known American Mailboat

The American halibut schooner Valerous, Capt. Miller, is the latest craft for which anxiety is now felt.

The Valerous was seen last on Sunday, November 26, in the big gale of that day off North Island in Dixon's Entrance. The Canadian Government patrol cruiser Malaspina has been searching for her but without success as yet according to report on the local waterfront.

The Valerous is a six-mnn boat.

VANCOUVER TEAM HOLDS ST. PATS TO THREE-ALL TIE

VANCOUVER, Dec. 5.—The exhibition game between the Vancouver Maroons and the Toronto St. Patricks here last night ended in a draw. Each team scored three goals in the match which was very hard-fought and interesting. A record crowd of spectators greeted the teams.

SECOND AIR MACHINE HAS BEEN BOUGHT

Len Bell Announces Purchase by R.E.I. & I. Ass'n. of "Hazelton's" Duplicate

Len Bell, president of the Railway Employees Industrial and Investment Association, who recently arrived in the city from Edmonton, states that his company has completed the purchase of a J.L.6 all steel monoplane, which is an exact duplicate of the "Hazelton." The purchase has been made in New York and the machine will fly from that city to Hazelton during April next piloted by Major Thompson who handled the airplane "Hazelton" here during the Exhibition. Mr. Bell will accompany Major Thompson on the flight, details of which have not yet been arranged.

In discussing future business prospects for the two monoplanes, Mr. Bell said that there was plenty of business offering and the company was looking forward to wider fields of conquest by air. During the past summer the confidence of the public had been gained to a very great extent which means that people generally will use this up-to-date mode of transportation now without hesitation.

INSURANCE AGAINST DISABILITY ASKED BY PREMIER OLIVER

VICTORIA, Dec. 5.—Premier Oliver's amendment to a Labor motion asks the Dominion Government to give early consideration to legislation providing for an adequate system of insurance against unemployment, sickness, old age and other disabilities.

Public Accounts Committee to Make Full Investigation Into Pacific Great Eastern Charges

VICTORIA, Dec. 5.—Premier John Oliver, W. K. Esling, member for Rossland, who made charges in connection with the letting of construction contracts on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, and all the important officials of the road are to be called to give evidence before the public accounts committee and, if it is found necessary, the accountant and books of the Northern Construction Co. will also be called in.

Liberal members of the Legislature moved a resolution yesterday summoning all information available locally and, when the opposition called for the Northern Construction Co., said it could be called for later if needed. Hon. W. J. Bowser objected to Mr. Esling being recalled but the chairman of the committee said that Mr. Esling had made the charges and it was necessary that the committee have some information as to the basis of the charges.

Premier Oliver stated to the Daily News yesterday that all necessary information was in the railway office but the government wished the fullest investigation. The Premier laughed at the political play-by-play of the Conservative leaders and said that the public accounts committee would find nothing wrong because there was nothing wrong to find.

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Leader of Opposition Again Drags Name of Prince Rupert in Mud

VICTORIA, Dec. 5.—For a whole hour the name of Prince Rupert was dragged in the mire yesterday by Hon. W. J. Bowser, leader of the opposition, who again went over the bootlegging record of the northern city mentioning the names of citizens freely in the course of his remarks.

Mr. Bowser was speaking to the motion submitted by Attorney General Manson asking the Dominion to give the provincial government the sole right of importing liquor. He claimed this was not necessary and would interfere with the liberty of the subject. He claimed the people had never voted for government monopoly and also charged the government with being out for profit just like any bootlegger. He claimed that Hon. Mr. Manson was not prosecuting consistently and that the spasm lately taken in Prince Rupert had been awakened by Hon. H. H. Stevens. Mr. Manson denied this and told of preparations that had been made for the prosecutions.

Defending Bootleggers
Mr. Bowser charged Mr. Manson's partner with defending bootleggers.

In reply, Mr. Manson pointed out that Mr. Bowser's partner, Mr. Ritchie, was asked by a judge of the Supreme Court to retire from a case because he was a partner of the Attorney General. Nothing like that had happened to him because no member of his firm did that work. The Chief Justice once spoke of "Justice tainted at the fountainhead" in Mr. Bowser's time.

"I reported the Chief Justice for drunkenness when presiding at a murder trial," replied Mr. Bowser.

Continuing, Mr. Bowser went into the matter of Prince Rupert prosecutions and was continually corrected by Mr. Manson who mentioned he was grossly inaccurate.

Full of Bootleggers
"There never was a better garden to spade over than Prince Rupert," said Mr. Bowser. "The town is full of bootleggers."

He spoke again and again of the "notorious town of Prince Rupert," and accused Mr. Manson of not cancelling the licenses of the city's clubs. To this Mr. Manson replied that he had yesterday cancelled the licenses of the Travelers, Central, Kaion Island, Marathon and Citizens' Clubs.

Mr. Bowser said that Ben Self, an Austrian, and Jack Miller, a notorious criminal and bootlegger, had paid for the band that provided music at the reception accorded to Mr. Manson when he landed at the dock in Prince Rupert following his appointment as Attorney General.

Mr. Manson declared that Miller was not in the north at the time and the procession had been led by the mayor and prominent people.

Miller's Picture
Mr. Bowser here passed Mr. Manson a picture of Miller together with a criminal record in which he was charged with vagrancy and forgery at Butte, Montana, conspiracy to steal at Seattle, and had been sentenced to five years by Judge McInnes at Vancouver for conspiracy and theft.

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LIQUOR MONEY RESERVED FOR NURSES' HOME

City Council Last Night Acceded to Hospital Board's Request

At the request of D. G. Stewart and a delegation from the hospital board, the city council last night voted to set aside the hospital's share of the next liquor profits coming to the city for the purpose of erecting a nurses' home.

T. Ross Mackay acted as speaker for the hospital board and pointed out the great need for such a home in order that the nurses might have a chance to get away from their work at times. He stated that a sum of \$2,215 was already set aside and it was expected that the hospital's share of the next profits, twenty-five per cent of the total amount, would come to \$3,000.

Ald. Dybhavn moved and Alderman McLeod seconded that this money be put in a special fund for this purpose, subject to the plans and specifications for such a home being first submitted to the city council.

FOUR MEN INJURED AND ONE MISSING PREMIER EXPLOSION

VICTORIA, Dec. 5.—Special despatches from Stewart to the Department of Mines state that an explosion in a temporary underground magazine in the Premier mine resulted in four men being injured. Another man is missing.

H. F. Kergin, M.L.A. for Atlin, in the legislature, interrogated Hon. William Sloan on the accident and was told that four men were injured, one seriously, and one was missing. The minister said that T. J. Sinton, inspector of mines, was on the job.

The minister added that there had been nineteen fatal metalliferous mine accidents in the four years of Liberal administration while, during the previous four years of Conservative rule, there had been sixty-nine accidents.

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