

Utilities and Finance Dispute of City Settled; Agreed That No Rate Reduction is Possible

Differences between the utilities and finance departments of the city which have existed for some time were settled and a mutual agreement was reached yesterday afternoon at a special meeting called by the mayor for the purpose of going into the whole situation. A full review of the utilities, bylaws and financing was made from 1910 to the present date and it was shown to the agreement of Ald. Perry, chairman of the utilities committee, who has taken the leading part of late towards getting a full explanation of the situation, that the utilities department was really indebted to general fund of the city in the sum of about \$3,000 and, under the circumstances, there was absolutely no chance of a reduction of light rates at the present time, especially in view of the expenditures which will be required to fulfill the requirements of the recent fire marshal and inspection of electric apparatus together with the program of construction which is planned by the department.

Future Policy.
As to future policy this is still in the course of formulation and, in the meantime, business will be carried on as at the present time. Ald. Perry announced that he would call the usual meeting of the utilities committee this week. There was no meeting last week following the statement made by Ald. Perry to the council that he would call no further meetings until the whole situation had been gone into to his satisfaction.

At the meeting yesterday afternoon there were present Mayor Rochester, E. D. Johnson, former city treasurer; R. H. Baird, inspector of municipalities; George Rorie, city auditor; T. C. Duncan, superintendent of utilities; W. D. Vance, city treasurer; T. B. Hooper, city solicitor; Ald. John Dybbavn, chairman of the finance committee, and Ald. Perry, chairman of the utilities committee.

Position Reviewed.
In the review of the utilities situation at the meeting it was explained that at the end of 1912 the sum of \$39,000 had been written off on account of depreciation as a result of the taking of an inventory of the plant. At that time Superintendent Duncan made a report to the utilities committee which was passed upon by the council and appeared in the annual report of 1913. In this report, Superintendent Duncan stated that the amount written off had been done without any obligation for payment. This was not challenged by the council of that year or by any subsequent council and, on the assumption that this amount had been wiped off in this way, all subsequent reports of the superintendent had been made and recommendations for expenditure based. Moreover, four different councils had passed rate reduction bylaws which likely would not have been made had the old debt been recognized.

In addition to this, a bylaw for extensions to the system calling for \$60,000 expenditure had been put before the people in 1914 and had been defeated. In view of this, the work had been carried on out of general fund and this amount had been a second obligation against the utilities. This position had brought the utilities face to face with an obligation to general fund which had now been met but \$3,000 which the utilities would have to make good, notwithstanding, the utilities themselves had shown year by year handsome surpluses without which it would have been difficult to write off the obligations to general fund.

In speaking of the results of the meeting last night, Ald. Perry stated that if the usual surplus was shown this year there would be some money available for the program of betterments and extensions and it was expected that the utilities would in future be able to finance themselves without further capitalization.

TEA YESTERDAY IN HONOR OF VISITING LADIES OF MASON'S
Several members of Beloit Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, were hostesses yesterday afternoon at a tea given in the St. Regis cafe in honor of the visiting members of the Eastern Star and wives of the Masonic delegates to the Grand Lodge communication. Local members of the Eastern Star were also in attendance as well as friends. In the course of the afternoon Mrs. C. L. Munroe, accompanied by Charles Balagano, and Mrs. Millar, accompanied by W. Vaughan Davies, rendered solos and the Westholme Orchestra also provided several instrumental numbers.

Mrs. L. W. Kergin and Mrs. R. Blance poured and Mrs. Jarvis McLeod cut the iced, other ladies also assisting. The hostesses were Mrs. J. Viger, Mrs. G. A. Bryant, Mrs. S. Dorton, Mrs. S. E. Parker, Mrs. W. D. Vance, Mrs. J. G. Steen, Mrs. L. W. Kergin, Mrs. S. P. McMorde, Mrs. R. Blance, Mrs. Jarvis McLeod and Miss Lily Scott.

GOVERNMENT POLICY RECEIVES SET-BACK IN GREAT BRITAIN
LONDON, June 22.—The Government was defeated in the House of Lords by a vote of 60 to 29 when the house declared for postponement of the Government mandate policy in Palestine after Earl Balfour had made a speech defending the Government's policy.

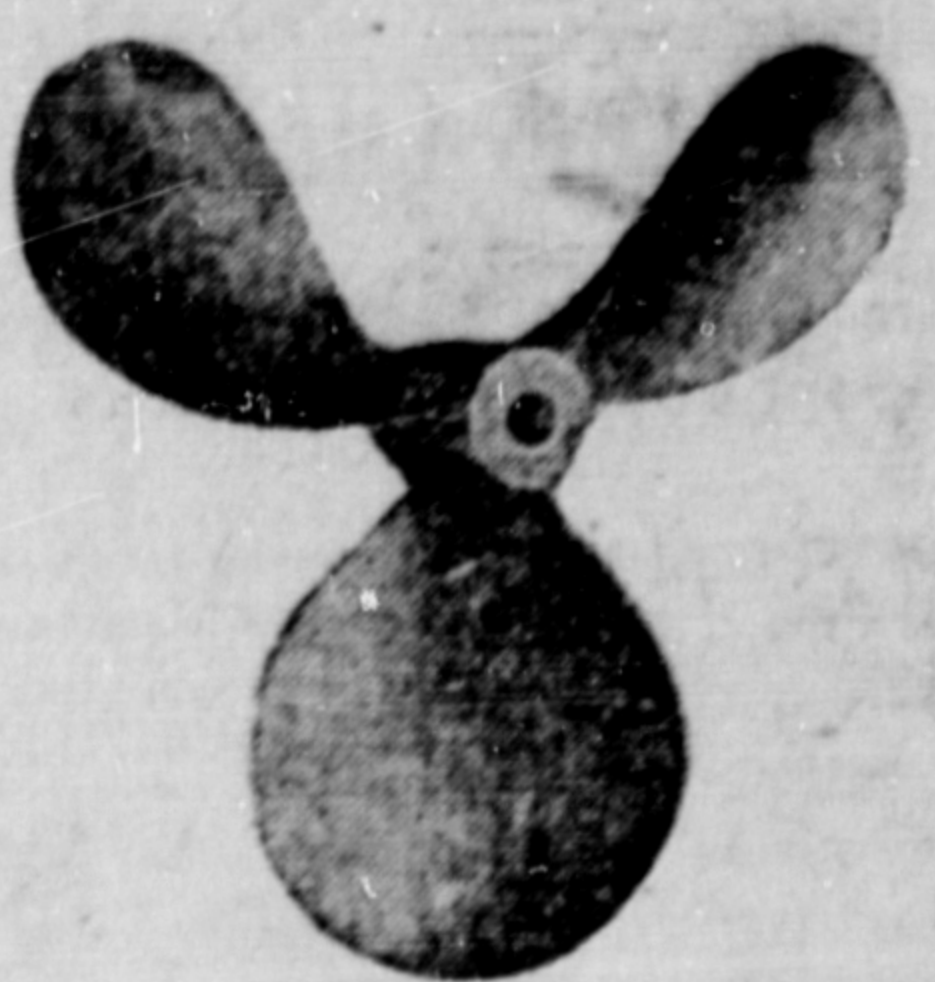
It is not expected the Government will resign but the defeat is bound to affect their future plans.

TO REPLAY GAMES IN SEMI-FINALS FOOTBALL SERIES
VANCOUVER, June 22.—The British Columbia Football Association council decided that both provincial semi-finals in the Provincial Connaught cup series must be played next Saturday because the D.F.A. rules were not observed last week. The matches between Ladysmith and Vancouver and South Wellington and Nanaimo will be played at the last mentioned places.

WHITE SOX BEAT TINY TIMS CLOSE GAME LAST NIGHT
The White Sox were winners over the Tiny Tims by a score of 13 to 12 in a closely contested Junior Baseball League game at the Acropolis Hill grounds last evening. D. Frizzell, pitcher, and J. Nickerson, catcher, comprised the winning battery, while J. Kelly and B. Lundquist played in similar positions for the Tims. S. Bazett-Jones was umpire of balls and strikes and W. Sherman, bases.

COUNTY CRICKET
LONDON, June 22.—County cricket results for the week:
Notts beat Yorkshire by innings and 75 runs.
Kent beat Worcester by innings and 234 runs.
Warwick beat North Hants by four wickets.
Middlesex beat Lancashire by innings and 18 runs.
Surrey beat Gloucester by ten wickets.
Surrey beat Glamorgan by 210.
Leicester beat Derby by 226.
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Sport Chat

The postponed baseball game between Gil's and the Grotto in the Intermediate League is scheduled to take place tonight at the Acropolis Hill Grounds. This will be the replay of the game which was thrown out by the League recently on account of Gil's aggregation playing an unregistered man. The Intermediate League has been having difficulty in getting the season started properly and there is still another game besides this one that has been postponed, between the Sons of Canada and the Grotto. Arrangements will likely be made in the near future to have this game also played off. So far in the running with only two games played Gil's have won both; the Sons of Canada and Grotto each having a lost officially chalked down against them.

A storm blew up in the Prince George city council last week over the action of the athletic association of that city in putting a fence around Duchess Park and a portion of the roadway without permission of the council. The objection was not taken against the fence which is a wire affair but was rather against the association building it without authority. There was quite a stormy time for a while but in the end it was decided that as the fence was there it might as well stay until the council decided it should be taken down. It will remain until after the summer sports are over.

Open air boxing classes are to be carried on again by the Vancouver Island Athletic Association in Victoria. The classes will be conducted in an 18-foot ring which has been specially constructed in the open air. This will enable the pupils to familiarize themselves with the fine points of the boxing game and incidentally acquire ring generalship which will prove to be very useful knowledge in the event of their taking up the sport in a competitive manner. The executive of the association is anxious to bring back the game in Victoria and the intention is to fall in line with other coast cities and arrange to stage home and home meets during the winter months. The classes are open to all whether they intend to take the sport in a competitive manner or not.

In the other Northwestern cities the amateur boxing game has begun to come back, while in Victoria it is dead, which is due to the fact that nearly all of the boxers who were developed have been scattered through war conditions. Several of the old-time favorites have been killed and others received injuries which have necessitated their giving up the sport, so, in order to once more foster this sport, it means that a new crop of boxers will have to be developed and this is one of the chief objects in view in starting this free boxing class, as the pupils will have the benefit of receiving instructions from a man (Billie Davis) who has had over 20 years' experience in the game, and who is considered by virtue of the performance of his pupils in the past to be one of the best instructors on the continent.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Chicago, Philadelphia, 3.
Pittsburg, 14; Brooklyn, 15.
Others, rain.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
Washington, 4; Chicago, 5.
New York, 7; Cleveland, 3.
Boston, 9; Detroit, 8.
Philadelphia, 5; St. Louis, 0.

COAST LEAGUE.
Portland, 6; Vernon, 8.
San Francisco, 4; Sacramento, 0.
Seattle, 5; Oakland, 6.
Los Angeles 5; Salt Lake, 12.

Further advice received by Chief Minty from Khyex River yesterday indicates that the family of four children of the Stafford family have been found in good health in a cabin ten miles up the river. The officers have proceeded to the upper reaches of the river in search of the parents who are believed to have perished. They are accompanied by the 14-year old son of the Staffords and are not expected out for some time now.

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Low—5:36 a.m., 4.8 feet.
17:24 p.m., 7.8 feet.



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