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Adverse Report Consulting Architect GENOA CONFERENCE GETS DOWN TO RUSSIAN BUSINESS TODAY

Building Expert Criticizes Booth School From Roof to Base and Declares it Unsafe

"I consider the school building in its present state is absolutely unsafe for occupation," said A. A. Cox, the Vancouver building expert, who has just completed a preliminary inspection of the Booth Memorial School, in reporting at a meeting of the school board held yesterday afternoon in the council chamber, to which the mayor and city council were invited. Trustee L. W. Patmore presided.

In the course of his report Mr. Cox said that he had spent some considerable time in examining the school building. He had made experiments with the various materials used in the construction. He claimed these were inferior in quality and that the workmanship had not been of the best.

The mortar used in the brick work had been mixed with sand of a poor quality which had not given the brick an initial set. Consequently the stability of the work had suffered. He thought that while undoubtedly the fact of so much rain being prevalent in the district had a detrimental effect on the actual setting of the mortar this fact was not wholly responsible for the defects. The mortar had been reduced to a large extent by the inferior sand used in mixing which did not assimilate the cement. It was further possible that the bricks when first used were saturated to the limit under which condition the initial set did not take place and the mortar became impoverished. The leaks at the top of the building made this matter worse, rendering the whole dangerous. In fact if this state of things were allowed to exist for another winter a serious happening might result.

Basement Not Strong.

The stone walls of the ground floor, forming the basement, in which the material used was local rock, was formed of poor material for carrying the load imposed upon it. In speaking of the files, Mr. Cox said that many of these were porous which did not permit of their proper setting. Parts of the walls were built during the winter weather and it may have been that the bricks and tiles were exposed to the elements in bulk, and the action of expansion and contraction was therefore affecting the walls. "This condition," said Mr. Cox "should not have been allowed." The water percolating down inside the cavities had caused damage to the plaster work. On some parts of the parapet the mortar resembled mush and one's finger could be pushed into it.

Walls and Tiles.

In speaking on the walls Mr. Cox said the parapets were badly balanced and the cornices were insecurely entered, some of the walls resting on two unequal bearings. Hence if any load was taken the walls would lean over. The main corridor walls of the basement were in fairly good condition. The slabs in the ceiling of the basement showed on the face large pieces of local rock having been put into the mortar not giving it sufficient strength. The concrete carrying the front entrance vestibule was badly mixed and large rocks were evident. Mr. Cox said that, in inserting his arm in a hole in a slab of the cement, that sufficient sand came down to fill his sleeve.

The tiles used in construction appeared to be of different qualities and some had thicker edges than others. They were generally (Continued on Page 4)

G. G. McGEER SAYS MISTAKE WAS MADE

Asked concerning the report in an afternoon paper that he was to run as an independent candidate in the approaching by-election in Vancouver, G. G. McGeer, K.C., stated that a mistake had been made.

"I think people know my political well enough to know that I would not be a candidate in any other capacity than as a supporter of the government," he said. "And as for that I am not seeking any nomination and have no intention of being a candidate for anything. I am out of public life."

MANY SEE PICTURES PRESENTED BY CONAN DOYLE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, April 22.—Spirit pictures of women, long since dead, conjured up through the assistance of mediums to sit for their photographs, shown by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle to his audience filled every seat in the Carnegie Hall last night.

LENINE IS STILL AWAY FROM DUTY

LONDON, April 22.—Although official statements made by the Russian government report Premier Lenin's health satisfactory he still continues to keep away from State affairs, says a Reval despatch to the Times.

New Dam at Anyox Preliminary to Operation of Smelter And Mines by Hydro-Electric Plan

VANCOUVER, April 22.—The building of the \$350,000 dam by the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Co. is but the preliminary to a huge \$500,000 hydro-electric plant which the company plans installing at Anyox, announced Valentine Quinn, comptroller of the company, today. The hydro-electric plant will entirely eliminate the necessity for steam-generated power for the plant and smelter.

The dam, which is being built by the Dredging and Construction Co. Limited, will cost alone \$350,000. The contract calls for its completion by September 30 next. Construction of it will commence immediately that the short railway line is being built to it is completed.

The dam will be erected on an ideal location two and a half miles up Falls Creek from Anyox. It will be 630 feet long on the crest, 132 feet high from the bed of the stream and will impound 25,000 acre feet of water. Its construction will require 14,500 cubic yards of concrete, in which will be embedded over 200 tons of reinforcing steel. When the water is at the tip of the spillway the area flooded will be 150 acres.

Continuous Operation.

Hydrographic survey reports assure operation of the hydro-electric plant all the year around. Under present conditions, with only a smaller dam, the company could operate but five months on hydro-electric and the remaining seven on steam.

Despite the \$500,000 outlay, the Granby officials are confident that the new plant will pay for itself

LORD CECIL ON ECONOMICS

Has Lengthy Declaration on British Situation—Freedom of Workers.

LONDON, April 22.—The political world here is very much interested in a long declaration by Lord Robert Cecil in which he says that the progress and stability of the country's life is in a middle course between revolutionaries and reactionaries. He says that a policy should be based on the League of Nations with its belief that force is no remedy. He would also condemn class war and considers the workers are entitled to a voice in the direction of industry with complete freedom.

PRINCIPAL BRADY IS VICE-PRESIDENT OF TEACHER'S UNION

VANCOUVER, April 22.—J. G. Lister was re-elected president of the British Columbia Federation of Teachers at the final meeting of the convention here yesterday. J. C. Brady, principal of the Prince Rupert High School, was elected vice-president for Northern British Columbia.

N. M. McKiligan is secretary-treasurer and Harry Charlesworth, general secretary.

Principal Brady, who has been here during the week attending the convention, returned north on the steamer Chelohsin last night.

FISH ARRIVALS.

The following fish boats sold this morning at the local exchange:

Omnancey, 40,000 pounds, sold to Sinclair Fisheries Ltd., at 5.50 and 3 cents.

Scandia, 65,000 pounds, sold to Sinclair Fisheries Ltd., at 6 and 3 cents.

PRINCE EDWARD SEEING JAPAN

One of Most Beautiful Trips Is That Through Inland Sea.

TOKIO, April 22.—The Prince of Wales said farewell to Tokio today. He is leaving for Yokohama on a special train via Fuji-hwa enroute to Enoshima and Kamakura.

TOKIO, April 22.—One of the most beautiful sights of the Far East, the trip through the Inland Sea, is reserved for Edward, Prince of Wales, on leaving here for Kobe to continue his tour of the empire as guest of the Japanese government.

The Inland Sea, so-called because it lies almost enclosed between Honshu, the main island of the Japanese Empire, and the southern islands of Kyushu and Shikoku, is 240 miles long from east to west, and varies in breadth from eight to 40 miles. It is interspersed with numberless islets of various shapes and sizes while the coast is highly indented. Passengers journeying to and from Kobe by steamer are filled with wonder over the fascinating views which present themselves in ever changing variety.

One of the three beautiful scenes of Japan is the Sacred Island of Miyajima, thickly wooded with pine, cypress, cherry and maple trees.

Sacred Spot.

According to tradition, Miyajima has been a sacred spot for more than 18 centuries. Until the restoration in 1868, births and deaths were forbidden on the island. Sacred deer still wander about, tame enough to feed from one's hand.

The Itsukushima Shrine, the principal shrine of the island, founded in 1614, is built on the beach, with a mountain rising straight up behind it. When the tide flows, the magnificent buildings are surrounded by the blue sea and look like air-castles floating upon the waves.

A favorite motive in Japanese art is the great red Torii, or "Sacred Shinto Gateway" which stands in the sea. This gateway is 45 feet in height and 75 feet in length at the top and consists of two great trunks of camphor wood. Other features of interest are the Senjokaku, "Hall of One Thousand Mats," built by Hideyoshi in 1587 and the Buddhist Temple gateway—the Ni-Omon, or Gate of the Two Kings, near the top of Mount Mizen, the highest point on the island. From this peak one can enjoy a magnificent panorama of the Inland Sea. The long stretches of beach, and small pine-fringed inlets as well as the pine-clad islands and islets, apparently floating on the sea, have already acquired a world-wide renown.

Russian Proposition Not Accepted by Conference; France Doubtful Germany

GENOA, April 22.—The Allied sub-committee considering the reply to the note received from Russia has adopted unanimously the British suggestion that immediate de jure recognition not be granted Russia in return for the admission of Russian debts.

Object German Reply.

The French delegation to the conference has submitted a protest against the German reply to the Allied note in which the Germans stated they would refrain from discussing Russian questions settled in the Russo-German treaty signed at Rapallo. The French contend that under their reply, the Germans may still insist on discussing other questions regarding Russia.

George Tchitcherine, the Russian Soviet foreign minister, gave Italian Socialists and communists a shock today by meeting King Victor Emmanuel on the Kings visit here and accepting His Majesty's invitation to luncheon on board the Italian dreadnaught, Conte di Cavour.

Down to Business.

GENOA, April 22.—Actual work on a plan of reconstruction for Russia was started today by representatives of the Russian Soviet Government, Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan, Belgium, Czechoslovakia and Holland.

The heated politics surrounding Russian problems have been somewhat cooled by M. Tchitcherine's note accepting in the main the Allied formula stating terms on which the Great Powers are willing to resume business relations with Russia.

TWO COURTS IN IRELAND

Some Queer Anomalies Result—Both Recognized and Sometimes Differ.

DUBLIN, April 22.—Existence in Ireland of two sets of judicial tribunals—the Republican courts and the old courts of the King—has resulted in some queer legal anomalies, as both courts are recognized by the government as valid, and their decisions do not always coincide.

One of the most notable of these "double action" cases concerned a book-maker who entered suit in King's Court against a man who refused to pay his seasonal losses, said to exceed his winnings with the same book-maker by 20 times. The defendant pleaded the Gaming Acts prohibiting legal proceedings to collect gambling debts, won his case, and the book-maker added counsel fees to his other losses.

Hardly was the case decided in King's Court when the defendant entered suit against the book-maker in a Republican court, demanding judgment for the amount of his winnings. The astonished book-maker, realizing that he could not afford to jeopardize his trade of betting by taking refuge under the Gaming Acts as his client had done, found that the question before the court was merely whether the horses named in the action had won. When due proof of this was submitted, judgment was again entered against the book-maker.

ENGLISH GOLF PLAYERS WILL VISIT STATES

Endeavor to Recover St. Andrew's Trophy Taken Last Year by Jack Hutchinson.

NEW YORK, April 22.—Many golfing celebrities will make the trip from England to the United States this year if a tentative international program thus far drawn up may be taken as any indication. The successful invasion of Great Britain last year by the United States professionals resulted in the capture of the St. Andrew's most prized trophy by Jack Hutchinson of Chicago, and it is with the object in view of recovering it that the British have booked passage for the pick of their professional ranks in an effort to turn the tables.

Miss Stephens, domestic science teacher, returned from Vancouver this afternoon on the Princess Beatrice, having spent the Easter vacation in the south.

JAP ATTACKED AN ITALIAN WOMAN IN VANCOUVER DIVE

VANCOUVER, April 22.—Blanche Beroni, an Italian woman, was attacked by a Japanese named Kanda at a cabaret on the waterfront known as Mama's Place last night. She suffered injuries to her head sustained on being struck with a bottle. Kanda escaped.

BASEBALL SCORES

American League.
Washington, 0; New York, 1.
Cleveland, 7; Detroit, 15.
Chicago, 10; St. Louis, 5.
Boston-Philadelphia, postponed.

National League.
New York, 4; Brooklyn, 1.
Philadelphia, 4; Boston, 6.
Cincinnati, 4; Chicago, 8.
St. Louis-Pittsburgh, postponed.

Coast League.
Vernon, 4; Seattle, 3.
Salt Lake, 7; Los Angeles, 2.
Sacramento, 3; San Francisco, 4.
Oakland, 2; Portland, 6.

BALKAN WEDDING FIXED FOR JUNE 1

BELGRADE, April 22.—The marriage of King Alexander of Yugoslavia and Princess Marie, second daughter of the King and Queen of Roumania, has been definitely fixed for June 1.

YOUTH FIRED JAIL AND WAS BURNED DEATH

Terrible Fate of Young Man Two Hours After Having Been Arrested.

MURRAYVILLE, April 22.—John Penman, aged 17, the son of a well known Langley Prairie resident, was burned to death at 5 o'clock yesterday morning after having set fire to the jail. The young man had been arrested two hours earlier after a series of burglaries in Langley Prairie.

SOVIET RUSSIA PAYS POLISH GOVERNMENT

Second Payment on Riga Peace Treaty of Last Year is Made.

WARSAW, April 22.—Gold bars, diamonds and other precious stones valued at 10,000,000 gold rubles or approximately \$5,000,000 have been received by the Polish government from Soviet Russia in lieu of rolling stock due Poland by virtue of the Riga peace treaty of 1921. This is the second installment, the first payment of gold and precious stones having been made last December. The shipment came in special cars conveyed by armed guards and upon its arrival in Warsaw the gold and stones were placed in vaults of the Polish government bank.

EXPLOSION OF GAS TANK NEAR LOS ANGELES WOUNDS MANY

LOS ANGELES, April 22.—Five deaths are reported today in hospitals at Downey and Artesia near here as the result of an explosion of a gasoline tank and a gasoline tank wagon. Scores of people are fighting fire in the gasoline filling station at Downey. Five others have been seriously injured and are in a critical condition.

In Memoriam

A memorial day and service will be held on Sunday, April 23, under the auspices of the G. W. V. A. in honor of the men who fought. Memorial service will be held in the Westholme Theatre at 3 p.m. All ex-service men are requested to parade at the G. W. V. A. rooms at 2:15 p.m. The public are cordially invited.

Canadian National Railways
Grand Trunk Pacific Coast Steamships
Special Sailing for Anyox the S.S. Prince George will leave Prince Rupert 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 26
Returning leave Anyox 8 a.m., April 27, arriving Prince Rupert 2 p.m. Fare \$16, including meals and berth.
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