

MORRISSEY'S "HUNDRED MISSING MEN" A MYTH

CITY COUNCIL PUT IN VERY STRENUOUS DAY YESTERDAY

SAT ALL AFTERNOON UNTIL SEVEN AND AGAIN IN EVENING—DECIDED TO APPOINT A CHIEF TELEPHONE OPERATOR—MR. LOVE'S RESIGNATION DISCUSSED.

The City Fathers put in a strenuous day yesterday. The Council met at 3 in the afternoon and sat until after 7, then adjourned and met again at 8 for another session. The two main features in the afternoon meeting were the suggestions of pay roll padding made by Alderman Morrissey—the report of which will be found in another column—and the telephone matter, Mr. Love appearing before the council and making a statement. The discussion was warm at times.

Mr. Love began with the need of a chief operator, to watch the operators when on duty and "see there are no carryings on," and to prevent listening. They had put in the multiple system, increasing the speed of the service and a chief operator had therefore become a necessity. He suggested that one be obtained from some big office on the outside, as she would be more uncontrolled by local influences. At present the local operators, he said, carried on pretty much as they liked, and apparently he had no weight or control over them.

To a question from the mayor Mr. Love stated that the chief operator would be a working operator, and would fill a vacancy, there being now but four operators instead of five.

Ald. Montgomery asked whether it was a fact that Mr. Love did not have authority to employ

and discharge his help, as he did not see how the head of a department could be held responsible unless he had such power.

Ald. Clayton, chairman of the Light and Telephone committee, said no one had interfered with Mr. Love's appointments in any way, and this led to a long personal discussion; Ald. Morrissey complaining that the daughter of a ratepayer was not given a position. He asked for a full investigation.

On the motion of Ald. Bullock-Webster that part of the report of the committee recommending the engaging of a chief operator at \$65 per month was adopted.

Then Mr. Love made another talk in regard to his application for an increase of salary, and said the council did not have to pay him \$200 a month if they didn't want to. He thought that the running of a system paying a profit of seven thousand dollars a year entitled him to that salary, and if he could not get that he did not care to stay.

Ald. Clayton deprecated the bringing of these personal matters before the open council and suggested that a special committee should take it up.

The Mayor suggested that the matter be referred back to the telephone committee to present a report in regard to Mr. Love, and the securing of one to take charge of the telephone system, and this carried.

Horse Was Hurt.

A valuable horse belonging to S. P. McMordie fell twenty feet over an embankment yesterday and fractured its skull. V. S. Shirley trepanned the fracture and stitched the long cut in the animal's head. It may make a good recovery.

Construction of Stables.

A bylaw regarding the construction and maintenance of stables was read a first time at the meeting of the Council yesterday afternoon, and its second reading fixed for a week from next Monday so that those affected by it may have a full opportunity of giving their views upon the subject.

Board of Trade.

A meeting of the Board of Trade will be held on Monday to appoint office bearers for the year.

Best meal in town at Savoy.

PILOT DROPS DEAD

(Special to Daily News.)

Honolulu, Jan. 25.—Pilot Sanders, while bringing the passenger steamer Cleveland into port, dropped dead on the bridge and as a result the vessel collided with the United States cruiser Colorado, which was lying at anchor. The latter was badly damaged, especially the upper works. The Cleveland was undamaged.

THE POET OF THE PEOPLE



RABBIE BURNS.

City Purchasing Agent.

Three more applications for the position of city purchasing agent were read at the Council meeting yesterday afternoon, making the number of applicants seven. The new ones are H. G. Titus, Frank B. Halton and J. E. Larkin.

Police Court Today.

J. Cameron was let go on suspended sentence this morning on a vag charge. He is to get out of town. A mistress and servant case came up for settlement and was settled out of court. The mistress, Julia Belmont, agreed to defray the costs. The servant was R. Wing, an Oriental.

For a New City Loan.

Finance Minister Douglas yesterday afternoon brought before the Council a bylaw authorizing the borrowing of \$108,458. It was read a first and second time and comes up for its third reading on Monday.

"BREEZY POINT" DECLARED A REAL RUPERT SUCCESS

BETHANY GIRLS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRETTILY PERFORMED CHARMING PLAY BEFORE LARGE AUDIENCE IN PRESBYTERIAN HALL LAST NIGHT.

The concert of the Bethany Girls last night was a splendid success. Everyone was surprised at the delicate shades of emotion delineated, ranging from the excited girlish love affairs to the pathos of life's darker trials, but lit up all through by the irresistible humor of Ashrael, the workhouse waif. Time and again the house was convulsed with laughter and applause. Fantine played to perfection the part of the dainty French maid, while Mrs. Harderabbe and Miss Doolittle were tortured with splendid effect.

Aunt Debby with her placid, lovely old face, with Elinor and her summer boarders, created that lovely home atmosphere which was the background of the whole story. But without doubt the two features which distinguished the play were Clem, the Gypsy, and the Twins. The Twins were so sweet and acted their parts so naturally that they captured the audience, and when Clem appeared everyone was caught in that mystic spell and thrilled by the intensity of the acting.

The hall was packed to the doors, while even to those standing at the back the whole was perfectly audible.

Great credit is due to Mrs. Chisholm, who arranged the show and who was chief councillor for the girls throughout their preparation.

Between acts and also during the twilight scenes softest music was played by Miss Froud, assisted by her brother on the flute and Miss Barker on the violin. The appearance of Miss Barker after her long illness was hailed with gladness by her many friends present.

The drama was given under the auspices of the Presbyterian Club. The president, Mr. Ellis, performed effectively the part of stage manager.

The cast of characters was as follows:

Aunt Debby Dexter, mistress of Breezy Point
Miss Caroline McKenzie
Elinor Pearl, of unknown parentage, Miss Margaret McPhail
Ashrael Grant, a workhouse waif, Miss Margaret McDonald
Mrs. Harderabbe, with business propensities
Miss Annie Brown
Mehitable Doolittle, sister to Mrs. Harderabbe
Miss Annie Brown
The Harderabbe Twins
Florence Gray and Mary Gray
Aunt Debby's summer boarders—Bernice Vernon, Miss Jewel Garton; Laura Leigh, Miss Vilda Matson; Edith Norton, Miss Vera Lockhart; Clarice Fenleigh, Miss Maude Haslett.
Fantine, Miss Vrenon's maid
Miss Marie Rowley

Pantorium Pioneer Cleaners, Phone 4.

MORRISSEY'S STATEMENT SIFTED

Supposed Discrepancy Between the Number of Men on the City Payroll and the Number at Work

NOT ALL WORKING SEEN BY ALDERMAN

Hot Discussion Which Was Terminated by Ald. Morrissey Making Motion That No Irregularities Had Been Discovered in City Pay Roll and No Officials are to Blame—Carried Unanimously

The hundred missing men whom Alderman Morrissey found on the pay roll but not at work have been discovered. They were working somewhere else at the time, but still working for the city, and the idea that the pay roll might possibly have been padded is discharged with contempt.

The Council yesterday afternoon, in committee of the whole, took up the second part of the report of the Chairman of the Board of Works, that part dealing with the hydro-electric system having been considered the evening previous. This was read clause by clause, and Alderman Clayton opened the discussion with the statement that he considered it an oversight that the clause in the report to the effect that more men appeared on the pay roll than were found at work should have been published before its accuracy or inaccuracy had first been established. If the fact that a number of men had been transferred from one part of the city work to another was not a sufficient explanation, perhaps the Chairman of Public Works would make one.

Alderman Morrissey, in the course of a long speech, insisted that he had confined himself merely to the facts as he found them, and had made and had no

intention of making any reflections on anybody. They had not been able to get any reports from the Public Works department for the last three months, and he would still stand by his statement. At the closing hour of the last Council a pay roll was submitted containing 240 names. (City Clerk: "Two hundred and seven is the number.") Well, 207 on the pay roll. They found at work only the number stated—namely, 104.

Both Alderman Douglas and Alderman Montgomery here broke in, the former with a question why Alderman Morrissey had attended the Board of Works of the old Council only one or two times, and the latter that such a statement as that contained in the report in question, having been scattered broadcast, deserved severe censure unless it was accurate.

Superintendent McNeil of the Public Works department also had a few hot words to say, but was told by the Mayor that he would be given an opportunity later.

"I seem to be getting it in the neck all around," observed Alderman Morrissey. His statement was simple. They found 104 men at work and the last pay roll said there were 207 at work in the Public Works department. He

was not going to dig up and become an accountant.

The City Clerk was then appealed to and he made a lengthy statement. At the time Alderman Morrissey put in his manuscript report to be typewritten he told that gentleman there were more than 104 men at work; that there were 18 on the side hill he probably had not seen, and others at work at other points, which he mentioned. He then took up the pay roll in question, which was made up from the timekeeper's returns by the Engineering department. He explained the methods and system followed and the checks which made it absolutely impossible for the pay roll to be padded unless all the officials were in collusion, and even then there was the Mayor, who would be apt to notice any errors or additions. He explained where the other men were working who were not seen by Alderman Morrissey, bringing the total up to 187 men, and the difference between 187 and 207 must mean men who were working last month but were not working this month. There were also five horses on the last month's pay roll.

One of the members asked sotto voce how the horses signed

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BOBBIE BURNS BURGLAR PROOF

Book of the Bard's Poems Saved New York Lady's Jewelry and Valuables Last Night—Burglar Was Frightened.

(Daily News Burns Special.) New York, Jan. 25.—Guid and Bobby Burns, dead and gone, saved Mrs. A. B. Canfield's jewelry and silver today, and, perhaps, will help to catch the burglar who, but for Burns' poetry, would have robbed her.

A ragged fellow entered Mr. Canfield's house, collected the family plate and other valuables, then went into the library. Mrs. Canfield, returning, surprised the intruder seated in an easy chair and chucking over a book. At sight of her he dropped the book, leaped through the window and escaped, but bootless.

Mrs. Canfield picked up the book. It was Burns' poems. The burglar had been laughing over the "Address to the Unco Guid," the rigidly righteous. A greasy thumb print stamped the page opposite this verse:

"Then gently scan your brother man,

Still gentler sister woman; Tho' they may gang a kening wrang,

To step aside is human. One point must still be greatly dark;

The moving why they do it; And just as lamely can ye mark How far perhaps they rue it."

If the police catch the literary rascal they will convict him surely by comparing his thumb print with that on the book after the Bertillon method.

Local lovers of Burns will have an opportunity to again enjoy some of his work as the great Burns banquet to be given tonight in the Premier Hotel.

Sale of Good Household Furniture

Mr. Frank A. Ellis will sell by public auction on Tuesday next, without reserve, at the residence corner of Fifth and Dunsmuir, a splendid lot of household furniture and effects. Sale at 2 p.m. See handbills. 4t

NAVAL DEFENSE OF THIS COAST

Resolution Brought Forward in Legislature Recommending Establishment of Naval Unit on Coast to Assist Government.

(Special to Daily News.) Victoria, Jan. 25.—In the Legislature yesterday Mr. Brewster moved a resolution calling for the establishment of a Canadian naval unit on the Pacific Coast. This was seconded by Parker Williams.

Mr. Brewster reviewed the conditions prevailing and the danger the British Columbia coast line was exposed to, the resolution introduced being to aid if possible the Dominion Government in preparing a naval program. It was devoid of all politics, he said.

The Premier moved the adjournment of the debate on the subject.

Early Closing.

The following business houses will close at 7 p.m. every night except Saturday, commencing Jan. 29th: Ideal Provision House, J. E. Merryfield, Williams & McMeekin, Miller - Phillips, Shruball Fish Market, Prince Rupert Fish Market, Frizzell Meat Market, Stalker & Wells. 3t

\$110 Lang range, almost new; make offer. 710 3rd ave. 2t

City Accountant Under Bond.

A motion was carried at the meeting of the Council yesterday afternoon that W. D. Vance be placed under a bond of \$10,000, the city to foot the expense.

Westenhavers Claim Damages.

There was received at the Council meeting yesterday afternoon a bill from Westenhaver Bros. amounting to \$18.50 for damages caused to one of their buildings by blasting.

THE WEATHER.

Twenty-four hours ending 5 a.m., January 25: Bar., 29.195; max. temp., 48.0; min. temp., 41.0; precipitation, .23.

DIVER VISITS WRECKED TUG "GLEN ROSA"

Groping Search Fails to Locate Bodies But Pilot House Windows Were Smashed---Wreck Must be Raised

"I couldn't get into the pilot house because the door is too narrow for the metal collar of the diving suit to pass through, but I felt and groped around as far as I could in there with hands and feet and found nothing that felt like bodies. I felt the mattresses and bedding. The windows on both sides of the pilot house had been shattered."

In answer to the eager question: "Did you find the bodies?" the above are the words of Diver Ole Evanson this morning as he sat, chilled and drenched after prolonged immersion in a leaky diving suit in full five fathoms of water, at the wreck of the Glen Rosa at the Rupert Marine wharf.

A stool, a boy's waistcoat, a belt, a pair of braces and an Ingersoll watch with leather fob are all the pitiful little relics found by Diver Evanson after half an hour's groping search around and in the sunken tug. The indications revealed by the diver's search point to a terrible struggle for life in the cramped little pilot house. Realizing with awful suddenness that the boat was sinking, Captain Tallander must have smashed the windows and struggled to get out of the pilot house with his boy.

Exhausted by his hard task in a most perilously imperfect diving suit, Ole Evanson, who took his life in his hands on the job this morning, was forced to rest before going down again. Mean-

while, the tide was flowing, and he stated that it would be unsafe to attempt to descend in this leaky suit in much deeper water. The probability is that the bodies cannot now be recovered until the sunken vessel is raised on slings and taken to Hays Creek to be beached. It was reported today that the aid of the D. G. S. Quadra, with her powerful derricks, may be enlisted to raise the boat tomorrow.

"The boat is lying on her starboard side, with her head toward the G. T. P. wharf," said the diver in answer to The News reporter this morning. "She must have listed outward when she foundered. It would be necessary to smash the pilot house with an axe to force an entrance."

BUDGET SPEECH IN FEBRUARY

Question of Renewing Iron and Steel Bounties Still Undecided—Landing of Hindu Women to Be Investigated.

(Special to Daily News.) Ottawa, Jan. 25.—The budget speech is to be delivered early in February. The question of renewing the iron and steel bounties is still in a state of indecision.

The Government has decided that a decision cannot be given in regard to the two Hindu women applying at Vancouver for permission to enter Canada until the Department of Immigration has received the report of its special officer who has been sent to the coast to look into the matter.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY

Last From Hayner Bros. Former Undertaking Parlors.

Probably the last funeral to take place from Messrs. Hayner Bros.' present funeral parlors was that of Bogan Djeletick, who died suddenly at the Fairbanks Hotel on the 23rd, and was buried at Garden Island yesterday. Deceased was a Greek, and the funeral was largely attended by members of his society. Messrs. Hayner will open their new chapel by the Salvation Army citadel in a few days.

For rent—Two rooms over Wallace's. Suitable for offices or apartments. Apply H. S. Wallace. 18tf

Tupper's Condition Improved.

(Special to Daily News.) London, Jan. 25.—Sir Charles Tupper's condition is so much improved that his sons, Stewart and Hubbert, leave for Canada tomorrow.

Ask for Plot in Cemetery

The Servian Benevolent and Labor Society have made application to the city council for a plot in the cemetery of one hundred feet and ask the price. The communication was referred to the city engineer.

MAY BOYCOTT HOME RULERS

Belfast People Have Secured Ulster Hall and Will Provision It for Fifteen Men to Prevent Its Use by Churchill.

(Special to Daily News.) London, Jan. 25.—At the Home Rulers' conference today it was decided to hold the Belfast meeting as originally arranged. Both Churchill and Redmond are to speak at the meeting. In the meantime the Ulster Unionists have secured Ulster Hall for a date preceding February 7th, and arranged with caterers to provide provisions for 1,500 people, it being the intention to hold the hall over the following night in order to prevent the Home Rule having a meeting.

Valuable Residential Property.

On Saturday next at 2:30 p.m. on the spot, Mr. Frank A. Ellis will sell by public auction splendid view property, Fourth avenue and Dunsmuir street, also choice vacant lot, Fifth avenue, without reserve. See handbills. 4t

Liberal Member Re-elected.

(Special to Daily News.) London, Jan. 25.—The Carmarthen borough by election, caused by the appointment of Mr. Williams to be recorder for Swansea, resulted in the re-election of Williams, Liberal, by 3,816 votes to 2,556 for Bond, Unionist.

Wilkinson Re-elected.

(Special to Daily News.) Victoria, Jan. 25.—At the convention of the British Columbia Federation of Labor J. W. Wilkinson was re-elected president of the organization.

Do You Know

That our weekly goes to every state in the Union as well as Canada, and that the subscribers are principally land owners and real estate agents who want to know. Nuff sed.