

REBELS CHARGED WITH MASSACRE OF CHINESE

WELL KNOWN RUPERT MAN HURT ON LAUNCH

Robert Kitson Dragged into Engine in Skidegate Channel—Seriously Burned and Arm Fractured—Urgent Need for Resident Doctor

Serious injury has been inflicted on Robert Kitson who is well known in Prince Rupert, by an accident on board his gasoline launch in Skidegate Channel the other day. He was attending the engine when the sleeve of his jacket got caught, and his left arm was drawn in by the fly-wheel and fractured.

Badly Burned

Unable to free himself Kitson was held so close to the exhaust valve that the burning gas poured all across his arms, shoulder and face. W. J. Leary, and Reginald Husband who were with him did all they could to help him. They had to slash away his clothes, and the agony he suffered from the burns made him faint. As soon as he was extricated the others ran the launch top-speed for the Queen Charlotte Hospital.

Nurse Set Arm

No doctor was available, but the nurse in attendance did her utmost for the patient. She set

his arm and tended the burns which are more serious than the fracture. Kitson who was recently with Messrs. Anderson & McKinnon, is still in the hospital, and so far no doctor has arrived at the island to see to him. The need for a doctor over there is most urgent, and Mr. Leary who is a merchant and J. P. of Skidegate is making an effort to have a resident surgeon there as soon as possible. The Lillooet is stationed at Skidegate now but she has no doctor aboard.

Is It War?

Alderman Clayton asked the direct question at last night's council, "Did Alderman Hilditch ever instruct the Engineering Department to bury any petitions or reports?" Alderman Hilditch promptly replied "Never."

A classified advertisement will reduce the cost of selling your property to the lowest figure.

LAURIER MET NOTABLES

Dinner Given to Members of the Imperial Conference

ASQUITH WAS HOST

All the Principal Members of British Cabinet, and Many Eminent Personages Were Present.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

London, May 23.—A brilliant complimentary dinner was given by Premier Asquith last night in honor of the members of the Imperial Conference. It was one of the most brilliant functions held in London, comprising the most eminent men in Great Britain and the Dominions over the seas.

Among those who were present were Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada; the Duke of Argyll; Earl Minto, Viceroy of India;

Lord Aberdeen, Lord Kitchener, Lord Strathcona, Sir Edward Grey, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs; Mr. David Lloyd-George, Mr. Lewis Vernon Harcourt, and Lord Lytton.

After the dinner, a reception was held, at which the elite of London society met at the Imperial representatives.

DAUGHTER SHOT FATHER IN PLAY

Pointed a Rifle, not Knowing It was Loaded—Quebec Tragedy

Quebec, May 23.—Killed by a bullet, fired from his own rifle, in the hands of his own daughter, was the tragic fate of Solomon Theberg of St. Raphael this morning. No suspicion of foul play is entertained, for the girl is only fourteen years old. She was pointing the weapon at him in a spirit of playfulness, not knowing that it was loaded.

HE WAS LED AWAY BY HIS KINDNESS OF HEART

Ald. Kirkpatrick Made a Bold Confession as to How the Little Fruit Stand on McBride St. is Being Built in Defiance of Council's Edict

As he came along McBride street the other night Alderman Clayton was appalled by the apparition there at the corner of Fifth avenue of a structure rising from the ground in appearance suspiciously like a fruit stand. Very well did Alderman Clayton know that the council had expressly refused permission to erect a fruit stand here to a certain crippled workman who has been with the city since the clearing of the site at which work he is injured permanently.

A Bold Confession

"Whence the fruit stand and why?" demanded Alderman Clayton at the council board last night. The council answered him never a word, but the memories of various aldermen went back to the time when the permit to build there was refused the disabled workman. How then did

he dare to begin building was the question. Not until the babel of opinions and enquiries had died down a little was the voice of Alderman Kirkpatrick heard saying simply, "Oh well, the poor old chap is crippled and has no means of support but this, and I just told him to go ahead and build, and ask for permission afterwards."

For one instant there was consternation at the bold confession of kind hearted Kirkpatrick. Then the touch of nature that makes the whole world kin, came to the rescue and Mayor and council approved the action. But there must be no more of it they all think, and if the fruit stand can be put on wheels so that it may be moved if need be, so much the better. A friend of the cripple's is constructing it for him in spare time as a helpful gift.

MORE ARRESTS AT LOS ANGELES

J. Connors Charged with Placing Dynamite Under Hall

(Canadian Press Despatch)

Los Angeles, May 23.—More arrests for alleged dynamiting were made in Los Angeles this morning, and more are to follow. The arrest made is that of J. Connors, who is charged with having placed a stick of dynamite under the County Hall of Records last September, with intent to destroy the building. Other arrests are to take place during today.

Are You Married?

Acting under instructions from the council last night the Accountant for the Engineering Department will ascertain how many of the workers on the City Pay-roll are married men, and other information tending to show that they are or are not citizens of permanent standing.

BASEBALL SCORES

National League

Boston 1, St. Louis 3.
Chicago 6, Philadelphia 2.
Pittsburg 1, New York 5.
Cincinnati 3, Brooklyn 4.

American League

Boston 2, St. Louis 0.
Washington 7, Detroit 3.
Cleveland 3, Philadelphia 1.

PREMIER MONIS WILL RECOVER

Does not yet Know of Minister Bertaux's Death

Paris, May 23.—Premier Monis, who was injured by the collapse of a monoplane on Saturday at the start of the Paris to Madrid race, is progressing favorably, though still seriously ill. He has not yet been informed of the death of War Minister Bertaux, who was fatally injured at the same time.

WERE CHINESE MASSACRED?

Serious Charge Against Mexican Rebels at Torreon

(Canadian Press Despatch)

Mexico City, May 23.—Official reports which reached here today tell that following the rebel occupation of Torreon last week, two hundred and six Chinese residents were shot by the rebel commandant.

Upon receipt of the news, the Chinese Charge D'Affaires made a formal representation of the news to the Mexican Government.

Mr. Agnew Goes on Trip

A. W. Agnew, Engineer retained by the City during the Woodworth Lake Waterworks surveys, of which he has had charge, has been granted leave of absence for a visit up river. His services will be required as soon as the work begins on the Woodworth Lake Permanent Supply.

WILL HOLD THE SPORTS DOWN ON THE WHARF

Fine Programme is Arranged for Tomorrow—Children Will Race at 10.30, and the Men at 2 p. m.—Good Prizes to be Given

Tomorrow, to keep in honor the memory of the good Queen Victoria, all the boys and girls of Prince Rupert, along with the bigger folk are to keep holiday. But the fun, for the most part, is to be for the children, and all kinds of prizes are offered.

The races will take place at the wharf, on a nice broad place between the Grand Trunk sheds and the Foley, Welch & Stewart sheds. The children's races will start at 10.30 in the morning. In the afternoon at 2 o'clock the men will hold their races. Even the fat men will have a race, while two races, one at 100 yards and one at half a mile will be for the Indians alone.

The following is the full programme of the races. The prizes are on view in the window of Gray's jewellery store. They are well worth winning:

Children's Sports, at 10.30 a.m.
Wee Girls' Race, 50 yards.
Wee Boys' Race 50 Yards.
Girls, 8 to 10 yrs., 75 Yards.

Boys, 8 to 10 yrs., 75 Yards.
Girls, 10 to 13 yrs., 75 Yards.
Boys, 10 to 13 yrs., 75 Yards.
Girls, 13 yrs. and over, 100 Yards
Boys, 13 yrs. and over, 100 Yards
Hop, Step and Jump for Boys.
Obstacle Race for Boys.
Running High Jump.
Standing Broad Jump.
Sack Race.
Potato Race.
Boxing Match, Two Rounds, for Boys.

Men's Races, to Commence at 2 p.m.

100 Yards Dash.
220 Yards Dash.
880 Yards Dash.
3 Mile Race.
Running Broad Jump.
Standing Broad Jump.
Hop, Step and Jump.
Obstacle Race.
Fat Man's Race.

Indian Races
100 Yards Dash.
1-2 Mile Race.

TROUBLE IN COUNCIL ALDERMEN ARE SPLIT

Members of Streets, Works and Property Committee Rebel Against Chairman Hilditch---Ald. Douglas Will Not Stand for Any One-Man Show---Ald. Newton Urges the Combatants Not to Divide the Council

For the first time in the history of the present city council there appears evidence of something rather like a split. The trouble is with the streets committee and the bone of contention is the Engineering Department. The salary raises proposed in that department as recommended by the City Engineer, and approved by Alderman Hilditch do not please Alderman Morrissey who last night brought in a minority report, and said things about the engineering department which stirred up Alderman Hilditch.

Garbled Reports

When the reports of the streets committee had been presented, and before the Mayor had put them before the council formally, Alderman Morrissey who had evidently had all his ammunition ready before the meeting began, got on his feet.

"I am very displeased," he said, "with these reports. They are all garbled. Alterations have been made in them this very night. I see no mention of the employment of an extra City Engineer which I considered necessary. I am told by many citizens that petitions are being kept buried in the engineering department. I feel that if there is any undue influence being used by any man over the engineering department to have matters shelved like this something should be done about it. Is this to be a one man council? If not, what sort of council are we that we do not fire this engineering department for burying petitions and unsatisfactory work. It seems to me," he concluded, "that increases of pay are proposed for those on the engineering staff who are most responsible for blunders made, while men who have worked faithfully are being offered senior posts at salaries below those of the men leaving."

Hilditch Puts on the Cap
At this Alderman Hilditch rose saying that he saw clearly that Alderman Morrissey's remarks were directed against himself. He

put all the blame for the garbled streets committee reports on Alderman Douglas who had taken the minutes at the committee meeting, and showed the notes from which he had compiled the reports declaring it was a wonder the result was even as clear as it was. Then he valiantly defended the engineering department, declared that the staff worked nobly, and that nobody on the council was toiling harder to get the work out of them than Alderman Hilditch himself.

Douglas on Defensive

Like an artist aggrieved, Alderman Douglas assumed his glasses and regarded his notes admiringly. He passed them round for the inspection of the council and the Mayor. "The trouble is," he declared, "that the chairman of the streets committee wants to run the whole show. For my own part," he continued, "I was elected by the people and will serve their interests first."

The Dep't. Again

"What has the engineering department been doing?" demanded Alderman Morrissey. "Had the whole field staff not five weeks' idleness inside during the strike?"

Again Alderman Hilditch defended the department. He apologized for doing so. It was not usual for him to defend the engineering department. But they had been starting the street construction work since the beginning of the year, and half the staff had been on the waterworks."

"Don't Divide Council"

Alderman Morrissey declared that it was an insult to Mr. Lucas to expect him to take up the work of Mr. Clements at a reduced salary. Alderman Clayton had a general slap at everybody connected with the committee and the much abused department in the endeavor to improve the position. And then into the fray solemnly stalked Alderman Newton with the uplifted hands of the peace-maker,

pleading with the combatants and the Mayor to defer the battle until a set day when the whole matter could be taken up in committee of the whole, which is Alderman Newton's panacea for all the ills to which a city council can fall heir.

"Don't divide the council," he implored, and Mayor Manson, nothing loth promptly fixed this evening as the time of meeting.

The Troubled Question

The raises of salary upon which the two factions of the streets committee are at loggerheads are as follows: Alderman Hilditch favors the City Engineer's recommendation thus: A. S. Lucas to be Assistant Engineer at \$175 a month. H. Simpson to be Chief Draftsman at \$108.33 per month. C. T. Heward to be Water-works and Sewer Engineer at \$125 per month. A. E. Oakley to be Construction Engineer at \$125 per month. J. A. Miller to be Draftsman at \$125 per month, and C. H. Newton to have a raise of \$8.33 while a new assistant should also be employed at \$100 per month.

Alderman Morrissey would have it this way: Mr. Lucas to be Chief Assistant at \$200 per month, Mr. Simpson to have \$150, Mr. Heward \$125 per month, and the new assistant to be employed at \$100 per month. No other raises on the present scale are contemplated by Alderman Morrissey.

To Make Known the City

Arrangements have been made with the newspapers of the city to extend the publicity of Prince Rupert by having copies forwarded to the principal libraries throughout the American Continent.

This is Right

During the holiday you should eat well and in a place giving good service, beautifully furnished and with easy prices. You will find these features at the Royal Hotel Restaurant.

A Case of Charity

Through Ensign Johnstone a case of urgent charity was brought under the notice of the city council last night. A sum of \$75 was voted to meet it. In the same two minutes it was also agreed to devote \$50 to the Empire Day Fund.

CRANBY SMELTERS WILL SHUT DOWN

Cannot Keep Going Owing to Lack of Coal Through Strike

(Canadian Press Despatch)

Lethbridge, May 23.—It is announced that the Granby Smelters at Greenwood will close tomorrow indefinitely, owing to a scarcity of fuel due to the miners' strike. The closing down of the smelters means that seven hundred men will be thrown out of employment.

Buy on Sixth Street for \$1500 Cash. H. F. McRae & Co.

PEACE NOW IN MEXICO

News of Peace Agreement is Received Quietly

FEW NOT SATISFIED

Cientifico Party, Deposed as a Result of Madero's Success are Thinking of Starting Another Revolution.

Juarez, May 23.—Peace now reigns supreme throughout northern Mexico, as a result of the announcement of the declaration of peace. The only disquieting news is from Mexico City. There several members of the Cientifico party, who as a result of the success of the Maderist movement, are now deposed, are talking of starting another revolution against Madero.

The news of the declaration of peace has penetrated all over.

BUSINESS MEN REQUEST FOR MORE SIDEWALKS

Deputations and Petitions to City Council Have Effect of Making That Body Plan Speedy Action to Help Second and Third Ave. Merchants

Quite a number of business districts of Prince Rupert are getting to need sidewalks pretty badly, and in response to several different requests the city council intends to take up the whole question of sidewalks, attending to as many of the most urgently needful cases as early as possible.

At Own Expense

Most of the residents petitioning for sidewalks are willing to put them in at their own expense if the city will lend them the lumber until the grading is finished in the neighborhood. Businesses along Second avenue on the north side between Sixth and Eighth streets have been suffering. For a long time they have put up with the hindrance but last night Mr. Hoffman of the Mechanics' Store asked if something could be done soon.

Ald. Smith Would Act
Alderman Smith was very decided about it. He said that if he had his way he would grant permission for that sidewalk to go ahead today. Planks belonging to the Theatre Co. are lying idly at hand and Alderman Smith said the business people needing them might have the use of these planks for this sidewalk.

Third Avenue Needs One
Another important sidewalk question brought up last night was that of Third avenue around the Sixth Street district. A deputation of owners waited on the council last night. They also want a sewer connection, and permission to use some spare pipe of the city's. The matter is to be looked into by the streets committee with a view to granting the sidewalks and sewer speedily.