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MAYOR NEWTON SMASHES HIS OWN PLATFORM

MONTGOMERY DEMANDS LONG-KEPT SECRET UNRULY BOYS MAY SUFFER

Charged With Czar-Like Dictatorship, Mayor Demolishes Plank by Plank the Structure by Which He Mounted the Throne

NOW SUMMONS STAR CHAMBER METHOD

At Hastily Held Special Meeting Yesterday, Ald. Montgomery Demands Light on Dark Business Which Took the Mayor South—Deprecates Idea of Private Meetings, But is Denied Admission for Press to Kill Star Chamber Charge—Secret Meeting Will be Held Tomorrow

What amounts to a declaration of war between Mayor Newton and Alderman Montgomery on the question of star chamber or open and above board meetings of the City Council took place yesterday afternoon at a special meeting of the Council called suddenly in the midst of the removing business of the old city hall to the new fire hall. The purpose of the meeting was to pass a motion transferring the civic business to the new premises, but during the meeting Alderman Montgomery took occasion to ask the Mayor for information regarding his recent visit south. This information the Mayor has been guarding jealously from his colleagues, with the exception of the members of the Finance committee, who have a partial knowledge of it gathered from information vouchsafed them by the Mayor before he went below.

Here Alderman Morrissey made a motion to respect the Mayor's wishes. Alderman Bullock-Webster seconded, desiring that the information be made known as soon as possible. He did not like the position of having information which was denied other members of the Council.

Alderman Douglas backed up Alderman Montgomery, who contended that there is a principle at stake in this. Alderman Morrissey referred to the alarming rumors running around in the streets on the Mayor's visit here, its purpose, its alleged failure and the attitude of the bank toward the city.

Splintered Planks in Newton's Platform

Plank 15—Open methods and full and free discussion at the Council Board so long as parliamentary language is used.

Plank 2—The carrying out of the Hydro-Electric undertaking by the whole council, in the presence of press representatives and in accordance with the promise made to the electors prior to the passage of the by-law. . . .

Plank 14—Every citizen to receive an absolutely square deal, regardless of his political creed.

FRANK STUBBS KILLED

His Auto Skidded, Hurling Him Against Phone Pole.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Victoria, Feb. 27.—Frank Stubbs, owner and driver of an automobile here, was instantly killed between 10 and 11 last night a few miles from Nanaimo. The car was traveling at a high rate of speed. It skidded and crashed into a telephone pole. Four other occupants of the car were injured.

CANADA'S WEAPON

Rules Aimed Against Ross Rifle Resented.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—"Unless the National Rifle Association of Britain changes its attitude toward the Ross rifle, the arm of Canadian militia, Canada will not send a team to Bisley this year," said Sam Hughes, minister of militia, in the House today. Certain rules aimed at the Ross rifle will not be tolerated, he contends.

Joseph Andrew Clark, once a well known character in Yukon labor politics and always a candidate for some office or other, is now hunting for aldermanic honors in Edmonton.

PRINCE RUPERT TWENTY MINUTES AGO

The Mayor and two of the engineering staff seen squinting along that bandstand sidewalk.
Fire department decides to occupy the new city hall when it's ready.
Editor Newton just stated that he stands pat with the insurgent Progressives.
Alderman Montgomery suggests stars as a suitable decoration for the new council chamber ceiling.
Old planks for sale. Apply to the Mayor.
Candidate of the Progressives to succeed Manson is packing his grip for Victoria.

WHERE THE SHOE PINCHES.

"The bank is kicking like blazes against these individual debentures. They say: 'For goodness sake get a sum of money raised, and keep it in one fund.' That is the trouble."—Mayor Newton to the hospital board explaining why he thinks the city may not come through with the whole \$10,000 promised.

DIRECT BOATS FROM EUROPE

First Two Cargo Steamers Are Coming from British Ports to Prince Rupert This Spring with Direct Shipped Freight.

Direct shipments of goods in bulk from Europe to Prince Rupert are to commence this spring. Already Messrs. Balfour, Guthrie & Co. are collecting business in this city for direct shipment by two steamers which they have announced to leave British and European ports in the months of March and April to come with direct cargo for Prince Rupert, after having discharged any Vancouver stuff they may have.

This news marks an important era in the history of Prince Rupert's sea trade. Steamships have called here with freight, but it has been transhipped freight, or freight from Canadian ports, the biggest cargoes being rails. From the Orient direct came a big cargo of cement, but the two boats announced are the first direct from Europe.

Indoor Baseball.

Crescents vs. Pirates, at Auditorium, Feb. 27th. Game called at 8:15 sharp. Admission 25c. Skatin gafter the game. 2t

Principal Hunter Hints at Coming Corporal Punishment for Bad Boys—School Library Prospers—Miss Manning Resigns.

At a meeting of the school board yesterday afternoon the resignation of Miss Manning was accepted, to take effect on April 1st. Principal Hunter stated that the other ladies of the staff had expressed their willingness to make an effort to maintain the work of the school for a time without the assistance of another young lady teacher to replace Miss Manning, but the board decided that this would be placing a considerable burden upon them and arranged to advertise for another teacher.

Good progress has been made by the efforts of the lady teachers and pupils toward founding a school library. The dramatic society contributed \$100 and the senior girls nearly \$20 toward the fund. A list of books has been prepared and has to be sent to Victoria for approval. The books will then be purchased, probably by tender through local firms, and the board will assist in the formation of a library by furnishing bookshelves.

Principal Hunter mentioned that the growing boys were showing a tendency toward unruly behavior which might before long necessitate a renewal of recourse to corporal punishment. The board approved his judgment in the matter. Various accounts were passed, and the matter of a flag pole for the school was broached but not settled.

Leap Year Social.

The Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian Church, east of McBride street, have postponed their Leap Year social until Thursday, the 29th, on account of the opening of the new Westholme Theatre. Admission will be 25 cents.

For sale—Soda fountain and all appurtenances. C. H. Orme, tf

PROROGATION TODAY.

(CANADIAN PRESS DESPATCH.)
Victoria, Feb. 27.—The Legislature has business now about cleared up and prorogation will take place early this afternoon. The government has stated that a commission is to be appointed without delay to investigate labor conditions throughout the province.

WORK STARTING AT DEPOT SITE

Gang of Men Busy This Morning Clearing the Path of the G. T. P. Hotel to Its New Site—Forerunners of a Throng.

Some twelve or so of grubbers and axemen were engaged this morning in clearing the ground between the old city hall and the G. T. P. Inn in order to smooth the path of the large building to its new location.

The probability is that the site selected for the hotel will be the area occupied by Pat Burns' market. This site will be sufficiently far out of the way in the meantime for the purpose of the G. T. P. Co.

Steel has been laid into Athabasca Landing by the Canadian Northern Railway, opening a large territory for settlement.

'CHELOHSIN' IS SOME CRAFT

New Steamer, to Run Mid-Week Alternately with Old Camosun, Arrives This Morning and Proves Luxurious and Speedy.

Instead of in the darkness last night, as had been expected, the new steamer Chelohsin, to alternate with the old reliable Camosun, got in this morning in bright sunshine so that everybody could have a look at her. The Chelohsin is a very compact and seaworthy passenger boat and speedy as well. She develops nearly 15 knots an hour and on her trip north in spite of delays at Vancouver and Nanaimo covered the whole of the Venture's calls, getting in in good time.

Luxuriously equipped throughout for the best class passenger traffic, the Chelohsin bids fair to be a favorite. Her stateroom accommodation includes modern rooms with baths and toilet fixtures of the best. Her saloons and corridors are richly furnished and there is plenty of deck space for promenading. The Chelohsin is a worthy addition to Rupert's fleet.

DEALT WITH LONG DOCKET

Many Cases Before Magistrate Carrs Yesterday Were Adjourned—Liquor Charges Will Take Long Hearing.

There was a long docket to be dealt with by Magistrate Carrs yesterday morning. Most of the cases, however, were adjourned. Charlie Sly and Jean Partileau, charged with playing a game of chance, will appear again today. D. Zarelli, accused of running a blind piglet and defended by Mr. Patmore, appears on Friday. Joe Vasher, tenant of the Italian boarding house on Fulton street, which the police irreverently term "a booze joint," has his case further heard today. He has a little wife of sixteen who is alleged to have peddled the booze. Joe Reddich, also accused of gambling, will have his case heard March 4th. Nick Roccovich, charged with forgery, will appear again on February 28th.

SMALL BLAZE LAST NIGHT

Fulton Bakery Fire Visited—Considerable Internal Damage—Several Tons of Flour Ruined—Brigade Smartly on the Job.

Smart work was done by the fire brigade in extinguishing a small outbreak of fire which took place last night in the Fulton Bakery on Fulton street. Although the brigade got on the job in a few seconds after the call came in, the flames had a grip on the interior of the premises when they arrived and considerable damage was done to stock. A quantity of flour, about three tons in all, was destroyed by fire and water, but the blaze was effectually prevented from spreading and was speedily quelled. Damage amounting to \$150 was covered by insurance. An overheated oven started the fire.

Settlement in Twelve Hours.

The stock and fixtures of the Fulton Bakery were insured under a policy issued by the Property Insurance Company of London, England, now represented by Mr. Harry W. Birch, and formerly by the Mack Realty & Insurance Co. A satisfactory adjustment and settlement was made this morning by Mr. Frank A. Ellis (acting for the company), who holds cheque signature of the assured to proof of loss. This is, however, in accordance with the enviable record held by this company for prompt settlement. It

NEW ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Boxing Bout Between Bayley and O'Brien Likely to Come Off Under Prince Rupert Auspices Next Month.

Following are the office bearers of the newly organized Prince Rupert Athletic Association:
President, W. Wright; secretary-treasurer, Cyril Orme; committee, J. R. Beatty, J. Roerig, S. A. Corley.

A boxing contest between Joe Bayley of Victoria and Mickey O'Brien of Vancouver is scheduled for a date early next month, arrangements being almost completed.

"Toodles" Toddles Home.

There is joy in the heart of a certain noteworthy indoor baseball player of Prince Rupert. That which he mourned as lost has returned to him. The long lost "Toodles," wee curly collie pup, has been located and got home all right last night.

DECISION TO GO AHEAD WITH UP TO DATE WING FOR HOSPITAL

Board of Directors Yesterday Decides to Call for Competitive Plans---Mayor and City's Position Regarding \$10,000 Grant---Whole Sum May Not be Available

At a special meeting of the hospital board yesterday afternoon it was decided that a new wing shall be proceeded with and that the initial stages—the getting of blue prints of the present building's plans and the calling for competitive plans for the extension—shall be gone on with. As a committee to look after the business were appointed the president, J. A. Kirkpatrick; P. I. Palmer and O. H. Nelson.

Mayor Newton was present at the meeting and President D. G. Stewart took the opportunity of asking him directly whether in view of certain disquieting rumors around the streets he thought the city could fulfill its pledge to grant \$10,000 to the hospital fund.

"In reply to Mr. Stewart," said the Mayor, "you know that I look you into my confidence after our recent meeting here and explained to you some of the difficulties in the way, and all I can say to you now is that matters are still pending. While I would like to see you get every dollar that you have asked for, and which the Council has pledged itself to give you, still there may be a possibility that the full \$10,000 may not possibly be available. While I have every possible good will toward the hospital, there may be a necessity for reduction of the \$10,000 grant for this reason." Mayor Newton went on to say

that the City Solicitor had advised him that the city was empowered to levy a tax rate of one mill "for sanitary purposes" and that under this all the hospital could hope for would be the amount left over after the needs of the city for sanitation had been attended to. The cost of a new rock crusher ordered by the Council in his absence, said the Mayor, would have to be met. That was \$5,000.

EASY SEAT PRICES

New Westholme Opera House Makes Known Inviting Terms.

The management wishes to announce as a special inducement to Prince Rupert theatregoers that they have decided to fix their prices during the vaudeville engagement commencing Wednesday, Feb. 28th, at 25 and 35 cents.

The entire lower floor and the first four rows in the balcony will be sold at 35 cents; gallery 25 cents. Only box seats will be reserved. There will be two performances each evening, the first commencing at 7:45 and the second at 9 p. m. Box seats may be reserved at the theatre every afternoon from 4 to 5, commencing Wednesday.

Is Again Adjourned.

The case of Joe Vacher, charged with having liquor on unlicensed premises for sale, was again up this morning at the police court and again adjourned, this time that a stenographer might be called in. It will be heard tomorrow. Mr. Peters appears for the prosecution and Mr. Patmore for the defense.

Best room in town at Savoy.

WEST HOLME OPERA HOUSE

Grand Opening

Wednesday Evening
Feb. 28

Engagement Extraordinary
Of the Famous
Bell, Barnes
& Dale Trio

Direct from the Pantages Circuit

Admission - 25c, 35c
Box Seats 75c

DOORS OPEN AT 7.30