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## MINERS VOTING AGAINST RESUMPTION OF WORK

### VOTE OF BRITISH STRIKERS IS AGAINST RESUMING WORK

OUT OF TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND BALLOTS CAST BY THE UNION MEN TWO THOUSAND ARE AGAINST THE RESUMPTION OF OPERATIONS.

(Special to Daily News.)  
London, April 2.—That there still exists among the striking miners themselves a strong opposition to certain clauses of the minimum wage bill is shown by the voting. At an early hour this morning only 200,000 had voted, and of these there was a majority of 2,000 against the resumption of work. It is feared that this majority will be largely increased, as in the early part of the hallooting it was largely confined to those who were in favor of resuming.

decision. It is estimated these number 23,500.

#### WANTS BETTER ACCESS

Northern Produce Manager Petitions—Nothing Doing.  
The manager of the Northern Produce Co. wrote the City Council last night asking that access to this company's premises through the lane between First and Second avenues and Sixth and Seventh streets. Contractors are at present working at the Sixth street end of the lane, the other end being ungraded. It was the opinion of the Council that nothing can be done meantime, and the City Clerk will instruct the applicant to this effect.

### COST OF THE NEW CITY HALL DETAILED INVESTIGATION

ABOUT \$1,200 OF EXPENDITURE BEYOND CONTRACTORS' COMPETITIVE ESTIMATES HAVE NOT BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR TO THE SATISFACTION OF BOARD OF WORKS.

A report by the Board of Works on the financial position affecting the new city hall under construction was read in council last night. It set forth that the architects have gone carefully over every detail of the expenditures up to February 15th and that all but some \$1,208 of expenditure in excess of the estimates seems to have been accounted for satisfactorily. The odd \$1,200 is apparently swamped in details of overtime and extras, for the committee failed to find it. Between February 15th and March 15th there was incurred an excess over contractors' competitive prices of \$357, accounted for in various reasonable ways. The only sum in that period apparently untraceable was \$41.64. For the rest beyond that the City Council of 1912 finds itself chargeable with \$15,000 instead of \$5,000 as calculated by last year's council, the accounts so far for the erection of the city hall seem to be in order.

of this matter before adoption of the Board of Works' report to secure roundly the position of the police cells, which he described as regular dungeons and a disgrace to the city and the architects designing the new city hall. They are unfit for human beings, whether criminal or otherwise, he considers. They are in the very heart of the basement without so much as a glimmer of daylight reaching them. They are of cold concrete reinforced with chilled steel. On three sides of them is the living rock faced with concrete and plaster. "All hope abandon ye who enter here" might well be graven on the steel doors of them, it seemed from Alderman Montgomery's view.

The Council, however, took no action on this aspect of the new city hall. What they did do was to condemn the previous council and board of works for embarking on the enterprise of erecting this hall without any sort of complete estimates, the only estimate at all apparently traceable being a rough one by late Superintendent McNeill.

### GRAND SACRED CONCERT FRIDAY

Leading Soloists of the City With Choir of Twenty-Six Voices Will Render Cantata on Good Friday.

A grand sacred concert will be given by the Baptist church choir, kindly assisted by local vocalists and instrumentalists, in the Melutye hall on Good Friday, April 5th, when the fine sacred cantata "Christ and His Soldiers," composed by John Farmer (Balliol College, Oxford) late organist and music master to Harrow school, England, will be given.

well-known favorite hymns, frequently sung in private and in churches, though set to other music. They are so arranged as to bring before the mind two distinct but yet kindred subjects: First, the life of Christ; secondly, the lives of His soldiers and servants.

The composer has set the hymns to music in both solo and chorus form, which will appeal to all by their beautiful melodies.

Soloists—Mrs. Jarvis McLeod, Mrs. Neher, Mr. J. E. Davey, Mr. H. Mellor, Mr. Windell, Mr. Clapperton. Conductor, J. E. Davey. The choir have been fortunate in securing the services of Miss Froud, A.L.C.M., as accompanist. Choir of twenty-six voices. General admission 50c., reserved seats 75c., now on sale at Orme's drug store.

### PRINCE RUPERT TWENTY MINUTES AGO

Electric current men will soon become experts in currency. Billy Fisher and Fred Peters will copyright the "Houn Dog" story as a comic opera. A word to Montgomery: "The olive branch should be offered in the mailed hand." They'll have to hurry to get that weighing machine up to the city hall in time. Vancouver's away behind us in straw hats and peek-a-boos. Jim Rogers says Chelohsin merely went in on a blind siding.

### PARLIAMENT PROROGUED

Tariff Commission Bill Only Important Measure of Session.

Ottawa, April 2.—The houses of Parliament prorogued yesterday afternoon with the customary formalities. The tariff commission bill was passed on Saturday and is now law. There was little other legislation of an important character enacted during the session.

### Lost His Little Boy.

Gustave Anderson, of 337 Seventh avenue, had the misfortune to lose his 9-month-old son yesterday. The interment will take place tomorrow.

### OHIO FLOODS AGAIN

Annual Spring Visitation Drives People from Homes.

(Special to Daily News.)  
Louisville, April 2.—Along the banks of the Ohio tremendous damage is being done by the spring floods, in Kentucky and Illinois principally. The town of Hickman, Ky., is submerged, but there was no loss of time, the people having had ample warning to get out their effects before the waters rose to a dangerous height.

Wanted—Position as experienced saleslady or chamber-work at once. Phone Black 148.

### GOING TO ENGLAND

Premier McBride Leaves Friday Week for Old Country.

(Special to Daily News.)  
Victoria, April 2.—Premier McBride is leaving on April 12th for New York, en route to England, where he will try to obtain a settlement of the complications between the B. C. Electric Railway and certain municipalities adjacent to Vancouver.

### Indoor Baseball.

Pirates vs. Crescents at Auditorium tonight. Game called at 8:15 sharp. Skating after the game. 11

### RAISES AND PRAISES FOR THE SUPT. AND LIGHT PLANT STAFF

INSTALLATION OF NEW UNITS SUCCESS—SUPT. MATTHEWS, A. M. I. MECH. E., AND STAFF ACHIEVE A RECORD IN SETTING UP SWITCH BOARD—THEIR REWARD.

In a series of full reports to the City Council last night Superintendent James Matthews, A. M. I. Mech. E., of the city electric light plant, gave the details of the present efficient condition of the light plant and his work in order to attain this efficiency. The new units, generators and switch board are now complete, running and satisfactory. There is a coal saving so far of at least 30 per cent, working out to about \$6,000 per annum. Current can be produced at a cost of 4 cents per k. w. hour for coal. Mr. Matthews has not doubt whatever that at the end of the year under his management the department will show a profit.

stallation work when they took delivery of, unpacked, set up, wired, tested and completely installed the new switch board between 5 p. m. on March 8th and Thursday, March 21st. Mr. Matthews expresses perfect satisfaction with the workmanship of the switch board, which is all Canadian.

In consideration of much arduous overtime put in by the staff in installing this machinery the Council last night passed recommendations for a \$50 consideration for J. Black, \$35 for H. Hudson, \$25 for J. Little and a pro rata amount for the superintendent himself. A recommendation that Mr. J. Black receive a \$25 increase of salary, which has been promised him for over a year, was also passed.

### STEAMER CHELOHSIN WRECKED ON REEF NEAR SKEENA SLOUGH

All the Passengers Saved and Coming in by Train---Run on Reef Owing to Heavy Snowstorm and Punched Big Hole Amidships ---Vadso Will Take Off Cargo---Salvor Steamer Wired for---Boat's Pumps May Keep Her From Sinking

The new steamer Chelohsin which was increased when the meeting with very hard luck on the opening of her service to this port. On her last trip she struck on a reef and last night she again struck on the same identical reef, but with more dire effect. The reef is between the North Pacific and Dominion canneries on the Skeena slough, and the new vessel arrived at the point during a snow storm so heavy that nothing could be seen.

ships, and this hole seemed too big a proposition for the captain to handle. The passengers' baggage was got off and the steamer Vadso will stand by and take off the freight. Seeing that this was all that could be done, the captain wired to Vancouver for a salvor boat to be dispatched.

Without any mishap the boats were launched and the passengers safely landed. They will come in by train. The pumps were kept going at their full capacity, but still the water rose in the hold. It was found that the reef had punctured a big hole in the ship right under the stoke hole, amid-

She had a full load of passengers and everyone of them was roused out of their berths by the shock of the impact. There was some confusion at first,

fact that Mr. Collins, of the Cold Storage Co., had said that he was going to make a very strong claim for a water supply for his works and if it were not forthcoming to arrange for a private supply.

The mayor declared that Mr. Collins had been entirely satisfied on this very matter by his personal assurance that the pipe would be laid from Shawatlans, along Sixth Avenue, whenever it arrived, and that a water supply would be guaranteed the Cold Storage.

### THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC POSITION AT PRESENT

Mayor Says "The Limit is Reached" But Maintains His Attitude of Mystery on Financial Aspect of Matter

How do matters stand with the hydro-electric scheme? Is there anything in the way of its progress at present? Is there any reason for the attitude of mystery maintained about this question? Cannot the public be taken into the confidence of the mayor and finance committee on the subject now?

Finance Minister Douglas assured the enquirers that in the hands of the finance committee all was safe.

The mayor, however, maintained his attitude of silence on the critical issues of the question until sometime in the future.

### THREE STEAM SHOVELS AT WORK SOON

In a week or two Prince Rupert waterfront and railway yards where the depot site is to be will be noisy with the clank and rattle of three steam shovels at work in full swing chewing up the rock and muskeg of the re-

serve as far as the new site of the Inn. When the tug Escort II arrived the other day with the barge George laden with creosoted piles for the new dock work to be undertaken it was announced that she will make a direct return trip to the south to bring up

three steam shovels with an engine and cars. The landing of these implements will herald the start of rushed work to clear the grade for the depot site, and the next trip of the Escort II will be for two barge loads of new rolling stock.

### Expanding Laundry.

With a view to increasing his laundry plant, Otto Nelson has applied to the City Council for a lease of or option to purchase later a portion of the city reserve behind his premises. He is anxious to build on the ground at once if possible. The application was referred to the Board of Works.

### THE WEATHER.

For twenty-four hours ending 5 a. m. April 2: Bar., 29.573; max. temp., 42.0; min. temp., 33.0; Precipitation, rain 3.18; snow .45; total 3.33 inches.

### Bella Coola Returns.

The returns from Bella Coola show that William Manson polled 35 votes, Alex. Manson 30, Montgomery 4, Clayton 10.

### S. P. M'MORDIE APPEAL CASE ASSISTANCE FOR SOLICITOR

JUNIOR COUNSEL WILL BE APPOINTED BY MR. PETERS HIMSELF TO NOTE EVIDENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS IMPORTANT CITY LAWSUIT UNDER APPEAL.

An important suggestion has been made to the Council by the City Engineer to the effect that the City Solicitor should have the assistance of a junior counsel at least to take notes of the evidence in cross-examination so as to leave the City Solicitor free to conduct his work for the city in this important appeal.

further showed, however, that assistance of the nature suggested would be valuable. A motion granting the assistance of a junior counsel was passed.

Alderman Morrissey very strongly supported this, taking the same ground as that taken by the City Engineer that the appeal is most important, involving a sum of \$38,000 and difference of \$25,000 at least between the opinions of the opposing sides, and that every possible assistance should be given the City Solicitor in order that the case, if entered into, may not be lost for want of proper precautions.

### DELICATESSEN SALE

Church Social and High Class Musical Entertainment.

The Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian Church beg to announce that on Wednesday afternoon, April 3rd, they will hold a delicatessen sale in the church hall, east of McBride street, and the same evening, at 8 o'clock, a musical entertainment. An admission of 25c will be charged.

### CARNIVAL FOR APRIL FIRST

Brilliant Gathering in Masquerade at the Auditorium Last Night—Pretty "Mexican Girl" Won First Prize for Costume.

In the Auditorium last night in spite of the inclemency of the unexpectedly wintry weather the First of April masquerade on roller skates was a great success. The rink was brightly lighted and with activity and merriment the evening was passed. Costumes in all the colors of the rainbow were there in throngs to enliven the gay scene, and the contests arranged for went off with excellent success. As a Mexican girl, in a most becoming costume that suited her to perfection, Miss Irene Leadbetter won the first prize for the most original costume. She looked exceedingly pretty and rinked gracefully. Miss Stella Walley won the prize in the ladies' orange race, skating fast and prettily. The boys' wheelbarrow race was most amusing. The prize was won by Imer Olsen and Charlie Embleton, who made a great pace between them to the delight of the crowd.

### SUCCESSFUL SALVAGE WORK

Captain Babington with the Rover and Derrick Scow Despoils Old Ocean of Much Machinery from the Grant.

After some weeks of toilsome salvage work at the scene of the wreck of the fishing steamer Grant on Banks Island, Captain Babington, with Captain Norman Broadhurst returned in the Rover the other day, bringing with them a good deal of machinery saved from the wreck. Pumps and winches form the most valuable part of the salvage, but the steamer's boilers were also saved, and a second trip is necessary to Banks Island to bring them across to Rupert. The services of a diver have been necessary to save the machinery, and fortunately most of the more arduous part of the work was accomplished in excellent weather conditions.

The Princess Beatrice got in this morning at 11:15 with a large number of passengers and a full load of freight. This will be her last trip to Queen Charlotte Islands, as the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company has decided to drop that part of its regular service.

Best room in town at the Savoy.