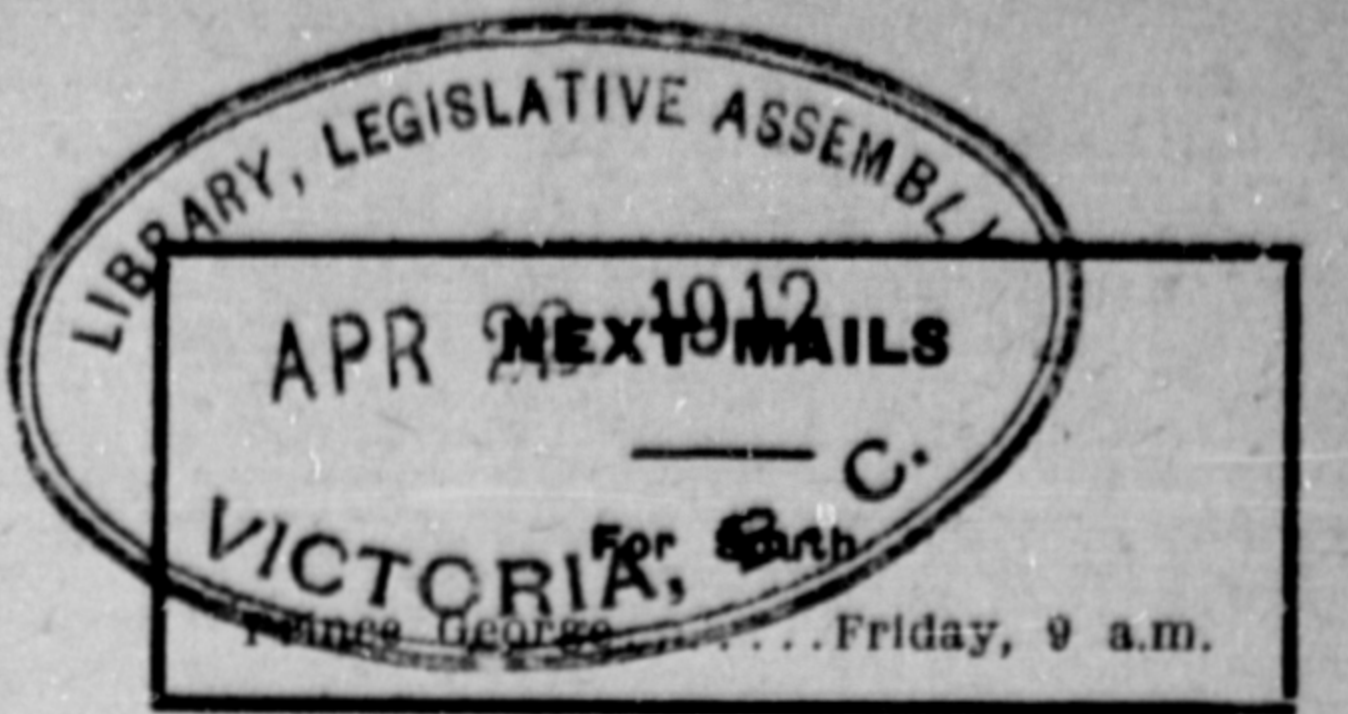


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## GREATEST MARINE DISASTER OF MODERN TIMES

**OH, YOU JOHN H. HILDITCH!**  
Charged with Gross Disregard of Present Authorities.

That John H. Hilditch, contractor for the new post office building, and late chairman of the Board of Works of Prince Rupert, should have actually dared without authority to remove part of the city sidewalk on Third street crossing the lane giving access to the rear of the new post office and replace the part removed with steep slopes of narrow plank dangerous to pedestrians, was the heinous crime charged by Alderman Morrissey present Board of Works chairman, last night. John H. H. has not to put this right, pay for the fixing, and be good for the future or Alderman Morrissey will know the reason why.

**SOCIALIST LECTURE**  
Westholme Opera House Crowded to Hear Rev. Father Donnelly.

The Westholme Opera House was crowded last night to hear the clever exposition of Socialism by Rev. Father Donnelly. The lecture was enjoyed as were also the questions put to the lecturer at the close by well known Socialists, but unfortunately The News report of this interesting occasion has to be held over until tomorrow.

A social evening for members and intending members of the St. Andrew's Society will be held in the K. of P. Hall, Helgerson block, on Thursday, April 18th, at 8 o'clock.

### OVER ONE THOUSAND SOULS LOST IN WRECK OF TITANIC

Telegraphic Reports From New York Still Conflicting as to Loss of Life Caused by Steamer Striking Iceberg Off Banks of Newfoundland

### GREATEST VESSEL OF WORLD GOES DOWN

Had Two Thousand Two Hundred People Aboard of Which Less Than Nine Hundred Are at Present Known to Have Been Rescued---Among Canadian Passengers, Charles M. Hays, Wife and Daughter Head List---David Hays, His Brother, Had Received No Word at Time of Going to Press

Telegraphic reports of the Titanic disaster, and especially in regard to the loss of life, are very conflicting. In the first despatches it was stated that the whole of her passengers had been transferred to other vessels, then came last night a message from the Olympic reporting "The total loss is likely to number 1,800 souls." Was hoped and believed this must be an error unless the Titanic had more passengers than was reported when she left England. The last report received today says: "The loss is likely to total 1,300 souls."

(Special to Daily News.) New York, April 16.—Reports as to the loss of life in the Titanic wreck are contradictory. The steamer Olympic flashed the information late last night that probably 1,800 went down to death, but early this morning a despatch states that the Carpathia has aboard 866 survivors, which leaves, providing no others were picked up, some 1,400 who perished.

New York, April 16.—The fate of a majority of the 2,200 persons on board the White Star liner Titanic, which sank early yesterday morning off the Newfoundland Banks after colliding with an iceberg, still remains in doubt, and it is feared that more than twelve hundred persons are

#### AMONG CANADIAN PASSENGERS

Of the two thousand one hundred persons on board the Titanic only a few names have so far been obtained. Among the Canadian passengers were: Charles M. Hays, president G. T. P. Railway. Mrs. Hays. Miss Hays. F. Markland, of Molson's Bank, Montreal. Thornton Davison, Montreal Stock Exchange. Mrs. Thornton Davison. Mrs. James Baxter. J. Baxter. J. Allison, Montreal. Mrs. J. Allison. Major Arthur Penchen, Queen's Own Rifles, Toronto. Mark Fortune, Winnipeg. Mrs. Mark Fortune. Mrs. Graham, Winnipeg. Mrs. and Miss Davison. T. McCaffery, Union Bank, Vancouver. E. P. Calley, surveyor, Victoria. Hugo Ross, Winnipeg. Paul Chevre, sculptor of Champlain monument.

lost. A note of good cheer came by wireless between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning. It is in the shape of a wireless message from the White Star liner Olympic, one of the vessels hovering near the scene of the disaster. It flashes the news that 866 of the Titanic's passengers, mostly women and children, were being brought to

this port by the Cunarder Carpathia. Other messages brought confirmatory tidings.

The first reports were that the Carpathia had saved but 675 persons. The new figures reduced the list of those for whose safety fear was entertained by nearly 200 and if, as seems probable, practically all the saved were passengers, it would appear that approximately four-fifths of the passengers are accounted for.

The Olympic's despatch reads as follows: "Carpathia reached the Titanic position at daybreak, found boats and wreckage only. Titanic sank about 2:25 a. m. in 41:16 N. 5:14 W. All her boats accounted for, containing about 675 souls saved, crew and passengers included. Nearly all the saved are women and children. The Leyland liner California remains and is searching the exact position of the disaster. The loss is likely to total 1,300 souls."

Mr. David Hays of this city states that his brother, Charles M., president of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, left New York on March 14th, accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Hays, on the steamer Baltic. In London they met with Mr. and Mrs. Davison, who were old friends from Montreal. They were returning with them on the Titanic. Mr. David Hays during the day has several telegrams to the White Star Line at New York enquiring about his brother and family, but so far has received no response.

**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**  
Knights of Pythias Enjoy Excellent Program.

The Knights of Pythias, Skeena Lodge, last night held their second anniversary celebration. The program opened with a very enjoyable concert, at which Miss Froud, Miss Holtby and Messrs. Melliar, Daggett, Baker and Davey entertained a very appreciative audience. The concert was followed by a banquet, over sixty guests sat down to the tastefully laid out tables, laden with the good things of this life, and did ample justice to the delicious fare. Dancing was indulged in to an early hour this morning, the music being supplied by Professor Kaufman's orchestra.

**THE SKEENA RECOUNT**  
Almost Whole of Port Essington Poll Null and Void.

The recount of the Skeena riding votes is not yet complete. The latest changes are one vote added to William Manson's credit in Rupert and the canceling of 50 votes entirely at Essington, owing to bungling by the D. R. O. there. The Essington vote stands now William Manson 8, A. Manson 1, Montgomery 1, Clayton 0.

Choicest meals at the Royal Hotel. a16

**To Help on the Grading.**  
It has been approved by the city council that the ashes from the city light plant be dumped on the streets once or twice a week.

### MISS NEWTON COLLAPSED AFTER GIVING TESTIMONY

First Day of Mitchell Albert Trial Which is Calculated to Last Three Days—Prosecutrix Makes Damaging Admissions

(Special to Daily News.) Vancouver, April 16.—After 5 hours in the witness box yesterday, one and a half under examination and three and a half under cross-examination, Miss Alice Newton, the principal crown witness completed her testimony against Mitchell Albert, on the serious charge upon which he was committed by the Prince Rupert court. Upon leaving the court room, Miss Newton collapsed after the ordeal she had undergone.

The girl in her testimony told in detail about her going with her step-mother on the evening of Dec. 20th last to the home of Mrs. Perks where, after partaking of supper and intoxicants with her step-mother, Mrs. Perks and the accused, she became unconscious. While in a dazed condition she said she was twice assaulted during the night by the accused, while her step-mother and Mrs. Perks were in an adjoining room. Her story was further strengthened by the testimony of Doctors Eggert and McNeill, who were called on the

day following at her father's request.

S. S. Taylor, K.C., retained by Mr. Patmore for the defence, in the course of a searching cross-examination, gleaned from the girl that she remembered some details of the happenings during the night. She also admitted that she and her step mother had been the worse for liquor on the previous day, when between them they had made away with the contents of three quart bottles of apricot liqueur brandy.

The trial is expected to last three days. As the crime charged still figures on the statutes as a capital offence, the jury were kept in confinement during the night, and will be until the trial is over. Mr. Justice Gregory, however, allowed the accused free on \$10,000 bail, supplied by Mr. Sol. Cameron. A. D. Taylor, K.C., is acting as crown prosecutor.

Cantata "Christ and His Soldiers" will be repeated next Thursday evening by the Baptist choir, friends assisting. Reserved seats at Orme's, 75c; general admission 50c. 2t

### BOTH CITY CLERK AND TREASURER GET RAISE

Both City Clerk Woods and City Accountant W. Vance are to get increases in salary. Their letters were discussed at last night's council meeting. Varying views were expressed, but the aldermen one and all spoke very highly indeed of the services rendered by City Clerk Woods. Mr. Vance's services were also appreciated, the main obstacle in the way of the increases being the financial problem and the fact that if these raises were granted then in fairness raises to other heads of departments would be due.

Alderman Clayton moved that Mr. Vance's salary be raised to \$1,800 per annum and Mr. Woods' to \$2,250. Carried.

Now is kodak time. Eastman's at the Rexall Store.

**IS NOT LOVE FEAST**  
Democrats Having Hot Time at Chicago Convention

(Special to Daily News.) Chicago, April 15.—Owing to the fact that many accredited delegates are being kept out of the Democratic convention today, County Judge Owens ordered police to smash in the door of the Armoury, where the conference is being held. About 200 police are now inside keeping order. It was at first thought the convention would be a love feast.

Garden seeds. See Stalker & Wells. a17

Pantorium Pioneer Cleaners. Phone 4.

### FINANCIAL SITUATION AT LAST REVEALED

City Wrestles With the Economic Problem---Mayor States Plan Supported by the Bank of Montreal Authorities

All the financial fat was in the fire at last night's city council meeting. The city treasurer made an explanatory statement of the condition of the city's purse, and a type-written report showing details of expenditure as against amounts authorized to be borrowed was handed to each alderman. It was broadly demonstrated that the city has spent practically up to the limit of its immediate borrowing power, that is as far as authority has been given the city to borrow, and that \$31,000 voted by the citizens out of General Fund has been appropriated to other purposes than those for which it was voted, and must be re-imbursed. Anxiety on the part of Ald. Morrissey, and re-iterated demands by him for enlightenment concerning this \$31,000 formed the feature of the financial discussion. In reply to Ald. Morrissey, who got heated at times, and even accused the city of thieving the citizens' \$31,000, the mayor indignantly repudiated the accusa-

tion. He announced his remedy for the financial situation. This is to issue without delay money bylaws to cover the expenditure on electric light, sewerage, telephones, and also the city hall construction. From the borrowings so authorized the mayor said the general fund could be recouped for its \$31,000, over which Ald. Morrissey waxed so warm.

"But what will be the use of your by-laws if the bank won't lend you the money?" demanded Ald. Morrissey vehemently. Have you any definite assurance at all that the authorities of the bank will make further advances?" The mayor's answer while not a straight "Yes," was to the effect that he was assured in his own mind that the bank would lend the money.

It is understood as a matter of fact that the Treasury Script issue proposed is arranged for under the advice of the bank authorities. Outstanding statements by the

city treasurer were that the city after being authorized to borrow \$550,000 for grading section one, has out of this amount spent \$544,839, while there has yet to be met the amount of this month payroll. The half million and fifty thousand is really all spent. Then there were the hydro-electric figures equally uninspiring. Out of the \$100,000 which the city was authorized to borrow, \$85,653 had been spent. There had also been some extras, including the electric light machinery, and there was left only about \$9000. It was after hearing this statement that Alderman Morrissey suddenly remembered that there is still a sum of \$70,000 due by the city for pipe ordered for the waterworks as far as Shawatans Lake.

The mayor kept his equanimity with difficulty under Ald. Morrissey's battery of accusing enquiries. His statement of the city's financial condition is that

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### MAYOR NEWTON SMASHES ANOTHER ELECTION PLEDGE

Lengthy Discussion on Earlier Closing of Bar Rooms—Morrissey Tells Mayor Newton He is Unworthy of His Office

There was a long discussion at the council last night upon the earlier closing of bar rooms, brought on by a motion of Ald. Montgomery that bars should close at 11 o'clock every evening except Saturday, when they should be closed at 10 o'clock, and remained closed until 6 o'clock on Monday morning. This was in committee of the whole on the new bylaw, which had passed its first and second reading. Ald. Morrissey spoke strong against the motion, pointing out that unless there had been violations of the law it stood there was no reason for making any change. He moved that the committee rise without reporting and thus kill the bill.

Ald. Clayton in a very strong speech said he favored closing bars at 10 o'clock every night except Saturday, and that night at 7 o'clock, although he had voted against the Scott Act and had supported the extension of hours.

The mayor said he felt in an embarrassing position on the question. Last year he had tak-

en an active part in shortening the hours, but unfortunately during the campaign had promised that he would see to it that the hours were not changed, but he was going to stand by his principles and break this pledge. This led Ald. Morrissey to declare with some impetuosity that a man should stand by his word of honor, and that the position taken by the mayor was unworthy of the chief magistrate of any city.

The mayor humbly replied that he had endeavored to explain that he occupied a double position. Ald. Morrissey ought not to throw stones as he himself had often switched his principles.

Ald. Morrissey defied the mayor to show him where. It was a very small principle the mayor had when he changed it because he could not get a drink in Vancouver after 11 o'clock.

When the motion was put to the vote there were four for it and the same number against it, and it was defeated by the casting vote of Alderman Kerr, who presided, but the committee rose to report progress.

### BIG POWER DEMAND FROM LIGHT PLANT

With applications for some 75 horse power for the great development contracts at the G. T. P. waterfront which are to be in hands for the next two years, with further applications in for some 115 horse power over and above this amount for other concerns in the city, Electric Plant Superintendent James Matthews was able last night to report to the council that he sees the way clear now for the light plant to

run a day power load, and to run 10 hours per day at a cost of \$2,350, with a revenue of \$2,620. The rate is 9 cents per k.w. hour, equal to 6.714 cents per horse power hour.

This report was adopted on recommendation of the Light committee.

Lots 19-20, Block 16, section 8, \$750; 1/2 cash, 6, 12 months.--Th. Collart, 225 6th street. tf

**NOTICE**  
To all Outdoor Baseball Players and Enthusiasts

A meeting will be held in the Police Court at 8 o'clock on Tuesday evening, for the purpose of organizing a baseball team to play the Grand Trunk Pacific team at Terrace on the 24th of May. 2t

Stores for rent, corner 2nd ave. and Eighth st. Patullo & Radford. a16

**BOARD**—Strictly tariff companies now represented by The Mack Realty & Insurance Co., The Insurance People, 2nd ave and 5th st. tf

The Real Estate Exchange will hold its annual banquet in the Premier Hotel on the evening of Wednesday, April 17.

**Well Done, Good and Faithful**—C. P. A. Newcombe, having terminated his engagement with the City Engineering department, has been granted leave to go before the 1st of May with pay to the end of April, owing to the fact that during the whole of his association with the city as assistant engineer he has never availed himself of any leave of absence.

Furniture of three-room house to be sold at a bargain. Parties leaving for Old Country. Apply 210 7th avenue, behind skating rink. a17

Montserrat Lime Juice, 70c quart, at Stalker & Wells. a17

**Ladies Always Want.** Many new seasonable things. They always go to Mrs. Frizzell's for the latest styles in suits, dresses, collars and millinery. tf

### PRINCE RUPERT TWENTY MINUTES AGO

New photos of Hospital Board just issued.  
Hotel men circulating petition to maintain present closing hours.  
David H. Hays has no word from President Hays.  
Grand Trunk Inn merry go round latest invention.  
First railway excursion out of Prince Rupert announced.  
George Sweet gives hotel movers a free ride.