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DROUGHT IS CAUSE OF TROUBLESOME BUSH FIRE

BUSH FIRE ON ELEVENTH AVE. RECEIVES COUNCIL'S CARE

FIRE CHIEF INSTRUCTED TO SECURE NECESSARY HELP IF FIRE LOOKS ANY MORE FORMIDABLE—PART OF PLANK ROADWAY HAS BEEN DESTROYED.

"While I was musing," said the prophet, "the fire burned." Last night the City Council mused about a fire out at the end of Eleventh avenue, which has been burning for five days and last night grew to serious proportions.

Alderman Morrissey asked what the Council proposed to do about it. Alderman Clayton said he had gone out to see it at the request of the fire chief. Since then the fire had spread and had destroyed part of the new plank roadway on Eleventh avenue.

During the discussion the smell of the smoke was sensible in the council chamber though the fire is at least a couple of miles away. A report was read from the fire chief stating that he had had to pay frequent visits to the scene in the auto, but owing to its distance from the business centre and the lack of

water out there he could not spend the time necessary to put it entirely out.

Instructions were given to the fire chief to take all necessary steps to put the fire out, even if extra men had to be engaged. Alderman Bullock - Webster thought that if the fire was not actually menacing homes out there it might be allowed to burn within limits as it was clearing lots very nicely for some one. Alderman Douglas, however, bewailed the burned plank roadway.

Picnic on May 24th.

On May 24th the Baptist Brotherhood will hold a launch excursion and picnic at Metlakatla. They have already engaged three launches, sufficient to accommodate 150 persons, and expect a large attendance.

Warm, clean rooms at Savoy.

ing her name and her place in Lady Clavering's home and heart. Zira has won the love and confidence of all and holds the power to cause the real Ruth Wilding to be dismissed as an imposter. The struggle between the good and evil of her nature that gives to the character of Zira (Hester Trent) its absorbing dramatic strength and beauty.

Jolly Water Jaunt

Remember that on Wednesday evening at 7.30, the Presbyterian Ramble Club has on the programme a delightful water jaunt to the quarantine station at Digby Island, boats leaving the G.T. P. wharf staging. There will be boats for all, and everyone is invited to share in a real good time. This is a capital chance for an outing in ideal conditions.

Printing Trades Strike

San Francisco, May 13—Pressmen and stereotypers are out today on the Hearst papers here and in Los Angeles. Although in sympathy with the strikers in Chicago, the International Typographical Union at Chicago yesterday voted two to one against going on strike in sympathy.

Same Here.

Vancouver, May 14—Yesterday was the hottest day this early in the year for ten years. In Vancouver thousands went to summer camps, and up the Capilano.

FOOTBALL CHALLENGE.

A challenge for the Overseas' football cup will be thrown open to all football clubs in the district for the above cup by the English footballers in this city. Anybody willing to fill the vacancies in the English team please communicate at once to J. Day Bell, P. O. box 454.

MONTGOMERY IS PROMOTED

In Spirit of Sarcasm Mayor Makes Him a Member of the Finance Committee Because He Criticized City's Affairs.

Alderman Montgomery has been promoted to membership of the Finance Committee. His appointment was made by the mayor last night under strained circumstances. Ald. Montgomery after scoring the finance committee roundly and declaring that they did not know the first thing about the city's finances, went on to charge the mayor directly. "You yourself," he said, "have already made the boast that you were a member of last year's finance committee" without knowing a thing about it and

it looks as if you were going to do the same thing with this year's committee."

"Very well then," retorted the mayor strongly, "I beg that you Alderman Montgomery, will affiliate yourself with the finance committee at once, in order that you may lend the weight of your wisdom in financial matters to assist us."

Two Poor Fellows

Joe Kane paid the penalty of \$5 and costs today for having been drunk and disorderly yesterday. Mike Suvich is detained by the police under suspicion of mental weakness.

Hot weather enjoyment! ice cream at Keeley's.

Cetrianna Southbound.

The Cetrianna arrived from the Naas and Queen Charlotte Islands today and will sail for Vancouver, calling at Ocean Falls tonight.

For a quick lunch, Royal Cafe.

Stenographer Resigns.

Miss Jessie A. Unwin has resigned her position as stenographer in the city clerk's department at the city hall and the resignation has been accepted by motion carried by the city council last night.

Everyone delighted at Keeley's with the most delicious ice cream.

BANK NOTWITHSTANDING CITY DAY LOAD TO GO AHEAD

CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION OVER ADVISABILITY OF CARRYING ON THE WORK OF EXTENSION OF POWER LINE SO AS TO DERIVE REVENUE AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT.

After reports had been read from Superintendent Matthews last night pointing out that he has in hand all material needed for the electric light extension and power circuits, and needs only the labor to get these completed, the City Council in the face of the bank's attitude carried a motion to go on with this work.

Alderman Bullock-Webster and Alderman Douglas were opposed to this motion on the ground that the bank has positively ordered that no further work be done and that in short "ex nihilo nihil fit."

Aldermen Morrissey and Montgomery both felt very strongly that it would be a shame to stop the work when the material is all on hand, when only \$2,000 is required to put it on a paying basis, and still more when the contractors for the dry dock and

depot site are desirous of having power supplied them soon so as to start up work.

The Mayor wished to delay putting the motion to keep the work going. He deemed it advisable first to consult Mr. Clancy of the Bank of Montreal to see whether a suggestion by Alderman Clayton could not be put into effect, and an advance of \$2,000 secured from the hydro electric fund. He did not, however, seem hopeful on that score.

Alderman Montgomery with some display of truculence suggested that any citizens interested in the supply of power would be pleased to advance the \$2,000, to be repaid out of receipts in a few months.

In spite of opposition from Alderman Bullock-Webster and Alderman Douglas, the Mayor put the motion, which was carried.

CITY HALL SALARY MATTERS HAVE TO COME UP ONCE MORE

MORRISSEY, MONTGOMERY AND MAITLAND ON WARPATH AGAINST MAYOR AND FINANCE COMMITTEE OVER QUESTION OF SALARIES—MAY HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING.

Frenzied finance vexed the Council Board last night. The question of the reduction of the salaries of City Clerk Woods and Mr. Vance back to their former level after raises had been granted was introduced by Alderman Morrissey, who thought this a poor move. The alderman remarked that the same aldermen who had done this in his absence had shown themselves poor business men to reduce expenses by some \$40 odd when they were closing down extensions calculated to make an \$18,000 plant more actually profitable.

Alderman Montgomery thought so, too. He scathingly described the whole business as "crazy." He showed a very poor opinion of the finance minister in his remarks. Alderman Montgomery was very emphatic on the poor policy of shutting down electrical extension which was making a utility profitable with the effect of hindering the development of the dry dock works, etc., by non-supply of power.

Alderman Morrissey was incensed that he had been allowed to leave the council board on Thursday night last without having realized that the salaries were to be discussed. He had understood that the matter was to be discussed in private by special agreement with the Council. He was annoyed along with Ald. Montgomery and Alderman Maitland that he had not been present to protest against the adoption of the finance committee's report making the changes in the city clerk's and Mr. Vance's salaries downward effective. Alderman Montgomery declared that if he had been there the report would not have been so easily adopted, and suggested that there seemed to be some spite shown in the salary reduction. This Alderman Douglas indignantly denied.

Matters were kept up in this manner, the Mayor suggesting eventually that the whole salary business be left for another special evening. This Alderman Montgomery was ready to agree to provided the electrical matter came up at once.

'ZIRA' THE BILL AT THE EMPRESS

Said to Be a Drama of Absorbing Dramatic Strength and Beauty—The Story of a Red Cross Nurse.

The play "Zira" tells the story of a woman of the underworld who has repented and becomes a Red Cross nurse and wins distinction for bravery and devotion to duty, but she cannot find a place in the world among women of finer and socially conventional lives. A girl, Ruth Wilding, who is passing through the lines, meets Hester Trent, the Red Cross nurse, and confides to her that she is going to England to a relative whom she has never seen. This relative has promised to care for her future. While she is talking with Hester a shell strikes the tent and apparently kills Ruth. Hester Trent steals her papers, goes to London and is accepted by Lady Clavering as her niece. Lady Clavering gives her the pet name of Zira. Hester Trent, as Zira, by her sweet womanliness wins the love of Lady Clavering and her two nephews, but the real Ruth Wilding was not killed, an operation performed by a noted surgeon restores her. She goes to London and confronts Zira, demand-

PARALLEL CASES IN CALGARY AND PRINCE RUPERT

Criticism of Commission in Calgary Causes Comment Regarding City's Credit, and a Civic Clean Up is Called For

Prince Rupert is not the only city in which the municipal situation is not such as to reflect credit on the community, or to satisfy the solid business men of the city. The following articles, though written for the city of Calgary, might very well apply in principle to Prince Rupert today and the policy they advocate is a sound one worthy the attention of every substantial citizen of Prince Rupert.

"If the municipal situation is not thoroughly cleared up, and that shortly, it will have a tendency to injure the credit of the city on the London market."

The above was the conclusion arrived at in an interview yesterday between the city treasurer of Calgary and Alderman R. A. Brocklebank, chairman of the finance committee of Calgary, in regard to the charges of incompetency in the construction of pavements and other public works in the city.

The city treasurer added that the only way to clear the matter now is by an investigation which should be thorough in its scope.

If there is anything wrong, the sooner it is brought to light the better, and if there is nothing wrong it is not right that such

charges and insinuations should be made.

"London is a considerable distance from Calgary," said Mr. Burns, "but the English people who are buying the debentures of the city have agents here watching the situation and taking notes of everything that is going on."

Editorial comment on this matter which appears in the Calgary Morning Albertan is strikingly applicable to Prince Rupert, and those business men of this city who consider the municipal matter of Prince Rupert today undesirable in newspaper print will find in the following article food for further thought.

THE CITY'S CREDIT.

"There are in Calgary and in other parts of the world many timid souls who fear that certain robust action, just and necessary, will injure something else. For instance, some people are annoyed at John Gravity Watson, who is threatening to punch holes in the administration of the commissioners because they say that all this warm conversation will injure the credit of the city. When the Albertan was showing up the grain shortage in Southern Alberta last winter, some timid souls were fearful lest the narration of these things would be a knock on the country.

"The same criticism has been raised to every reform ever made.

"The criticism of the Morning Albertan and other newspapers which saw the grievance, and that of members of parliament who truly represented their constituents in parliament, had good results. The C. P. R. is seeing to it that there will be no serious car shortage again, if it can help it. It is possible that the C. P. R. would have taken such action without such criticism, but we doubt it. Which would have been better for the country, to protest and have a railway take energetic action or to keep silence and have the grievance continue and become more and more aggravated.

"If Alderman Watson's charges are founded on truth, the sooner that we get at them and sift them to the bottom the better it will be for the city. Nothing would be worse for the credit of the city eventually than the explosion that would follow in a few years if the administration is improper and uncorrected. If the charges made by Mr. Watson are without foundation that will be the end of it.

"But this bogey that is raised whenever any person suggests reform or investigation should lose its evil visage."

THAT INDEMNITY BYLAW

City Solicitor Says Situation Result of Stupid Mistake.

Mayor Newton last night took special occasion to disclaim all connection with the bylaw which by a serious flaw in the Municipal Clauses Act amendment is null and void as far as the Mayor's \$2,000 indemnity is concerned, because this city has not 20,000 inhabitants.

Alderman Douglas as the father of the bylaw assumed all responsibility for it, and City Solicitor Peters admitted the effect of the badly constructed amendment clause, but declared that while the letter of the act was

such as to deny the mayor his indemnity, this was very evidently an error allowed to slip in by "some beautiful person at Victoria," and held that the mayor's money could not be denied him in common sense.

The Mayor declared, however, that personally he didn't care a snap whether he was paid for his

services as mayor or not. He thought it very unfair that he should have been blamed for this bylaw and thanked Alderman Douglas for taking the whole responsibility.

Pantorium Pioneer Cleaners, Phone 4.

Angel-Child's Move

(Special to Daily News.)
New York, May 13—Mrs Harry Thaw, who has been receiving \$5000 yearly from her husband who is now in Mattawan, is said to be preparing a suit for separation, in consideration of the sum of fifteen thousand dollars. She hopes to reside in Europe with her son.

FREE! FREE! FREE!

A big beautiful 88 key electric player piano, worth \$1,200 given away to the pool players in the Basement pool room, Empress Theatre building.

MORRISSEY DOUBTS LEGALITY OF CITY HALL EXPENDITURE

SUGGESTS THAT COUNCIL IS AUTHORIZED TO SPEND ONLY \$15,000 WITHOUT BYLAW—CITY SOLICITOR SAYS IT IS RIGHT BUT IF WERE NOT ALDERMEN MUST SELL.

Alderman Morrissey asked the city solicitor last night whether the present council is within its legal rights in expending \$27,000 or more in building a city hall without having submitted a bylaw to the people. Under the Municipal Clauses Act, he pointed

out, no council can spend more than \$15,000 of the public money on any single object without passing a bylaw which has first been submitted to the people.

"If that has been done," said the city solicitor, "then you are all liable for the amount of the difference and if you have any lots in the city they must be sold and the proceeds devoted to the payment of the amount. The less you say about it the better."

This Mr. Peters said with a twinkle which greatly disturbed Alderman Bullock-Webster, who said he wasn't ready to have any of his lots confiscated like that. He demanded a serious opinion from Mr. Peters.

Mr. Peters explained that in his opinion all was right. The last council had voted \$15,000, which was legal. The present council could vote \$15,000 for the city hall and \$5,000 for the furnishings, which would be all right. Alderman Morrissey said he was relieved to hear that. There the matter dropped.

Popular Launch Narbethong in Commission Again.

Pleasure seekers will be glad to hear that Captain H. K. Freeman's well known gasoline launch is in commission again. A particularly popular feature of the boat is that it is fitted up with its own telephone, Black 53, and is thereby connected up with the city whenever it is at its moorings at the end of the G. T. P. wharf.

RIFLE SCORES MADE SUNDAY

Prowess of Earl Grey's Riflemen at the Butts Across Harbor Continually Reaches Higher Limits.

Enthusiasm never slackens amongst the young men of Earl Grey's Rifles for the attainment of efficiency at the rifle ranges across the harbor. Every Sunday sees a crowd of the boys, rifle on shoulder, embarking in a smart gasoline launch for the run across the harbor. They return after an afternoon of practice with excellent scores to their credit, and each week sees improved marksmanship.

Following are the scores made on Sunday.

	200 Yds.	500 Yds.	600 Yds.	Total.
Sergt. Brown	30	34	32	96
Lieut. McMorde	29	34	29	92
Corp. Jack	30	29	26	85
Prvt. James Watts	27	29	24	80
Corp. Averill	29	26	19	74
Prvt. J. Smith	19	18	16	53
Corp. Youngman	19	23	9	51
Prvt. W. Smith	20	7	8	35

TONIGHT AT THE EMPRESS THEATRE

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ETHEL TUCKER AND HER COMPANY WILL PRESENT

"ZIRA"

One of the strongest Dramatic Productions of the day, having a run of 230 nights in New York and 100 nights in London

PRINCE RUPERT TWENTY MINUTES AGO

Unnecessary expenditure: Hot air apparatus just fitted to new city hall council chamber.
Brigade believe the red devil can find its way to Eleventh avenue now by itself.
Rain libelists below busy trying to prove that Rupert's bush blaze lasting five days was Greek fire.
Alderman Montgomery surreptitiously invests in a Municipal Ready Reckoner.
Merely Mabel doesn't think she'll put on any more dog now the dog catcher's going to live in town.
Finance Minister invests in a mental punching bag on which to practice that verbal knockout of his.