

## TWENTY-SEVEN PEOPLE KILLED IN A BOSTON FIRE

### BRITISH CABINET WRESTLING WITH HINDU PROBLEM---BANK MANAGER KILLED BY ROBBER

#### TWENTY-SEVEN KILLED

Disastrous Fire in a Boston Lodging House.

(Special to the Daily News.) Boston, Dec. 4.—Twenty-seven men were killed in a fire which swept through the upper floors of the Arcadia Hotel lodging house at the south end last night. Others are missing. Scores were taken to the hospital. Nearly all the bodies were terribly burned, making identification impossible. Their escape was cut off by the burning of the stairways and the entrance to the fire escapes was jammed. The dead are all poor workmen.

#### LIBERAL PLATFORM

What Will Be Advocated During the Coming Session.

(Special to the Daily News.) Ottawa, Dec. 4.—The Evening Citizen claims to have learned that an increase in the British preference and a revision downward of the schedules of the present tariff to be advocated by the more radical wing and the western members of the Liberal party as its platform will be enunciated next session.

#### MINING CLAIMS BONDED

Four on Copper River in Which Local Men are Interested

J. B. Rittenhouse, representing New York and Seattle capital, has bonded the Independence group of four claims on Copper River for \$40,000, the bond calling for development work to begin in the spring and to be carried on continuously.

The claims carry silver-lead and gold and are situated thirteen miles from Copper City on the Copper River. The deal was completed yesterday afternoon and the vendors are Archie Carmichael, James Crocker, Amos Ross of North Yakima, and Ald. Geo. W. Kerr.

#### Picturesque but Hazardous

Capt. Fitzsimmons of the Bonaventura, like most sailors admires the beauty and scenic grandeur of the inside passage but finds the poetic beauty of it overshadowed by the hazards to his ship.

The Bonaventura is the Maple Leaf tramp which brought the steel for the dry dock and rails for the railroad. She will be here a week or ten days.

Capt. Fitzsimmons says she had a long, monotonous voyage around the Horn with but three stops and no incidents of any account. His experience of this coast has been a wet one.

Capt. Brown of the Venture, was the pilot who brought the steamer from Newport.

#### Mrs. Nehr Dangerously Ill

A. J. Burroughs, of the Prince Rupert Lumber Co., received word on Sunday that his sister, Mrs. Nehr, was very ill in Oregon, where she went some two and a half months ago. This news was followed by another message yesterday advising that she was worse, and Mr. Burroughs left on the Venture this morning in an effort to reach the bedside of the sick at the earliest possible hour. The many friends of both Mrs. Nehr and Mr. Burroughs will regret to know of the serious illness which has come to the former and will wish for her speedy recovery. Mr. Burroughs will remain in the south until after the holidays.

#### Social Dance

You are cordially invited to attend a social hop in the Sons of England Hall, 819 Second Avenue on Saturday evening, Dec. 6th.

Fresh eastern oysters. Palace Cafe.

## MAYOR PATTULLO IN FAVOR OF HYDRO-ELECTRIC OFFER

Property Owners to Decide by Plebiscite Whether the City Shall Add to Present Power Equipment or Shall Accept The Company's Amended Offer

The new proposition from the Prince Rupert Hydro-Electric Company to furnish the city with electric power was submitted to the city council last evening. The main features were practically as outlined in The Daily News yesterday.

The aldermen discussed it briefly and adjourned until Friday afternoon when they will probably decide to submit it to the electors at the forthcoming civic elections, along with an alternative proposition for the city to put in its own diesel oil auxiliary plant.

The mayor introduced the subject to the council with an explanatory letter.

December 2nd, 1913.

Gentlemen: I beg to transmit herewith for your consideration a proposal of the Prince Rupert Hydro-Electric Company to supply the city with power. In this connection I may say that at the present time the city plant is very much overloaded, and some steps must be taken immediately for the supplying of additional power. It is proposed in January next to submit to the people a number of bylaws covering public improvements, one of which will be a bylaw to provide for additional power equipment. The amount of money which will be required by the city in this regard will be a very considerable item, and the plant as proposed under the bylaw to be submitted would be only an auxiliary to a larger plant when the city might be in a position to undertake the same.

In view of the fact that under any circumstances the city will not be desirous of making money from power, but is anxious to be in a position to supply power as cheaply as possible; in view of the fact that any investment in a power plant will be a charge against the legal credit of the city and that there are so many other directions in which the city will

be required to use its resources, and in view of the urgent necessity of being in a position to offer power to industries which may require it, I am of the opinion that if a good agreement could be made with the Prince Rupert Hydro-Electric Company it would be advisable for the city

who are the final court of arbitration in matters of this kind.

In January, therefore, I would propose that both propositions be submitted, one for the extension of the city system and the other an agreement with the Prince Rupert Hydro-Electric Company, and the electors may choose which they prefer.

All of which is respectfully submitted for your consideration. T. D. PATTULLO, Mayor.

#### PROPOSITION IN NUT-SHELL

P. R. Hydro-Electric Co. to deliver power to the city in any amount up to 3000 h.p.

Point of delivery to be designated by city.

Company cannot sell power within present city limits or within limits as defined in the future.

Graduating scale of rates. Present rate to consumer would immediately be reduced by one-third.

City's total investment necessary for sub-station and distributing lines \$60,000.

Company to build and maintain auxiliary plant.

City may have revision of rates every five years, but company cannot apply for revision.

All disputes to be settled by arbitration.

Power ready for delivery next September.

This and alternative proposition to be submitted to electors.

to make such agreement with them.

I believe the agreement proposed to be an advantageous one for the city to enter into, and I am of the opinion that this council having arrived at what it considers to be a fair proposal, should as a matter of duty, submit that proposal to the electors.

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## BRITISH CABINET TAKING UP THE HINDU QUESTION IN EARNEST

DEVELOPMENTS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA ARE BEING CLOSELY WATCHED—CHIEF JUSTICE HUNTER'S DECISION MAKES NEW DIFFICULTIES

(Special to the Daily News.)

London, Dec. 4.—The developments in the Hindu question of British Columbia are being closely watched here in official circles and it is realized that the judgment of Chief Justice Hunter may tend to create a new difficulty for the Indian and Imperial authorities in assuaging the opinions of natives of India, who look to the King to secure them equal right in all parts of his Dominions. The authorities are most hopeful that a solution of the problem for South Africa and perhaps for British Columbia also will be found in a plan now under consideration by the Imperial and Indian executives, namely a colonization scheme in the Soudan for those Indians who refuse to submit to the conditions which the Dominion gov-

ernment deems necessary to impose upon them.

#### Chappel Party Safe

Yesterday the government steamer Quadra went out to look for Chappel and his party, who are two weeks overdue. The Quadra searched the inside shore of Prescott Island, but found nothing. Later she anchored in a small bay and found a gasoline boat, whose occupants claimed that a number of gasoline boats were laid up for shelter in a bay on the other side of the island. It is presumed that the Chappel party is one of the number.

Later—Chapel and his men arrived safe home today.

We will beat the bad weather to it by extending our sale to Saturday. Come early. Demers. 283-284

## DEFENCE ASKS TO POSTPONE SCANDAL TRIAL

Motion Made by McFarlane to Have Case Laid Over—McLeod Here Saturday

Today the defence in the case of McLeod vs. McFarlane, being a charge of slander, moved to have the case postponed as they were not prepared to go on at the coming sitting of the assizes, which open next Wednesday.

A few days ago the plaintiff's counsel moved to have a portion of the defence thrown out as being slanderous and contrary to the rules of court. Two paragraphs were thrown out and the defence was also ordered to give certain particulars.

As a result the defence now asks for a postponement. Rev. W. H. McLeod, the plaintiff, is expected here Saturday morning.

#### Gold Medal for Province

(Special to the Daily News.) London, Dec. 4.—The Royal Horticultural Society has forwarded to Premier McBride the gold medal of the society for the exhibition of apples made by the province.

## Power Proposition Looks Good

The latest offer from the Prince Rupert Hydro-Electric Power Co. to furnish this city with electric current is a very different proposition to its previous overtures, and one which the electors may very reasonably accept. By it the city secures all the power it will require for some time without having to invest in anything excepting the distributing plant. That expenditure would be necessary under any of the proposed schemes. There is no franchise given. The city will be tied up to nothing but an agreement to take any power required up to 3,000 h. p. for a period of 20 years. In a nutshell, it means Prince Rupert will not have to finance any power proposition of her own until she is using 3,000 h. p.

If Prince Rupert decided to stand out and finance her own hydro-electric scheme immediately it would require a further investment of \$100,000 for an auxiliary Diesel oil plant. In a few years this plant would be worn out, probably just at a time when it would be most practical to invest that \$100,000 in a larger scheme.

Under the proposed agreement the P. R. Hydro-Electric Company will have to build and operate the auxiliary plant.

Just at present Prince Rupert can utilize all her credit in city improvement works. It would seem reckless for the city not to accept this chance to get power at a reasonable rate without investing our own money.

## Fisheries Under Dominion Control

The fishing interests of British Columbia will joyfully celebrate the decision of the Privy Council on the B. C. fisheries question. The telegraph despatches indicate that the Provincial government have no rights in the fisheries of tidal waters and of the arms and estuaries; that such fisheries are open to the public under regulations from the Dominion government only. This decision has long been the opinion of those who have studied the question, but owing to the tenacity of Hon. W. J. Bowser, who persistently kept the question out of the courts, the dual system of governing the coast fisheries has gone on year after year.

Although he had no legal rights in the fisheries, Hon. W. J. Bowser has always been the dominant spirit in their control. He had the final word in everything. His rule was autocratic and arrogant. It was he who was responsible for the monopoly in the salmon industry, the tightest combination in Canada. It was he who boasted he was going to bring in white fishermen as settlers on this coast and make salmon fishing a white man's industry, but who refused bona fide white fishermen a license because they were not British subjects.

The salmon industry has surely suffered from too much government. The cannery have been harassed by ever changing regulations, many of which were the impractical ideas of theorists; the fishermen have been treated as a nonentity in the business, while the people, the real owners of the fish, have been taxed to make a few men rich.

Practical men who have endeavored to invest in the business have had reasonable propositions turned down from no apparent cause. Some have had concessions granted by one government only to have them cancelled by the other. In Prince Rupert last spring the absurdity of the dual control was made apparent to everybody. The big cold storage plant here secured salmon fishing licenses from the Dominion government and had to give them up again under threat of losing their cannery license, all because Bowser did not like it.

Henceforth neither government would accept the responsibility of the errors and misgovernment of the salmon industry. Now it is up to the Dominion government alone. The news does not anticipate any wonderful development of the industry under the absolute jurisdiction of the federal authorities, for they have, in their few years of office, shown an aptitude to play favorites rather than play fair. But the people will now know where to fix the blame.

Prince Rupert must not lose sight of her fisheries. They are the most important asset of this new empire.

## KILLS THE BANK MANAGER AND GETS AWAY WITH TEN THOUSAND

BANK MANAGER INTERCEPTED ROBBER WHEN CARRYING MONEY FROM BANK AND WAS SHOT DEAD—ROBBER RODE AWAY IN AUTO

(Special to the Daily News.)

Plumcoulee, Man., Dec. 4.—

M. Arnold, manager of the Bank of Montreal here, was shot dead in cold blood in a courageous attempt to intercept a masked bandit, who got away with pack-

ages containing ten thousand dollars in currency. Arnold was killed near the bank where he had followed the robber, the employees having gone to lunch, and was alone with the bandit. The latter escaped in an auto after the shooting. The police and a posse of citizens are scouring the country where he is believed to be in hiding in the bluffs south of here and north of the international boundary.

Arnold was a native of Sussex, N.B. and a son of Major Arnold. He had served in the bank at Hamilton, Goderich, Picton and Brandon, the latter place just be-

fore going to Plumcoulee, a year ago.

#### Married Yesterday Afternoon

Miss Nelly Lyness arrived from Vancouver on the Prince George yesterday morning and in the afternoon was Mrs. T. J. Knowles. They were married in the Presbyterian manse by Rev. F. W. Kerr at three o'clock. Mr. Knowles has been engaged at the Exchange block for some time. They have engaged an apartment in the Westenhaver block.

#### Stewart Fortnightly

The Prince George will for the balance of the year run only fortnightly to Stewart. She made the trip today but next week will cut it out. The next Stewart boat will be on the 18th.

Panorium Pioneer Cleaners. Phone 4.

## THOSE NANAIMO RIOTERS

Fourteen More of them Placed on Their Trials

(Special to the Daily News.)

New Westminster, Dec. 4.—F. Allsop, J. Nunne, Mike Tynn, P. McKenzie, Jos. Mairs, Mike Mali, Mike Metro, Isaac Portray, T. H. Rogers, John Stephenson, Robert Wallace, Alex. Dunse, John Hall, Geo. Metro were placed on trial yesterday in connection with the attack and bomb throwing at the Temperance Hotel, Ladysmith, during the strike riots.

## UNCLE SAM'S PATIENCE

"Let 'em Fight it Out" is His Mexican Policy

(Special to the Daily News.)

Washington, Dec. 4.—Government officials are confident today that the patient United States treatment of the Mexican situation will be rewarded shortly by a solution brought about by the great national forces now engaged in the final struggle in Mexico.

## MUST PAY THE FREIGHT

Appeals of Quebec Papers in the Libel Suit are Dismissed

Ottawa, Dec. 2.—Judgment has been rendered by the Supreme Court in the following cases: Randle vs. Miller, appeal dismissed with costs; Curry vs. King, appeal dismissed; L'Evenement Publishing Company and Chronicle Publishing Company vs. Letourneau, appeal dismissed with costs. This means that the two papers mentioned will have to pay \$1,000 for stating that Letourneau bribed Leduc to retire from the field in East Quebec at the general election in 1911. Leduc was nominated in opposition to Sir Wilfrid Laurier but dropped out.

## Has Lopez Escaped

(Special to the Daily News.)

Bingham, Utah, Dec. 4.—It is now believed that Ralph Lopez, the bandit and murderer, and six persons who were thought to be caged in the Utah Apex Mine here since Sunday, have escaped in spite of the methods of smoking him out with gas fumes. It may be possible, however, that when the mine is opened tomorrow his dead body may be found.

## Province Wins More Honors

(Special to the Daily News.)

Chicago, Dec. 4.—The B.C. Colony Farm team of horses defeated the famous teams of Armour and Swift at the International Live Stock Show here, in a class the strongest ever shown.

## Ready for Mrs. Pankhurst

(Special to the Daily News.)

Plymouth, Dec. 4.—Mrs. Pankhurst will be arrested upon arrival from America today. A force of militiamen declare they will be on hand in army array to fight for their leader's freedom.

After the theatre. Palace Cafe. 284tf

## Anglican Church SALE

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