

# GOVERNMENT ANTICIPATES PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT

## ANOTHER COMPANY WILL DRILL FOR OIL NEAR SKIDEGATE-PUT IT UP TO NORWEGIAN GOV'T

### CITY TREASURER'S REPORT ---BURDEN ON MAN WHO PAYS

REARS OF TAXES COMPELS CITY TO INCREASE LEVY THREE MILLS—SINKING FUND MADE UP FROM GENERAL REVENUE

At the City Council last evening the city treasurer presented a statement which shows that the taxpayer who is meeting his obligations to the city is compelled to pay extra because of the arrears of taxes, particularly on improvements.

After the report was read, Ald. Clymont said he hoped the press would publish it in full and the Acting-Mayor hoped the citizens would thoroughly digest it. The report follows:—

Gentlemen,—Re your request standing of the above, the levies on Section Two improvements were as follows:—

Plank Roadways	
Ham Avenue.....	\$ 8,500.00
in Avenue.....	12,306.60
te Street.....	14,840.00
enteenth St.....	3,710.00
Total.....	\$39,356.60
th collected and	
ity's share.....	24,980.00
ears, June 8.....	\$14,376.60

These debentures matured on the 1st and 2nd, and this amount was provided out of general fund to take up the bonds redeemed and interest charges:—

Second Avenue Grading

The total levy for 1914

was.....\$10,325.00

Cash received..... 6,213.65

Arrears.....\$ 4,213.35

Under this bylaw the amount required to be set aside for the payment of the sinking fund is \$8,225.00, and the payment of interest \$2,100.00. It will, therefore, be seen on account of these arrears general fund has had to find \$3,061.35 already to meet the city's obligations, and on December 1 will have to find \$1,050.00 more to pay off interest charges due on that date. These improvements at the present time, owing to delinquent payments, are indebted to the general fund of the city:—

On plank roadways...\$14,376.60

On Second Ave. grade. 3,061.35

Total.....\$17,437.95

These figures, I submit, are a vivid illustration of the importance of ensuring prompt payment.

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### NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE CALLED UPON TO ACT

OFFICER OF STORSTAD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SINKING OF EMPRESS BEING A NORWEGIAN, CAN'T HAVE HIS CERTIFICATE CANCELLED HERE

(Special to The Daily News)  
Ottawa, July 14.—It is up to the Norwegian Government to deal with the man who is responsible for the sinking of the Empress of Ireland.

The court of inquiry found Chief Officer Tuftness, of the Storstad responsible. As he is a Norwegian and an officer of a Norwegian vessel, the Canadian and British authorities are unable to cancel his certificate. Only the government issuing it can do so.

The finding of the board of evidence taken will be forwarded to Norway at once.

### TEST CROP REPORTS ARE VERY ENCOURAGING

pects Are That There Will Be Exceptionally Heavy Yield

Regina, July 14.—The latest crop reports received by the Statistics Branch of the Department of Agriculture of Saskatchewan are very encouraging and prospects are that there will be an exceptionally heavy yield of grain this year. What is from 15 to 20 inches high and is just starting to head out. In certain districts marquis wheat is 34 inches high and headed out. Crops on summer fallow and new breaking are making the best showing.

F. W. Green, formally secretary of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, has expressed the opinion that forty bushels to the acre will be common this year.

The Gradle

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Davidson, Monday, July 13, a son.

Launch Ranger. Ph. Blue 400.

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TONIGHT - EMPRESS THEATRE - TONIGHT

"THE TERRORS OF RUSSIA"

3 - In Three Parts - 3

This is a splendid feature Picture dealing with life in the Russia Empire

"THE JOLLY RECRUITS," A Rattling Good Story

"THE THORNY PATH," A Beautiful Home Story

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### SUGGESTED PLEBISCITE ON GRANT OF ROADWAY

City Council Turned Down Proposition and Will Make Govt. Expropriate

The application of the Dominion Public Works Department for the granting of a piece of land on Acropolis Hill Park for a roadway to the armory site was up before the City Council last evening and the Council turned the proposition down.

The Board of Works reported recommending a plebiscite.

Ald. McClymont could not see the value of a plebiscite and contended that the natural entrance was up Biggar Place.

Ald. Dybbavn said the road would not enhance the value of city property and he was sure the ratepayers would not pass it.

Acting Mayor Morrissey said the city had already given away a valuable piece of property. The city had been generous to both Governments and had got nothing in return.

The letter of A. Carss stated the city was only asked as a matter of courtesy because if they did not grant the road the government would expropriate it.

The motion to have a plebiscite was defeated.

### HIS LOVE SPURNED, HE TAKES OWN LIFE

Pioneer Alaskan Dramatically Commits Suicide in Fairbanks

Fairbanks, Alaska, July 14.—Benjamin Howland, for 14 years a resident of Alaska, committed suicide by taking poison early Thursday morning last on the street in front of the residence of Miss Barbara O'Connor, nurse at St. Mathew's hospital, after she had refused his proposal of matrimony.

Howland was a widower, had been a resident of Fairbanks since the early days of the camp. He had lived in the Iditarod before coming here. Soon after returning from a trip to the Chisana mining district he met and became infatuated with Miss O'Connor.

Howland went to her home at 3 o'clock yesterday morning and demanded that she marry him. When she refused he went out on the sidewalk and took the poison.

Howland's home was in Kansas City, where he had relatives.

### LOCAL LAUNDRY HAS IMPROVED MACHINERY

The Pioneer Laundry has just installed a new machine that will give great satisfaction to their patrons. The machine in question is the latest word in collar ironing and moulding.

The old machines, unless very carefully handled, usually cracked the linen as it was turned over, and ironed a turned down collar flat.

The new machine has a process that wets the seam before it is bent and then it is pressed in shape in such a way that an opened space for the tie is allowed.

By the use of this machine collars will last indefinitely and there will be no more trouble with the placing of a tie.

Piano Tuner

Mr. C. L. Spurrier, from Victoria, will be here again this week. Leave orders for piano tuning or repairing at Kauffmann's Music Store, opposite the postoffice. Player and electric pianos a specialty. 160-2

Iron bed, spring and mattress for \$10, at Tite's big furniture sale. 161tf

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### HOW AN EASTERN CITY BUYS POWER IN BULK

Peterborough Alderman Makes a Brief Address Before City Council

F. H. Dobbin, an alderman of the city of Peterborough, Ontario, who was a visitor in the City Council chamber last evening, was invited by Acting Mayor Morrissey to address the Council, and made a few remarks concerning electric energy as now secured in his home city.

Mr. Dobbin said as far as he could see from his short observation that the municipal problems were pretty much the same here as in the east excepting that they were accentuated and magnified here.

In Peterborough the municipality is buying electric power from the Provincial hydro electric commission. The commission gives the city a price in bulk and delivers the power at the city limits. The municipality owns the distributing plants and controls the distribution absolutely.

They have no interest in where the power comes from but as a matter of fact the power Peterborough gets is purchased from a private company.

The speaker believes it is good business to let the private company develop the power and purchase it in bulk. He had heard Prince Rupert had a similar proposition.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Dobbin and said unfortunately his advice was a little late.

### WRITERS UNDER ARREST

Warrants Out for Story Appearing in the Sunset Magazine

San Francisco, July 14.—Warrants for the arrest of Charles K. Field, editor of the Sunset Magazine and former president of the Bohemian Club; Robert J. Fowler, an aviator; Riley A. Scott, a writer, and Ray S. Duhem, a photographer, has been issued at the request of John W. Preston, U. S. District Attorney here.

The charge against all four is the disclosure of military secrets, and the penalty is ten years in prison for such disclosures if made abroad and one year if made in the United States.

In April the Sunset published an article entitled "Can the Panama Canal Be Destroyed From the Air?" Reproductions of photographs taken from an aeroplane and showing some of the fortifications of the canal zone and of the San Francisco presidio accompanied the text.

As soon as a copy of the number was called to the attention of the war department it requested Preston to investigate.

### YESTERDAY'S BASEBALL

American

Chicago, 2; New York, 0.  
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The St. Louis-Philadelphia game called on account of rain.  
Cleveland, 0; Boston, 2.  
Detroit, 0; Washington, 3.

National

New York, 2; Chicago, 4.  
No game between Philadelphia and Cincinnati on account of wet grounds.

Boston, 8; St. Louis, 7; twelve innings.

Northwestern

Vancouver, 4; Victoria, 1.  
Tacoma, 4; Portland, 2.  
Seattle, 3; Spokane, 4.

Pitcher Doty Sold

President Brown of Vancouver has announced the sale of Pitcher Doty to the Cleveland American League team. The purchase price is understood to be \$2,400. Doty will finish the season with Vancouver and report to Cleveland in time for Spring practice.

### CHEAP PATRIOTISM SAYS ALDERMAN

Wants His Money Back From the Picture Theatre

Acting Mayor Morrissey told the Council he had been asked to make Saturday a half holiday because of the visit of Ketchikan ball team.

Ald. Montgomery favored it and hoped the visitors would be given a royal welcome. He condemned what he called a narrow-minded criticism in the city press of the display of an emblem in a prominent place in the city. He also objected to the cheap patriotism he had to listen to on the evening of Dominion Day when he had paid to see a picture show and had to listen to a Dominion Day speech.

Ald. Morrison said Ketchikan had been given a royal welcome here and he criticised Ald. Montgomery's slighting remarks.

The holiday question was left to the Acting-Mayor to decide.

### BOND GUARANTEE BEING HELD UP

G. T. P. to Get Money, It Is Said, When It Settles With Employees

Ottawa, July 14.—It is asserted here that the details of the Grand Trunk Pacific bond guarantee, voted by Parliament, will not be arranged until the company has settled its difficulties with its machinists. A board of conciliation named some time ago reported that the men should be paid the same wages as prevail on parallel lines in Western Canada.

It is asserted that, to the regret of the Minister of Labor, the government action is being postponed until the award of the board has been complied with. Pending the settlement of the trouble, it is stated that the G. T. P. is borrowing money on its own security and carrying on its undertakings.

### Rupert Producing Gardens

"I am very glad to note with the progress of the season that horticulture in the city is showing a marked improvement," said Mr. A. H. Tomlinson, provincial horticulturist. "The perennials and annuals are looking splendid and the roses are doing marvelously well."

Mr. Tomlinson finds the gardens looking much better than he anticipated and has great faith in the future horticultural beauty of the city.

### Tenders for Scow

Tenders for building a scow for scavenging work were opened by the city council last evening. They were:

Wm. Angle & Co.....\$3,400  
J. Peterson.....\$2,690  
Georgetown Sawmill.....\$2,911  
Chas. W. Benson.....\$2,230

The awarding of the contract was left to the health committee with authority to employ an inspector.

### Investigating Island Prospects

H. Parsons, financier of New York, and B. C. Goodall, solicitor of Seattle, left last evening on the John for the Islands to investigate timber and coal prospects near Cape Wilson. These were taken up originally by the Western Steel Corporation which was incorporated by James Moore of Seattle, and later turned over to the bond holders, the Metropolitan Trust Company of New York. This latter company is making the investigation.

Leather easy chairs and rockers at prices cut in two. Geo. D. Tite's summer sale. 161tf

### THIRD READING OF AMENDING BILL BEFORE HOUSE OF LORDS

INTENSE EXCITEMENT IN IRELAND BUT WELL INFORMED CIRCLES ARE OPTIMISTIC AS TO OUTCOME—HOPE FOR SETTLEMENT

(Special to The Daily News)

London, July 14.—Premier Asquith has announced in the House of Commons that the Irish amending bill will be dealt with before the Commons adjourn.

The new session will begin in the early part of the winter, but Premier Asquith has offered no information as to the probable duration of the present session but many people say it will end some time in August.

The recognition of danger is inherent in the existence of two armed volunteer bodies and has imbued Irishmen since they realize their added responsibility.

The Battle of Boyne was commemorated yesterday with tremendous enthusiasm which was

### ANOTHER COMPANY TO DRILL FOR OIL ON GRAHAM ISLAND

F. C. WRIGHT INTERESTED IN SYNDICATE WHO WILL PUT DOWN WELL NEAR SKIDEGATE—COAL AND OIL PROSPECTS GOOD

F. C. Wright, of Queen Charlotte Islands, who has been in Vancouver for some time in connection with his interests in the islands, came back yesterday and leaves tonight for the islands. He is manager of the McKinnon Syndicate who are drilling for coal on Graham Island and is very optimistic over the prospects of both coal and oil.

Mr. Wright is an expert diamond drill operator and has been made a partner in a company who have nineteen sections of oil land leases and \$50,000 in cash to prospect them. The company is called the North Pacific Development Company. They have engaged Mr. Wright to put down a test hole and the diamond drill outfit is now on its way here. Work will be started in a week or two. Mr. Wright says they will probably have to go 1,200 or 1,500 feet. The first well will be put down near Skidegate.

While drilling for coal for Armstrong & Morrison last summer, Mr. Wright struck an oil seepage at a depth of only 288 feet, and again at 380 feet.

Development of the McKinnon

coal properties will begin again about August 1st. Coal indications are splendid though Mr. Wright believes mining will have to be down about 1,000 feet.

### Roblin Has Four Majority

The latest reports from Manitoba give the Roblin government a majority of four. The government got both the doubtful seats of St. Rose and St. George. The standing is: Conservatives 25; Liberals 21, with three deferred elections.

Household goods and furniture as good as new at half price. Crosby's Second Hand Store, 839 Third Avenue. 153-1f

### COMING! COMING!! COMING!!!

### The Empress Theatre

TOMORROW NIGHT AND THURSDAY NIGHT ONLY

THE GREATEST WAR PICTURE EVER MADE

"THE BATTLE OF WATERLOO"

4 - FOUR MASSIVE PARTS - 4

Thousands of soldiers and hundreds of horses used in the production. Probably the most dramatic series of events in the history of the world were those which culminated in the battle of Waterloo and put an end to the career of Napoleon Bonaparte. This wonderful set of pictures shows with marvellous fidelity all details of this titanic struggle. Wellington is seen marshalling his forces. Regiment after regiment of the flower of the English soldiery is seen marching into battle. The great English general with superhuman energy is apparently every place on the field of battle at the same moment. Napoleon is seen seated on his famous white charger directing the movements of the French. Regiment upon regiment of both the English and French infantry in charges and counter charges is shown in the most minute detail. This great war drama closes with the arrival of General Blucher and his army of Prussian soldiers.

- This historic event, which took place one hundred years ago, is re-enacted on such a gigantic scale that even the greatest military pictures thus far produced sink into comparative insignificance.

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