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## NATIONAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL WORK IS STOPPED

### ITALY REFUSES TO HAVE PEACE UNLESS TRIPOLI IS SURRENDERED

Peace Negotiations at Rome Fall Through Owing to Italy's Attitude—Demands an Unconditional Surrender Without Compensation for Turkey—Turkish Troops Are Repulsed in an Attack on Italians Outside Tripoli

(Canadian Press Despatch)  
London, Oct. 17.—The negotiations for peace between Italy and Turkey have failed, and hostilities will go on. This has been learned from high authority by the London Daily Chronicle's Vienna correspondent, and is announced in this morning's edition. The diplomatic negotiations entered into at Rome have ended in failure.

on Sunday a body of Turkish Infantry attacked the entrenched and advanced posts of the Italian army west of Boumelaine. After several hours fighting, the Italian Infantry backed by field guns landed from the fleet and forced the Turks to beat a retreat. Four Italians were wounded, and the dead body of one of the Turks was left behind.

**Italy is Obdurate**  
It is learned that the stumbling block to peace is Italy's firm refusal to consider anything but an unconditional surrender of Tripoli by Turkey, and the refusal of Italy to grant any compensation for vacating Tripoli.

**Fighting at Tripoli**  
Tripoli, Oct. 17.—Before dawn

**Does It Mean Peace?**  
Berlin, Oct. 17.—The Kaiser has invited the Italian Ambassador, Signor Passa, to a conference today on the political situation. The German Chancellor is also to attend. Speculation is rife as to the meaning of this Italo-German conference.

### CHINA IS SUSPICIOUS OF JAPANESE PLOTS

They Have Discovered That Tokio Was Informed in Advance About the Chinese Revolution—Former President of Chinese Council is Suspected of Sympathy

(Canadian Press Despatch)  
Peking, Oct. 17.—The Chinese military officials here are anxiously watching Japan's movements, having found that Tokio was well posted on the revolt, long before it matured.

that the former leader is really in sympathy with the revolt, and is only waiting for a few more successes before throwing in his lot with the revolutionaries. All telegrams to Hankow are now censored. The foreign consuls have protested against their official messages being butchered.

The new G.T.P. News Stand for Lowney's delicious Chocolates, fresh from the factory. tf

### A VANCOUVER DETECTIVE KILLS ESCAPING PRISONER

Rather Than Let His Man Run Away in the Fog, Detective Campbell Shot a Suspected Thief Dead—Happened in Lane Behind Hastings St.

(Canadian Press Despatch)  
Vancouver, Oct. 17.—Vancouver was excited today over the killing of a man named Webb by Detective Campbell of the local police force. Webb was in the act of escaping from custody at the time of his death.

who located him in a billiard parlor on Hastings street east, and asked him to come out in the lane. The man went, but once outside he bolted and was getting away in the fog. The officer fired several times but with no effect. Finally he raised the gun and took careful aim, the bullet entering the left side near the heart.

Webb died within a few minutes.

### TO ABOLISH WARD SYSTEM

Alderman Newton Brings up the Question—Acting Mayor Hilditch Grows Scornful at the Press of Prince Rupert.

"I see that one of my contemporaries is exceedingly anxious that I should do something in regard to doing away with the ward system," said Alderman Newton last night. "I think I may respond to the great mandate given me, and pay some attention to this matter. I would not mind moving a resolution that the council take the matter in hand and have the system done away with."

taken the matter in hand when the G. T. P. officials were here last, and all that could be done was being done. If they had waited for the press to begin the work, he declared, the city would have been too late. As it was the press had left it to poor, hard-worked aldermen like himself to take the first steps, the press reserving to itself the sole right to unjust criticism. It was the newspapers' business to take up this question rather than leaving it to be handled by "pick-me-up" councillors whom you pick up on the streets," he said. The city solicitor will ascertain whether the petition to abolish the ward system can be legally mailed to outside lot owners, as all possible signatures will be needed for it.

**Young Turks in Power**  
Constantinople, Oct. 16.—The opening of the new Parliament on Saturday showed the Young Turks—the war party—to be in the majority. Ahmed Riza, one of the most militant of them, was elected to be president. The Sultan's speech from the throne, charged Italy with a breach of the international laws.

### THIRTY-SEVEN AND A HALF CENTS PER HOUR

Minimum Wage Set by Council for Labor on Woodworth Lake Waterworks

Last night the city council discussed the City Engineer's plans and specifications for the clearing of the 32-foot strip around Woodworth Lake, and today the City Hall is busy with would be bidders going over these.

The minimum wage arrived at after a lengthy discussion will be 37 1-2 cents per hour contract labor, and the same for station gangs hiring men. Eight hour day will be enforced no employee being allowed to work more than eight hours, and no shift being more than eight hours. Contractors will be responsible for accidents to men, and a \$25 per

day penalty clause is leviable for delayed work.

Tenders are asked from station gangs of ten men each who are to be responsible each personally for the completion of the work. Extra men may be hired by the station gangs in the event of delay. Private contractors are also open to bid giving a ten per cent cheque as guarantee.

Briefly the work calls for straight close cutting, clearing and logging over an area of about 160 acres divided up into sections of from 26 to 36 acres each.

Strictest regulations regarding sanitation are to be enforced during the work, and similarly strict

### WHO DOES THE CITY PURCHASING? AN ALDERMAN DEMANDS TO KNOW

Although the City Has a Purchasing Agent It Transpires That He Has Been Instructed to Make No Purchases Until Ald. Hilditch Has Seen the Requisitions—Inquiry Reveals a Very Strange State of Affairs

Prince Rupert's purchasing agent problem again vexed Alderman Newton last night. He summed up the situation regarding the ordering of supplies in these words: "The chairman of a committee O. K.'s the bills. The finance committee passes them upon his O. K. But we have a purchasing agent in this town. It is his duty to make the purchase. Who

does the ordering in this town? If not the purchasing agent, then who?"

In various ways during the lengthy discussion Alderman Newton reiterated the question without getting any definite reply. In a general way the statement was made by Acting Mayor Hilditch that the City Engineer did a good deal of ordering of supplies and that the superintendent of public works also ordered supplies. The city purchasing agent ordered the supplies passed upon in committee, under instruction of the chairman of committee, and it was his duty to look after the interests of the city and see that the prices of goods were reasonable.

"But only this evening," exclaimed Alderman Newton, "the

finance committee has had occasion to consult the purchasing agent on bills and he has admitted that he did not order the goods."

Alderman Newton declared that during his nine months term as alderman he had never been in a position, though chairman of a committee, to hard out any patronage whatever, but allowed himself to be corrected by Acting Mayor Hilditch, remembering a certain incident in connection with city fire insurance disposition.

Alderman Clayton hinted that Alderman Newton's activity regarding the purchasing agent problem was due to his growing ambitions towards the mayoral chair.

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### DASTARDLY PLOT FOILED TO KILL PRESIDENT TAFT

Quantity of Dynamite Was Discovered in the Footwork of a Trestle Bridge Over Which the President's Train Had to Pass—Plotter Fled When Fired on by Watchman

(Canadian Press Despatch)  
San Francisco, Oct. 17.—A startling and dastardly attempt to wreck the Presidential train conveying President Taft and his party has been discovered. Underneath a trestle bridge over which the train has to pass to enter the New Mexico border, a quantity of dynamite had been placed. The obvious intention was to

explode it as the train passed over.

The discovery of the dastardly plot is due to a railroad watchman who saw a man at work in the footwork of the bridge. Fearing that he had sinister designs, the watchman fired his gun at the man, who fled leaving the dynamite behind. The incident has caused a shock to the Californian people.

### S.S. PRINCESS BEATRICE IS STILL UPON THE ROCKS

All the Passengers Have Been Transferred and are on Their Way South—Foreholds are Full of Water—After Cargo is Removed, Boat Will Float

(Canadian Press Despatch)  
Vancouver, Oct. 17.—The latest news of the steamer Princess Beatrice is to the effect that she is still fast on the rocks on Noble Island, in Christy Passage, but all her passengers are safely landed. These include two hundred Chinamen and one hundred whites.

Beatrice yesterday and will assist her. The cargo is to be unloaded, when it is thought the vessel will float off the rocks. The passengers are all on their way south now, having been landed at Alert Bay by the steamer Venture.

The foreholds of the Princess Beatrice are reported to be full of water.

The steamer Salvor reached the

Panorium Pioneer Cleaners, Phone 4

### Weigh Scales at Last

City weigh scales will be purchased without further delay. Alderman Newton declared last night that he was surprised that they had not been installed long ago. He suggested that someone could be employed on a percentage basis to do the weighing. The scales and installation will come to about \$500.

### Boosts Canadian Cities

An offer from the Canadian Municipal Journal of subscription rates at \$15 for 12 copies was received by the city council last night. The Journal advertises the cities subscribing, and requests only that cities should secure a certain number of subscriptions in return.

### ITALIANS HAVE A KNIFE FIGHT

Whole Construction Gang Take a Hand—Dead Body of One Man Discovered Hidden in a Bush.

Parry Sound, Oct. 17.—Several Italians employed in a construction camp engaged in a battle with knives last night with the result that was one killed and several wounded. The dead body of one man was found today in a bush where it had been thrown.

S. Mussallem has applied to the council for electric light as he is to erect his store. Referred to light and phone committee.

### TAFT THE ATTRACTION ARE AGAINST PRISON LABOR

Los Angeles People Desert the McNamara Trial to See the President.  
(Canadian Press Despatch)  
Los Angeles, Oct. 16.—The McNamara trial is in the background today because President Taft is here. There is little interest taken in the trial, while over fifty thousand people gathered to see the President arrive.

### WORK STOPPED ON G. T. P.

Trans-continental Commission Order Western Contractors to Stop Work—May Hold Investigation.

(Canadian Press Despatch)  
Ottawa, Oct. 17.—A report that the Government had ordered the cessation of work on the National Trans-continental Railway from Winnipeg to Moncton has been denied here. The report stated that the Government intended to hold an investigation regarding the expenditure and construction and that all work is to be held up as the result of the order.

The truth is that the commissioners have ordered the Western contractors to stop work, more especially on the Western section, but the order was not made by the Government.

### FIND SEAM OF COAL

Grading Gang on C. N. R. near Battle Bluff Have a Lucky Find.

Kamloops, Oct. 17.—While grading near Battle Bluff on the line of the C. N. R. yesterday, a construction gang uncovered a big seam of coal which is said to be of commercial proportions.

### TRAIN WRECK NEAR OMAHA

Missouri Pacific Passenger Train Ran into Fast Freight—Seven Killed and Twenty Injured.

(Canadian Press Despatch)  
Omaha, Oct. 17.—Seven persons were killed and twenty injured yesterday when a Missouri Pacific passenger train crashed into a fast freight train at Fort Crook. The governor of Florida was among those injured. Mistaken orders are said to have caused the disaster.

### C. P. R. Royal Arrived

The Princess Royal last night brought about fifty tons of freight and twenty-five passengers. She proceeded north at midnight. Mail was also brought by the Royal.

### ANOTHER SEWER FACTORY

Local Man Who Makes Cement Flues Would Embark on Sewer Pipe Enterprise.

F. Shaw who makes concrete flue pipes in sections at his works on McBride street between Seventh and Eighth avenues, has applied for permission to submit samples of concrete sewer pipes to the city council and city engineer. Referred to board of works.

### HOUSE TO MEET IN FOUR WEEKS

Date of Opening is Fixed for November 15th—Will Have Brief Adjournment at Christmas—Burrell Sworn In.

(Canadian Press Despatch)  
Ottawa, Oct. 17.—Parliament has been called for the dispatch of business to meet on November 15th. This date was fixed by the Cabinet in council yesterday afternoon and an announcement made later by Premier Borden.

The session will not be unduly prolonged. After a brief adjournment at Christmas, prorogation will be sought probably at the end of January or the first week of February.

### CONDEMN NE TEMERE

Decree of Roman Church Affecting Marriage Censured by Methodists.

Toronto, Oct. 17.—By a rising vote, the Ecumenical Council of the Methodist Conference today overwhelmingly condemned the principle of the Ne Temere decree.