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FIRE, RIOT AND RAPINE DESOLATES HANKOW CITY

SECTION TWO SALE IS FIXED FOR NOV. 29th

Mr. D. H. Hays Makes Authoritative Announcement Concerning the Forthcoming Sale—All Lots Will be Sold Without Reserve

The date of the sale of the Section Two lots is definitely fixed to take place on Wednesday, 29th November.

This is the official information given out by Mr. David H. Hays, resident manager of the Prince Rupert Townsite and Development Company, Ltd., to the Daily News this morning, and will set at rest the rumors that have been circulated that the sale would not take place.

The Daily News job department is at work printing the contracts in readiness for the sale, which will take place in Prince Rupert on the 29th inst.

Mr. Hays has authorized the News to state that he will have

full charge of the sale, and that there will be no reserved portions of the section. All corner lots as well as all inside lots owned by the Townsite Company will be offered for sale, and knocked down to the highest bidder.

Arrangements are being made to secure a hall in Prince Rupert to use as an auction room, and the name of the hall will be announced as soon as the arrangements are completed, together with the fullest particulars regarding the sale.

In the meantime, all those who desire maps of Section Two can obtain them by calling at Mr. Hays' office.

Pantorium Pioneer Cleaners, Phone 4.

TAXICAB DRIVERS' STRIKE

Dispute over Six Cents Results in Walkout of 6,000 Men

London, Nov. 9.—A dispute over six cents deducted by an owner from the wages of a driver was the direct cause of a walkout of 6,000 drivers and the paralyzing of London's taxicab service today. The companies also complained that the men have robbed them of one and a half million dollars annually by failure to register and turn in "extras" collected in addition for baggage from passengers. The men have not returned to work, and will not do so until ordered to do so by their union.

Children's and misses' winter coats.—Wallace's.

WANT TO PLAY WINTER GAMES

Indoor Baseball League are Arranging to Provide Sport for the Winter Evenings.

With a view of arranging a winter season for the indoor baseball league, a goodly number of enthusiasts met in the court house last night, and discussed the arranging of a winter schedule of games. Rev. W. H. McLeod, president of the league, was in the chair, and Mr. W. D. Vance acted as secretary.

A committee composed of Messrs. Blake, Evans and Johnston was appointed to interview the team managers and arrange for a winter league. It is probable that six

teams will enter. The committee will report at the adjourned meeting next Thursday.

The question of the proposed city athletic ground came up during the evening, and it was arranged to endeavor to secure promises of support to the project from all the aldermanic and mayoral candidates at the forthcoming elections.

Settler's Enterprise

C. G. Muller has opened a new cleaning and pressing business at 533 Eighth Avenue West. Mr. Muller is a Kitsunakum Valley settler endeavoring to hold his own by personal effort and enterprise in the city during the winter in order to have funds for the spring development of his farm up river.

DURING TERRIBLE STORM RUPERT WAS PROTECTED

Fierce Hurricane Has Been Raging in the Skeena Valley During Last Two Days—Mountain Range Has Protected Prince Rupert from Storm

Weather of the wildest, most inclement kind has been raging along the Skeena Valley during the past two days. Fierce gales hurtling down the river estuary from the east combined with the terribly keen frost, have made boat work and railway work up river a bitter experience taxing the strength and endurance of men to the utmost.

Here in Prince Rupert we can have no possible conception of the violence of the wind that has raged up river, says Meteorological Inspector F. W. Dowling of the Telegraph Department. Prince Rupert is protected by the Kaiaen range of mountains from the east wind, and though we have had the

frost here it had not been so severe as on the Skeena. Ice is now coming down the river rapidly from the points above where the stream is freezing over. There is drift ice down as far as Kayex, and rapidly spreading out into the estuary. Some was seen opposite Essington this morning.

During the height of the storm yesterday and the day previous, boats broke adrift in the stream through the pressure of ice against them, and the fierce force of the wind. So far the mail service has not been interrupted, but the telegraph service has been maintained only with extreme difficulty, and by the arduous labors of the linesmen and operators.

INCREASE IN HALIBUT FLEET

Victoria Sealing Schooners will Take up This Growing Fishing Industry.

Victoria, Nov. 9.—That the four schooners which formed the Victoria sealing fleet this year will engage in the halibut fishing industry off the west coast of Vancouver Island was the intimation given by one of the owners.

It is understood that the owners of the Lady Mine, Jessie, Thomas F. Bayard and Pescawha will form a syndicate for the operating of the vessels off the coast and that a large packing house will be erected in Victoria. From here the fish would be shipped to all parts of the world. This is the last year in which vessels can engage in sealing occupation for the next fifteen years on account of the treaty between Great Britain, the United States, Russia and Japan.

For many years the American fishing companies have been operating boats off the west coast of the island catching the halibut. The waters within the three-mile limit are said to be excellent fishing grounds. The American boats have to keep outside the limit and despite heavy weather are able to make excellent catches. For the present the schooners will lie up, but an announcement relative to the intention of the owners should be forthcoming in a very short time.

GRANBY CO. EXTENDS

Latest Enterprise is Bonding of Copper Queen at Chewelan, B. C., for \$50,000.

It is reported that the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Company has taken a bond

for \$50,000 on the Copper Queen mine at Chewelan, B. C. The development will be under the supervision of E. E. Campbell, engineer for the Granby Company, and work will begin as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made.

The long tunnel will be completed and the property thoroughly prospected by diamond drill. A large force of men will be employed, as the company plans to put the mine on a shipping basis as quickly as possible. The ore, which is self-fluxing, should prove valuable for blending with other ores.

EARLIEST SNOW FALL

Vancouver Old Timers Say Record is Broken—Six Inches Deep and Wild Weather Below

(Canadian Press Despatch)

Vancouver, Nov. 9.—Snow has been falling all day and was six inches deep tonight. This is the earliest fall remembered by old timers.

Seattle, Nov. 9.—A severe storm is raging off Cape Flattery, sweeping up the Straits of Juan de Fuca. Snow is falling being driven by a 42 mile gale but so far no serious damage to shipping has been reported.

Ladies' Home Journal Patterns.—Wallace's.

Sheriff Shirley Principal

With a view to reclaiming and making productive Russia's vast swamp areas the government will establish a school for specialists in swamp cultivation.

For row boats and launches Telephone 320 green. Davis Boat House.

TURK MAN-O'-WAR CAPTURED ONE OF THEIR OWN SHIPS

Amusing Incident Arises Out of the Capture of the British Steamer Orchis by a Turkish Cruiser for Carrying Contraband of War

Salonica, Nov. 10.—A Salonika paper publishes, under the heading "A Valuable Prize," an account of the capture of a British steamer, the Orchis, of the Westcott Line, by the Turkish cruiser Feth-i-Bulend, which had boldly ventured out of Salonika as soon as it became clear that the Italians would undertake no naval operations in the Aegean Sea.

In accordance with international law, the Feth-i-Bulend stopped the Orchis, and sent on board an officer, who was not long in discovering forty barrels of gunpowder (or dynamite, as some say), which he thought were not mentioned in the manifest.

Here was a clear case for intervention. A neutral flag may cover a multitude of sins, but it cannot cover a contraband of war. "Bear down to our admirals'

lee," signalled the Turk, and the Orchis meekly followed him into the Gulf of Salonika.

It was expected and announced that the Orchis would remain at Salonika until her fate should be decided by a prize court. Mysteriously, however, the vessel disappeared in the direction of Constantinople, and we are now given to understand that the belligerent to which the contraband of war was consigned was no other than the Turkish Government itself!

St. Andrew's Society

This evening at 8 o'clock, in the Carpenters' Hall there will be a meeting of the St. Andrew's Society to make arrangements for St. Andrew's Night, November 30th. All Scotsmen desirous of becoming members are invited to be present.

INDIGNANT AT THE GOVERNMENT

Action in Not Placing Their Lots in Section Two for Sale is Freely Criticised by Citizens—Is a Hindrance to Development

UNSCRUPULOUS REAL ESTATE SPECULATION

By Taking Advantage of Their Freedom from Taxation, the Government is Now Holding 112 Lots Idle in Section One, and 314 Lots in Sections One, Five, Six, Seven and Eight—Will Now Hold Another 186 Free of Taxation—Government's Policy is an Injury to the City

It is understood that the provincial government does not intend to offer for sale its lots in Section Two, at the time of the forthcoming sale of G. T. P. lots. There are 781 lots all told in Section Two, and of these the provincial government owns 186.

The provincial government has been acquainted with the intention of the G. T. P. Townsite Company to hold a sale of the Section Two lots, but according to Mr. D. H. Hays, the resident manager of the Townsite Company, he has received no intimation from the government that they intend to sell their Section Two properties.

People are Indignant

This apparent decision on the part of the provincial government, has aroused a great deal of indignant comment. The most indignant utterances come from supporters of the government, who while insisting that their utterances are not intended for publication, are speaking very freely about the matter.

A Common Speculator

They are accusing the provincial government of entering the real estate field as a speculator of the worst kind—the kind that holds its properties idle, while the other property owners are left to do the development.

It is pointed out that at the time of the first sale by the device of saying that it wanted certain lots in Section One reserved for public purposes, they managed to keep most of their Section One property out of the market, until the development of the citizens had made them valuable.

Grip on Section One

A Daily News reporter who visited the provincial assessor's office yesterday, learned from the official records of the department, that the provincial government still owns 112 lots in Section One, and a total of 341 lots in Sections One, Five, Six, Seven and Eight.

Recently when the city wanted a site for a city hall, the pro-

vincial government offered to sell a group of five lots in the Market Place. The price demanded, \$25,000, was above the ordinary market price, and showed that the provincial government is prepared to drive a hard bargain with the city of Prince Rupert for any of the lots that it had reserved "for public purposes" from the original sale.

A Conservative Opinion

As a well known member of the Conservative Association said yesterday in discussing the situation with the Daily News, "Governments all over the world are making sacrifices in order to develop their new towns and frontier districts. This government does the very opposite. It enters into the real estate speculation market, and helps to tie up development by holding its lots off the market, for the sake of the high prices it can extort later on, after the local citizens have made the lots valuable."

ALD. CLAYTON HAD A FIST FIGHT WITH THE EMPIRE REPORTER

Meeting of the Conservative Association Broke up in Disorder—Ald. Clayton at Close of Lengthy Attack on Empire's Editor, Started in to Attack Reporter—Then Fur Began to Fly

First round in the fistic event between Alderman Clayton and Reporter Neil Mackay of the Evening Empire staff was fought unexpectedly last night in the Knights of Pythias Hall where the members of the Conservative Association were holding a meeting for Conservatives only.

Mr. Mackay was present for his paper, Alderman Newton was there, also Alderman Clayton and the prominent Conservatives of the city. Proceedings at the meeting were intended to be private, but the circumstances of the scrap are common property.

Trouble Started

Alderman Clayton who had challenged Mr. Mackay to a fight in the City Hall on Monday night in the course of a lengthy speech took occasion to criticise Alderman Newton in severe terms. His attack lasted for a period it is said of twenty minutes. At the end of his references to Alderman Newton, Alderman Clayton glanced round the hall saw Mr. Mackay taking notes for his paper, and referred to the reporter in terms of contempt as "Newton's Man Friday."

In an instant Mr. Mackay was on his feet with a swift challenge for Alderman Clayton. "You call me that again, and I'll fight you

for it, and smash you up for it too," or words to that effect, said Mackay with determination, and followed his challenge with rapid condemnation of Alderman Clayton. "I'll fight you here now, or anywhere you please," he said.

Without pausing to say anything, or to hear more than the first few words of the challenge, Alderman Clayton rushed down from the platform, and made straight for the press table with clenched fists.

Ready for Him

Mackay was ready for him, standing with blazing eyes, and with a quick forward movement landed the on-coming alderman a blow on the nose, knocking off his glasses which some accounts say were shattered. Mackay was following up the advantage with a smart left hander to jaw, when Alderman Clayton got in a heavy body punch or two, and the men closed. In the clinch Mackay did some severe punishing, and, according to the most general account, winded his opponent with sharp returns to body.

Hot Time Followed

By this time, however, there was a regular scuffle in the hall while friends of both sides endeavored to separate the men, and non-combatants yelled for

both sides indiscriminately. The combatants were parted with difficulty for blood was warm between them, and a section of the meeting in support of Mr. Mackay left the hall with him. Alderman Clayton remained and growing cooler, apologised, it is understood, for his part in the "rough house."

Interviewed this morning the principals are quite outspoken on the subject, and freely express their versions of the affair.

Mr. Mackay's Position

Mr. Mackay's attitude is simply that he resented what he considered unwarrantable attacks made by Alderman Clayton upon his chief, Alderman Newton, and that he further most certainly resented and will resent to the point of personal combat at any time the reference to himself as "Newton's Man Friday." He certainly did hit Alderman Clayton on the nose, and so far from denying or regretting it rather gloried in it. He declares himself ready to hit Alderman Clayton on the nose again and knock him out if he wants more of a lesson in calling him insulting names from any platform.

Ald. Clayton's Statement

Alderman Clayton's attitude is similarly firm and defiant. He

HANKOW IS IN FLAMES TODAY

400,000 People are Destitute—Thieves are Busy Looting the Bodies and Buildings—Terrible Scenes in Stricken City.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Hankow, Nov. 10.—More than two-thirds of the city is destroyed by fire. The lowest estimated loss amounts to fifty million dollars. Four hundred thousand persons are destitute and hundreds of half burned bodies many of them those of women and children lie among the ruins. The city has been looted, the Imperialists taking a hand in the pillage but all refugees are being deprived of their loot upon entering British Concessions. Carloads of valuable furs, silks and jewelry are being seized. The David Hill school connected with the Wesleyan mission was looted.

There is a political aspect of the situation, Mr. Mackay rather resenting the exercise of ring influence within the Conservative ranks, and Alderman Clayton declaring that Mr. Mackay as reporter for the Empire first attempted to bribe him, and then threatened to retard Alderman Clayton in his mayoral aspirations by the influence of the Empire. On these matters, however, both men prefer not to be quoted.

MR. BALFOUR RESIGNS

Leader of Opposition in British House to Retire from Active Politics—Demands of Tariff Reformers May be Reason.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, Nov. 10.—Announcement of the resignation of Mr. Balfour, Leader of the Unionist party of Great Britain, was made today. Advancing years and enfeebled health are the reasons given out, it is believed that the demand of advanced tariff reformers influenced his decision. Walter Long is mentioned as possible successor, while tariff reformers favor Austen Chamberlain, Sir Edward Carson and E. F. Smith are also mentioned.

Tail-less Tale

By amputating the tails of three generations of dogs an Ohio lawyer has succeeded in breeding a tailless dog.

FIND MISSION MILLION

New Census of Canada May be Taken Next Year. Government Investigating.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Ottawa, Nov. 10.—There is every probability that census of Canada will be re-taken next year. Ministers have the matter under consideration and if convinced that the census machinery broke down a new census will certainly be taken.

Warm gloves and mitts—Wallace's.

MORGAN GOT 62 MILLIONS FOR UNDERWRITING TRUST

U. S. Steel Syndicate is Said to be Watered to the Extent of 281 Millions—Tangible Assets are Worth 682 Million Dollars

Trenton, Nov. 10.—Some sensational facts are coming to light in the investigation here of the United States Steel Trust and its subsidiary companies.

It is stated that the United States Steel Corporation was chartered under the laws of New Jersey on February 25, 1901. Its total capitalization was then \$1,402,000,000 (including bonds). It is strictly a "holding company"—that is, it does not mine, manufacture, transport, or sell; it simply owns the stock of its constituent companies.

Of the \$1,402,000,000 capitalization, \$510,000,000 was in preferred stock; \$508,000,000 in common stock; \$303,000,000 of corporation bonds, and \$81,000,000 of underlying and miscellaneous obligations—a total of more than \$1,402,000,000.

The commission to the Morgan Underwriting Syndicate, according to Commissioner of Corporation Smith, was \$62,500,000 in cash.

The Steel Corporation, according to Smith, showed a total interest in tangible property on December 31, 1910, of \$1,187,000,000, as against outstanding securities of \$1,468,000,000, with \$281,000,000 worth of "water" in the stock. On the outstanding obligations, however, the corporation was earning 12 per cent, according to Smith's figures. In 1901, according to Smith, the tangible property was worth only \$682,000,000, against obligations of \$1,400,000,000—showing \$718,000,000 "watered" stock. In ten years, more than \$425,000,000 had been added to the tangible valuation of the corporation.