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NEW LIGHT PLANT MACHINERY IS UNDER STEAM

ANOTHER BLAST ACCIDENT IN ALLEYWAY

Lastling in Alleyway Between Second and Third Avenues Cleared Out Whole Rear Wall of McLaren's Office in Albert Block This Morning, But Fortunately No One Was Injured

A big blast and tons of rock came rolling through the rear of the Mack Realty & Insurance Company's office in the Albert block this morning, smashing the three-inch planks of the flanking wall to kindling. It was enough to scare anyone, even if they were insured.

Mrs. DesRosiers was standing near to the Second avenue entrance talking with Miss Curtin and Clerk E. V. Evitt when a big rock came sailing over her head along the narrow passage from the rear. It smashed through the night, the concussion caused the door to swing open and in a shower of glass she rushed screaming to the street. The others quickly followed her. Behind them came J. Lorne McLaren, who had been sitting in his private office midway.

Soon Mr. Chalmers, the flashlight picture man, was there and took a picture of the memorable scene, the quartet mentioned standing on the big rocks with a shelving pile of other rock for a background. The rear wall was entirely cleared away and the alley had come down in an avalanche and filled the room. Some of the fragments weighed over a ton.

The accident took place on the alley between Second and Third avenues, which the city is now cutting through. It was said to have been caused by the drilling striking a fissure. It is the second blast accident doing considerable damage on this alleyway.

HARD HITTING BY REV. KERR AT 'MEN ONLY' MEETING SUNDAY

YOUNG PASTOR STRIKES AT THE SNAKE OF SOCIAL VICE AND SAYS THINGS THAT SHOULD MAKE THE REPTILE WRITHE—BIG GATHERING INTERESTED.

"Men only" meeting means most invariably a full house in any part of the world, but Rev. F. W. Kerr's meeting of this kind yesterday afternoon was phenomenally full—to the doors, in fact. A solid throng of men, mostly young men, listened with attention to the popular young pastor's address on the sad subject of the social evil.

In strongest terms Rev. F. W. Kerr condemned the evil of the restricted district, which he would see abolished altogether. The blame for its existence he attributes most of all to men. The claim that such a segregated area is a necessity in social life of the past the pastor questioned. "If a disreputable district be necessary," he said, "then I would have it as far away from the city as possible." The very plank walks along Fulton street, he declared, lead a young man's steps toward the temptation that spells moral death for him.

Another telling sentence of the pastor's was the one in which he declared he would have a book kept with the record of the names of all those found frequenting the segregated area, the volume to be in the police court open for public inspection at all times.

Rev. F. W. Kerr pitied rather than condemns the erring women, placing the responsibility of their condition largely at the door of men. His appeal to the young men of Prince Rupert to be clean in word and deed met with appreciation of his audience, there being frequent applause.

The pastor's vigorous contention that the death penalty should be meted out with merciless rigor upon all found guilty of recurring was greeted with some laughter, but the preacher was fully in earnest about it. Doubtless sounding laughter met his further assertion of the idea that all who derive revenue through real estate or rents from the restricted district should have their

names recorded in a book open to public inspection. "They are beyond contradiction partners with harlots," said the pastor.

One point he sternly emphasized. That was the craven plea that the redlight district serves to "protect the wives and daughters of respectable citizens." That it is the duty of husband and father to protect his women-folk, and that only the meanest kind of cowards would screen their wives and daughters behind the skirts of fallen girls was the pastor's sturdy argument.

The Mayor and members of the City Council were present at the meeting, with many representative citizens, and the general impression exists that Rev. F. W. Kerr made a stout stand in straightforward manner for his convictions on the sad old subject that has baffled generations of legislators.

GOLD DISCOVERY IS A FIZZLE

No Colors in the Gravels of Cochrane Declare the Mining Experts—Stampedeers Now Undergoing Great Hardships.

(Special to Daily News.) Calgary, March 4.—The alleged gold strike in Cochrane, Alberta district proved to be a fizzle. According to mining experts, not a trace of gold is to be found on the ground staked. Large numbers of the amateurs who rushed to the district are now undergoing hardship without any promising results.

Indoor Baseball. Crescents vs. Teddy Bears, at Auditorium, March 5th. Game called at 8:15 sharp. Admission 25c. Skating after the game. 2t

PRINCE RUPERT TWENTY MINUTES AGO

Look out! There'll be another big blast in five minutes. Mack Realty must need additional insurance. Government goes into junk business—must need campaign money. No more candidates announced this afternoon. "More power to your elbow," Mr. Matthews. Are light almost here, but what's the matter with moonlight? Nothing wrong with Rupert's sunshine supply, either.

TO KILL ROTHSCHILD

Two Shots Fired at Famous Financier This Morning.

(Special to Daily News.) London, March 4.—An attempt was made to assassinate Leopold Rothschild, the noted financier, as he walked St. Swithens lane this morning. Two shots were fired. An arrest has been made.

Government's Old Junk.

Provincial Police Officer W. Godson was today superintending the shipment of all kinds of old iron and other junk, the debris of the registry office fire, to be made revenue productive.

Warm, clean rooms at Savoy.

LIBERAL CONVENTION VERY ENTHUSIASTIC

Organization of an Education Campaign Begun Which is to Cover Every Constituency and be Continued Until Election---Dr. Kergin, Vice-President; Duncan Ross and George R. Naden on the Executive Committee

BY DUNCAN ROSS
Special Correspondent to The Daily News.
Vancouver, March 4.—The Liberal convention concluded its labors Saturday after the most successful meeting ever held in the history of the party in the province. Every portion of the

province was represented with a full delegation and those present were full of enthusiasm and fight. Mr. Brewster was elected president, Dr. Kergin and F. J. Deane vice presidents and Duncan Ross and George R. Naden are on the executive, representing the north. The platform adopted was most radical, including land for the settler only. Woman suffrage and local option were also advanced as a labor for the legislation.

It was decided to put up candidates wherever the Liberals have a prospect of winning, and to carry on an educational campaign in every constituency in the province. Organization is to begin at once and be continued until the next general election.

DYNAMITE SCARE

Gas Explosion in Cellars of San Francisco Court House.
San Francisco, March 4.—An explosion of gas in the cellars of the Hall of Justice yesterday caused a profound sensation and spread a report that the building had been dynamited. Little damage was done.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid, west of McBride, will hold a delicatessen fair on Wednesday afternoon and evening, April 3rd, in the church hall. 1t

For row boats and launches telephone 320 green. Davis boat house.

NEW POWER UNIT TEST TODAY

Magnificent Machinery Added to City Electric Plant is Making Good Under Both Full and Overload

GENERATING JUICE ABUNDANTLY

Two Thousand Four Hundred Volts Hurdled Through Water Resistance by Number Two Unit Under Preliminary Test—Lightning by the Barrelful at the Plant—Only Wait Switchboard to Serve City Ampley

"Danger—keep out!" was the sign in blue chalk at the entrance to the city electric light station on Saturday afternoon, and with very good reason, too. For Saturday saw the first full load and overload test of No. 2 unit of the two new units added to the city's electric equipment within the past month.

Barrelful of Death.
Owing to the non-arrival of the switchboard which is on the way, the test could not be made with the city service wiring as resistance, but a simple device known as a "water resistance" was used, a barrelful of water which under the passage through

it of some 2,400 volts of electricity fairly boiled and steamed—a barrelful of water and at the same time a barrelful of sudden death, well deserving the blue chalk danger label.

The New Machine.
Close by the innocent looking yet peril fraught cask with its array of insulated wiring the big two cylinder direct coupled engine and generator fairly hummed under a full head of steam. Beside them watching the tiny telltale meters Mr. Matthews and the burly expert from the States were carrying out the test.

At 3:30 p. m. when The Daily

News representative happened to drop in to make an enquiry of Mr. Matthews, the test had been steadily in progress since 10 a. m., a non-stop run for the power unit under trial, and everything was going like clock work.

A Thorough Test.
But the biggest test was just about due. At 4 p. m. No. 2 unit under full load was generating its guaranteed 100 kilowatts easily. The order to increase the resistance and run overloaded was given. Slowly the load was increased, but the engine and generator gave never a sign of

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MONTENEGRIN FORGERY CASE

Nick Rocovich Before Magistrate McMullin Today Charged with Forging Name Illegally Transferring Lots.

Nick Rocovich, accused of forging the name of Nick Martinovich to a document transferring two lots was before Magistrate McMullin today. W. E. Williams appeared in his defense. There was a large throng of Montenegrins present. The case, owing to the need for tedious interpretation, looked like being a protracted one at noon. The defense is that accused was instructed to sell the lots by complainant while Martinovich was in Europe.

ZARELLI CASE IS ADJOURNED

Two Witnesses Examined This Morning—Defense Is on Usual Lines of Foreigners' Liquor "Clubs."

This morning the Zarelli blind pig case came up, but was adjourned after two witnesses had given evidence in order that the Rocovich alleged forgery case might proceed.

In the Zarelli case Mat Viedick of the Crown Bottling Works said that he had delivered liquor to Zarelli's place, but a good deal of it had been paid for by other parties than Zarelli. The clerk at Maynard's 1-2-3 bottle store testified that \$216 worth of liquor had been delivered and that most of this had been paid for by Zarelli himself. Case proceeds tomorrow.

THE WEATHER.

For twenty-four hours ending 5 a. m., March 4: Bar. 30.058; max. temp., 49.0; min. temp., 30.0.

Case Dismissed.

Ross Filich, an Italian, accused of assaulting another at Kelly's cut, appeared in the police court today. Complainer failed to appear and the case was dismissed.

KINDLY CURACOA WAITED TWICE

Laglasts Northbound All but Lost Their Steamer, but, Thanks to J. H. Rogers and an Obliging Skipper, They Caught Her.

Not once only but actually twice yesterday the good ship Curacoa pulled up when actually started on her northbound trip to accommodate passengers who had all but lost their passage.

Two separate special launch trips were made out to the waiting steamship in harbor. It was thanks to the stentorian services of Steamer Agent J. H. Rogers with a megaphone that the second party of laglasts got their chance. The first party arrived just when the boat was pulling out. She waited on the request of Mr. Rogers, and they got a launch and reached her. Off she started again, and was passing the Foley-Welch dock when another party of passengers dashed onto the wharf. Mr. Rogers hardly thought he could do it, but with a huge megaphone he used his lungs to such good purpose and with such good authority that the Curacoa waited again and a second launch too the party out.

NO CHANGE IN MINERS' STRIKE

Million Colliers Out and Quarter Million Other Trades—Railways Short of Fuel Hundreds of Steamers Held.

(Special to Daily News.) London, March 4.—With over a million miners out and a quarter of a million of other trades idle, there was little change in the coal strike today. The railways are feeling the shortage already and the competition has ended in one line running but one train and exchanging tickets to the north. Hundreds of steamers are held in the docks. The feeling between the men and owners is good and there are little prospects of disorders.

SUFFRAGETTES RUN AMUCK

Smashed Store Windows in Knights Bridge and Brompton Yesterday—Thirty Arrested—Attempt to Burn Post Office.

(Special to Daily News.) London, March 4.—Bands of suffragettes again ran riot yesterday and at Knights Bridge and at Brompton the store windows suffered. The women were armed with hammers and smashed \$15,000 worth of plate glass. Thirty were arrested.

Last night a woman was found pouring oil on a pile of shavings at the general post office, and is charged with an attempt to burn down the building.

For sale—Soda fountain and all appurtenances. C. H. Orme, 1f

KEY OF SUPERB NEW CHURCH HANDED OVER TO DR. CHOWN

DEDICATION SERVICES OF METHODISTS' HANDSOME PLACE OF WORSHIP TOOK PLACE SUNDAY MORNING—GREAT JOINT GATHERING AT EVENING SERVICES.

With solemn thrill the notes of the fine organ in the new Methodist Church accompanied the sacred service of dedication held in the morning. Rev. Dr. Chown preached the dedication sermon on the theme of "Holiness of Place and of People."

Rev. Charles Sing, pastor of the Methodist Church of Prince Rupert, to whose energy the successful opening yesterday of the new church building is largely due, took part in the service, as also did Rev. C. H. Raley.

Most interesting was the ceremony of handing over the key of the new church. Mr. Peter McLachlan handed over the key to Rev. Dr. Chown, who accepted it on behalf of the Methodist Church of Canada. Beside Mr.

McLachlan stood O. H. Nelson, William Manson, A. Allison and Mr. Derry, all office bearers of the church, taking part in the ceremony. With prayer the dedication was completed.

In the afternoon Sunday school rooms were opened with short addresses by Rev. F. W. Kerr, Rev. G. S. Reddick and others, and in the evening a great mass gathering of members of the Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist churches assembled in the new building to hear Dr. Chown preach, the sister churches having graciously given up their evening services to share in the Methodists' rejoicing. Further celebrations are to take place during this week and next Sabbath.

RING STALWARTS COPPER YOUNG PROGRESSIVES' ACE

GOING TO BE A LIVELY CAMPAIGN—TWO CONSERVATIVE CONVENTIONS ARE ADVERTISED—MANSON NOW LIKELY TO BE WITH THE "ALSO RANS."

The old line ring Conservatives have put out a despairing effort to offset the energetic politics of the young Progressives and in the language of one of the leaders, forceful and picturesque but not polite, they have "coppered the game" of the men of progress by announcing a Conservative convention on the 9th inst. It will be remembered that the Progressives opened the ball in this campaign by announcing a convention for the 11th, which is next Monday week, while the convention of the mossbacks is called for the Saturday previous.

Leaders of the Progressives who were seen this morning do not appear to be at all alarmed about this move, claiming that they are assured of a full convention of real Progressives from every part of the district, and that many of those who come to attend the Stalwart convention will stay for that of the Progressives.

Of course the Mossbacks have Manson for their candidate. They have to. They have no voice in the matter at all. But the Progressives have the chance of selecting a candidate of their own and they are going to do so. Not blindly, however, or with any of the impetuosity of youth. They are desirous of showing the enemy they know the game of politics pretty well already. So

they are going to give the nomination to the man who tried to sell them out to the sleuth sent here by McBride to straighten out the split in the Conservative party. Ritchie, it is now explained, acted under a mistaken impression. He is persona grata with the Two Man government and he is also personally popular in the Skeena district. It is therefore held that he would prove a successful candidate.

But other candidates will no doubt be presented in the full convention and the proceedings are bound to be interesting, while those of the Mossback convention, from the very nature of things, must be cut and dried, every man there acting as a mere galley slave under the lash.

PEKIN MUTINY

Estimated That Three Thousand Persons Have Been Killed.

(Special to Daily News.) Peking, March 4.—According to Yuan Shi Kai, three thousand persons have been slain since the present mutiny started. The city is quieter today, but heavy artillery firing is going on south of the city. The railway line to Tien Tsin is again opened. Foreign troops have arrived in large numbers, and the safety of the foreigners is assured.