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SECRETARY OF WAR STANHOPE EXPLAINS WALES STRANGE BEHAVIOR

Regarding the Army Regulations—It Was, According to Him, a Mean Unsoldierlike Part—Another Aristocratic Scoundrel Caught and Punished—Hon. W. H. Smith Pushing Forward Government Measures—More Baccarat Sensation Hatching.

LONDON, June 15.—Mr. Stanhope, Secretary of State for War, replying today in the Commons to a question put by Mr. William Summers (Liberal) in regard to the baccarat scandal, said Sir William Gordon-Cumming is the person who has broken faith because he did not report the case to his commanding officers.

WILL CREATE A SENSATION. A paper is being prepared which when published will cause a fresh sensation in the baccarat scandal.

GOVERNMENT BILLS TAKE PRECEDENCE. In the House of Commons today the Hon. W. H. Smith moved that for the remainder of the session Government measures precede all others.

ANOTHER HUMAN SMILE. The magistrates of Eastbourne, the usual were concerned in hearing an atrocious charge against Captain Hawkes, a prominent officer possessed of much wealth and a member of a noted family.

POSSIBLE YOUNG. The Werthington railway has just dealt with a precedent. Three ladies without a pleasure coach.

THE CABINET FORMED. OTTAWA, June 15.—Hon. J. J. C. Abbott has formed his ministry, that is, he has asked his colleagues to continue to hold their portfolios.

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED. McLean's Challenge to Peterson is Taken Up at Last. Peterson of San Francisco has accepted McLean's challenge and agreed to his terms.

SEALING PROHIBITED. WASHINGTON, June 15.—The president today issued a proclamation stating that the agreement for the seal fishing between the government of the United States and the government of Her Britannic Majesty in relation to the seal fisheries in Behring Sea, was concluded on the 15th of last June.

AN IMPROBABLE PROCLAMATION. The president today issued the following proclamation: Whereas, an agreement for a modus vivendi between the government of the United States and the government of Her Britannic Majesty in relation to the seal fisheries in Behring Sea, was concluded on the 15th of last June.

REMOVING THE BODY. CORNWALL, Ont., June 15.—Despite the means of the reward offered, the relative of deceased approval and Mrs. Inverch, arrested on suspicion, and subsequently discharged.

CHANGING STAND. KINGSBURY, Ont., June 15.—The guard of "A" battery at the grave of the late Sir John A. Macdonald has been withdrawn and detectives from the Canadian Secret Service have assumed charge.

CITY COUNCIL THE MUNICIPAL LEGISLATORS HOLD A BUSY SESSION

The Street Watering Bylaw Passed After Much Discussion—Three By-laws Put Through Their Final Stages—Expenditure of Revenue in the Wards Debated—The City Treasurer's Statement Passed by the Auditor.

The Board of Aldermen met last night in the City hall for the transaction of business. Present, Mayor Brown in the chair; Aldermen Oves, Gifford, Curtis, Scoullar, Walker, Sinclair, Shiles, Smith.

From the Citizens' Celebration Committee of Fairhaven, Wash., inviting the mayor and aldermen to participate in the Fourth of July celebration at that place. Accepted.

From Wm. Turnbull & Co., asking permission to lay building material on Columbia, Sixth and Front streets, opposite the foundations of the Douglas-Elliott block. Granted.

From L. C. Collier, under secretary of state at Ottawa, stating that at the instance of the Honorable the High Commissioner for Canada in the United Kingdom, a package of books had been forwarded to the City, presented to the public library by the India office by him, and the clerk instructed to acknowledge receipt.

From Armstrong, Eckstein and Gaynor, the matter of the claims of Mrs. E. K. Black and James Panch, protesting against the Council's delay in answering previous letters on the same matter, and asking for immediate consideration of and reply to the same.

From Messrs. Reid and Currie, stating that they will no longer be responsible for the ferry, or anything in connection either with the boat or the service. Received and filed.

From James Wilson on behalf of the notification from the Council to give up possession of water lots now held by him, and stating that the lots were purchased by him from Lane, Pike and Nelson twelve years ago, with a seven year's lease, including the privilege of renewing the lease for another seven years, and that the same were duly transferred to him by the then council; also had paid back rent to the council to the amount of \$500, and spent about \$4,000 in improvements, besides paying rent and taxes on the lots.

From W. F. Berge asking permission to sublet a portion of the library store rented by him, and also to make the "BY-LAW" "COLUMBIA" "REDA" deputy provincial secretary, stating that on and after July 1st, next, the annual revenue tax \$3 will be payable to the municipal collectors, and that the taxes collected prior to that date will be retained by the government.

Ald. Walker said the government had been making extraordinary efforts to collect the tax to deprive the city of it. Ald. Scoullar thought if the matter were properly placed before the government the matter could be more justly settled. Referred to the finance committee to report.

From W. A. Dunbar, secretary to the Water Commissioners, asking permission to erect a shed for storing tools, materials, etc., on lot 14, block six, during the construction of the water works in the City, granted.

From C. G. Major, auditor, giving the accompanying statements for months of April and May as correct.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT APRIL. Dr. To balance \$ 448 91 Miscellaneous 25 00 Trade charges 489 12 Police Court 173 00 Interest on sinking funds 25 00 Cheques Bank of B. C. 14,324 78

Total \$15,140 69 Cr. Miscellaneous \$ 216 01 Office charges 489 12 New streets 1,410 16 Street repairs 2,661 69 Macadam road crusher 1,530 70 Electric light 5,742 00 Parks 392 70 Police 211 66 Water works 321 64 Health 90 00 Police department 955 15 Fire 1,033 15 Deposits Bank of British Columbia 25 Balance cash on hand 292 30 Total \$15,140 69

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Received and filed. From John E. Lord, asking if it will be an infraction of the Fire Limit Bylaw if a wooden building is moved from one place to another within the fire limits.









