



EARTHQUAKE IN EASTERN ASIA

CENTRAL TURKESTAN IS COMPLETELY DEVASTATED

First Shock Since San Francisco Earthquake—Fearful Loss of Life Feared—Shock Was Registered at Cleveland Observatory.

(Special to the Optimist)

Petersburg, Jan. 4.—A terrific earthquake has completely devastated central Turkestan. There is a tremendous loss of life and the damage property is estimated at over two million dollars. As most of the trunk telegraph lines are down it is impossible to fully estimate the damage. It is feared, however, that when the reports come in it will be found to be the worst shock since that which destroyed San Francisco. The country is thickly settled and several large cities are reported to have sustained damage.

Is This the Clue?

Cleveland, Jan. 4.—(Special)—The severest earthquake shock recorded here for years was recorded on the seismograph last night. The earthquake is calculated to have occurred about six thousand miles away.

GREATEST PLOT EVER UNEARTHED

CAUSED LONDON POLICE TO EXTERMINATE ANARCHISTS

Secrecy Maintained Regarding Details but It Is Conceded That the Gang Had Dire Intentions Regarding Coronation Festivities.

(Special to the Optimist)

London, Jan. 4.—The terrible attack which was yesterday directed against the extermination of the anarchist gang in the city is today the only topic of discussion in the great metropolis. Everyone is anxious to know the why and wherefore of such drastic measures on the part of the police and the military.

The Daily Telegraph came to their aid this morning with a statement to the effect that prior to the fight the police accidentally stumbled across the greatest plot yet unearthed. The utmost secrecy is maintained regarding the motif of the plot but it is generally understood to have relation to the forthcoming coronation of King George V.

That the gang were located in England with a view to perpetrating some horrible crime on that auspicious occasion seems more than probable. That is the only reason assigned for the unique and effective method employed to get rid of the dangerous principals to the plot.

London (Later)—Following the part in the battle against the anarchists Mr. Winston Churchill today made a statement to the press of the city of London to the effect that immigration laws must now be passed to protect the shores of Great Britain from such creatures. Five hundred armed detectives are making a house to house search through the anarchist headquarters owing to reports that reprisals are being planned having been received at police headquarters.

MAYORAL CONTEST IS OPENED

MR. WM. MANSON AND ALD. MOBLEY OUTLINE THEIR PLATFORMS BEFORE CROWDED AUDIENCE IN THE OPERA HOUSE

FULL OF LIVELY INCIDENT

Ald. Pattullo Made Another Fighting Speech Which Hurt Ald. Smith's Feelings—Many of the Candidates Were Heckled by the Audience—Editor Newton Tells His Troubles to the Audience

Mr. William Manson, M. P., and mayoral candidate for the City of Prince Rupert opened his campaign proper in the Empress Theatre last night. In anticipation of this interesting event there was a large audience which fairly filled the theatre. Mr. Manson was supported on the platform by a number of the aldermen and prospective aldermen who are espousing his cause in the mayoralty fight. Before proceeding with the business of the meeting the chairman, Mr. T. Dunn, invited any aldermen who might be present in the audience to come to the platform and in response to this invitation Messrs. Mobley and Pattullo stepped up and were greeted along with the others with hearty applause—Mr. Mobley sitting down beside Mr. S. M. Newton.

The meeting was of a prolonged nature, lasting till well after eleven o'clock, but throughout the utmost good feeling prevailed on both sides. Hard knocks were given and taken, and on several occasions "eventualities" seemed imminent, but the iron rule of Mr. Dunn served to restrain the impetuous as well as the obstreperous, without in any way creating an impression of partizanship or prejudice.

After the chairman had appealed for a fair hearing for all of the speakers he called upon Mr. Manson to open the ball.

Manson Leads the Way

A great reception was accorded the mayoral candidate. Wasting no time over idle preliminaries he waded into the various issues of the election. He had been criticized, he said, because it would be necessary for him to be absent from the city for the first six weeks of the year. He took occasion to point out that during the last seven months Mayor Stork had been absent from the city for seven weeks, and he thought therefore that it would be no great crime for him to be absent for six weeks out of the twelve months in Victoria.

In reference to the holding of the meeting he said that they had been accused of trying to evade their opponents in open debate. He replied, however, that it has been previously arranged between himself and Alderman Mobley that they would not open their campaign till after the New Year and as that pledge had not been acted up to by his opponent, he thought he was entitled to take the first opportunity that offered itself after the New Year, of opening his campaign. In doing so he was quite within his rights and he did not think the action in any way justified the criticism that had been hurled at him. At the same time he welcomed Alderman Mobley and Pattullo to his platform.

Must Follow Council

In regard to the policy now to be adopted or advocated, he said that it must have regard to what had gone before during the past seven months. Seven months ago it was easy to lay down a policy but now they must have

regard to the past. It would not do to lay down a policy that would upset or undo what had already been done. They must follow the present council where they left off. The council had had many duties to undertake and he had no petty criticism to offer. No one knew better than he the difficulties of the situation. They, the council, of course had a clean sheet to begin with and were to a certain extent the gainers, having nothing to interfere with their progress.

Financial Policy

To his mind there was nothing more important than the financial policy of the city. It was the whole key to the situation regarding municipal affairs. The financial policy he advocated seven months ago was borrowing the necessary money upon the credit of the whole city for street grading, installing water, and sewerage systems, electric light and the telephone. He believed that the method of borrowing was very much simpler spread over the whole city than on the local improvement plan. He thought it was a proper thing that the charges for street grading should be spread over the whole city. So far as he was concerned he had no objection to the grading of Section One, but he wanted the whole city to be graded. He thought it would have been better if the grading in Section One had been confined to a smaller area. If the congested portions of Section One had been graded it would have been easier upon the financial credit of the city. They would have had less to face in regard to sewers and macadamising. In ad-

dition to that it hampered the outside portions of the city.

Term Not Long Enough

He contended that the improvements which they had undertaken and the items which they had to undertake during the ensuing year would exhaust their borrowing power. He criticized the council for basing their financial policy upon a twenty year term. He thought it was a mistake. The money about to be borrowed should be extended over the longest period possible, forty or fifty years. To borrow on a long term meant that they would have a smaller rate of taxation.

In Grips With Pattullo

Alderman Pattullo, he said, had been doing considerable figuring in regard to borrowing. In replying to some of the Alderman's criticisms of his proposal he said that the council had been compelled to follow the policy they did, on account of the local improvement plan. That policy, he said, compelled the city to go to the bank and raise the money. They could not tell what the work was going to cost until it was done. Their financial policy was therefore forced upon them by their pursuance of the local improvement plan.

He thought that Alderman Pattullo's reasoning of the matter was misleading. It was not necessary to borrow a million dollars all at once. Once their debentures were sold they could go to the bank and get an advance on them quickly and easily. As it is now, they did not know what they might have to sell at. They must be issued, however, and they must be sold. In any event he thought it was wrong to start work without first having the authority of the people. In Section One the people had never been consulted.

Mr. Manson's Platform

Coming to his platform for the mayoralty he said that last year he had advocated the taxation of land values only. That policy he was glad to know had been adopted during the year. He twitted Alderman Pattullo's scepticism in regard to the water record. In the matter of building sidewalks and pavements he favored the local improvement plan, but in the case of the permanent grading of the streets which would last for ever he thought it should be paid for by the whole city. His platform also provided for the municipal control of the tramways and other public utilities that would be created with the development of the city. He favored an eight hour day for all city workmen at \$3 per day, and others at the current rate, for provisions to be made in all city contracts against the employment of Asiatic labor.

As regards work already done or in hand they would adhere to the policy of the present council. He would make a change in the financial policy, however. He would try to have the time for the expiry of the loan altered from twenty years to fifty years. He believed that

FIERCE STORMS ALL OVER LAND

KENORA BREAKS RECORD WITH MERCURY 51 BELOW

Business is Completely Stopped in Many Places on Account of Bitter Gale—In Regina No One Ventured on the Streets.

Special to the Optimist

Winnipeg, Jan. 4.—Reports from the outlying places on the great plains all tell of the raging storm which ravaged the whole country yesterday and the day before. The condition in Saskatchewan is described as the worst in years. The hurricanes and snows made it quite impossible to go out of doors. All traffic was held up or seriously delayed. Prince Albert has the same story to tell. In Regina hardly anyone dared venture on the street, so bitter was the cold and so fierce the gale. At Moose Jaw the mercury recorded from thirty-five to thirty-seven below, whereas at Kenora the thermometer was almost put out of business. Fifty-one below was recorded. All business was at a complete standstill for the simple reason that it was quite impossible to do anything. Brandon also got the full blast of the gale.

POST OFFICE IS DYNAMITED

POLICE ARREST ONE MAN IN CONNECTION WITH CRIME

Outrage on Government Post Office Believed to Be Work of a Gang—Police Are Still Prosecuting the Investigation.

(Special to the Optimist)

Winnipeg, Jan. 4.—Word has been received here to the effect that one of the alleged dynamiters connected with the destruction of the Govan Post Office has been arrested. The police are still prosecuting the search but so far without further avail. They believe that the work was the result of a plot on the part of some gang.

OUTBREAK FEARED

Portugal Garrison Kept at Barracks in Readiness

Madrid, Jan. 4.—(Special)—A despatch from Vigo says that the garrison at Valencio Des Menso, Portugal, has been confined to barracks. Orders have been issued to be in readiness to move at a moment's notice. A fresh outbreak against the republic is feared.

STANFORD REVENGED

Gave Vancouver Trouncing—Berkley Wins Cup

Vancouver, Jan. 4.—(Special)—Berkley won the Keith Rugby Cup from Victoria by virtue of a draw game after having already won one and drawn one. Stanford University were revenged against Vancouver in their match, winning by nine points to nil.

Council Broke Record

All records were broken when the City Council adjourned last night immediately after having called to order by the Mayor. No business was brought up at all, but the council met today at 2 p.m. to discuss a number of by-laws.

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THE COSY CORNER

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This is a little section of the paper, which from day to day will be devoted to subjects of special interest to women. Any and all of the ladies of Prince Rupert are invited to contribute to its columns, and to take part in its discussions. Suggestions and criticisms are invited by the editor. The hope is expressed that "The Cosy Corner" will fill a social need.

New Combination Sweaters

The sweater has become to be a recognized portion of every girl's wardrobe and one of the garments which is purchased as regularly as autumn succeeds summer.

For a quite young girl there is no model quite so smart as the middy coat of plain white with light blue or cardinal band borderings, and for hard service of navy with dark stripes about the wrists, hip pockets and the nautical collar.

Similar color combinations are used for the thirty-six inch coats designed primarily for skating, but employed for a variety of purposes. These are double breasted from the tops of the shoulders, so that extra warmth is afforded to that portion of the body which most needs protection when a person is skating.

Also double breasted is the military sweater, which has strap fastened cuffs and collar which effectively prevent the wind from chilling the throat and arms, the full length coat which has a turn-down collar, one in fancifully woven wool with a shawl collar and side pockets, trimmed with a contrasting color, and an absolutely new model having wide double panels which may be buttoned back when not needed or be drawn across the front when extra warmth is required and has a knitted belt which disappears through side slits beneath the arms and fastens under the coat at the back.

Many of the single breasted utility sweaters of coat shape have the collarless or V neck, patch pockets and turned over cuffs, and the favorite colors are Oxford gray, dull green or pure white, but a model which is having immense vogue this season is precisely like the garment worn by football players and is drawn over the head, sadly to the discomfiture of the coiffure it must be admitted.

Next in favor is the Russian sweater, which is prettiest in white with dark blue or red bandings, the nautical coat woven in a heavy stitch and relieved with navy banded collar, cuffs, pocket flaps and right front openings; the one of angora wool which makes a girl look like a huge pussy cat if with it she wears a matching cap and the very closely woven and fitted affairs with narrow tight sleeves which were primarily designed to be worn beneath suit jackets.

A Brave Child's Memory.

After two centuries the little heroine of Castle Dangerous is to have her reward in bronze. The estimates just tabled in the house of commons carry \$20,000 for a statue of Madeleine de Vercheres, to be erected at the very spot on Vercheres Bluff, P. L., where, for a week, in 1692, this maid of 14 defended her father's seignory against hostile Iriquois.

Overlooking the St. Lawrence, the bronze figure of a lithe, fair, fearless girl, musket in hand, will give incoming immigrants an inspiration of courage, energy, loyalty and patriotism. Fifty feet in height, the statue will be as characteristic in many ways of the traditions of this new land as the statue of Liberty at New York is characteristic of the spirit of American institutions.

Women in Business

One significant phase of present day civilization is shown in a striking manner by a change that has taken place in one of the most famous streets of New York. It is the increasing activity of women in business.

Fifth avenue has undergone a transformation between Twentieth street and Fifty-second street. It is no longer a

man's avenue. Of the 700 firms doing business there, fully 300 are composed entirely of women. Two hundred others have both men and women members and deal in goods for women exclusively. One hundred more are of men trading in women's wearing apparel. The largest hotel in the vicinity, the Waldorf Astoria, makes a feature of catering to women, and every day its sumptuous lounging rooms are crowded with shoppers.

Cretonne on Chairs

It is astonishing what some women can do with a few tacks, a hammer, and some lengths of cretonne! The appearance of a room may be entirely changed with a judicious handling of these three by a woman of taste. Not only the appearance of the room can be changed, but the atmosphere can be altered.

In the shops art cretonnes and chintz can be bought at a reasonable price, Chairs and sofas can be made to look like new if these materials are used to re-cover them. This re-covering is not a difficult matter.

Suggestions for Housewives

Oil paintings hung over the chimney place are liable to wrinkle with the heat.

Rosewood furniture should be rubbed gently every day with a clean, soft cloth to keep the surface well polished.

Nothing makes better iron holders than old cotton hose. They will not callous the hands as many materials will.

A fillet of beef requires a longer time for roasting than any other cut or kind of meat. Usually half an hour to the pound is none too long a time. Pork comes next; the average time allowed for a roast of pork is twenty minutes to the pound.

OUR DAILY RECIPE

Roasted Oysters

When one has been made a present of a barrel or a keg of oysters do not omit the opportunity to give an oyster roast. Invite guests that you know well; also make sure they eat oysters.

Make almost the entire supper of the bivalve. Grapefruit or bouillon can be served first. Have roasted in kitchen and brought in with the shells half opened.

Before each plate have melted butter an oyster fork, salt and pepper, and an oyster knife for opening the shells.

As more oysters can be eaten roasted than any other way, allow a liberal proportion for each guest. Have on the table tabasco, horseradish, and lemon, though the majority like drawn butter better than any other dressing.

Serve with oysters plenty of thin buttered bread, pepper slaw, small Parker House rolls, and French fried or Saratoga potatoes. Coffee can be served with the supper or later.

Have a light salad, endive or crisp lettuce with cheese breads. The dessert after so filling a meal should not be rich. Ginger or mint ice in sherbet glasses is refreshing.

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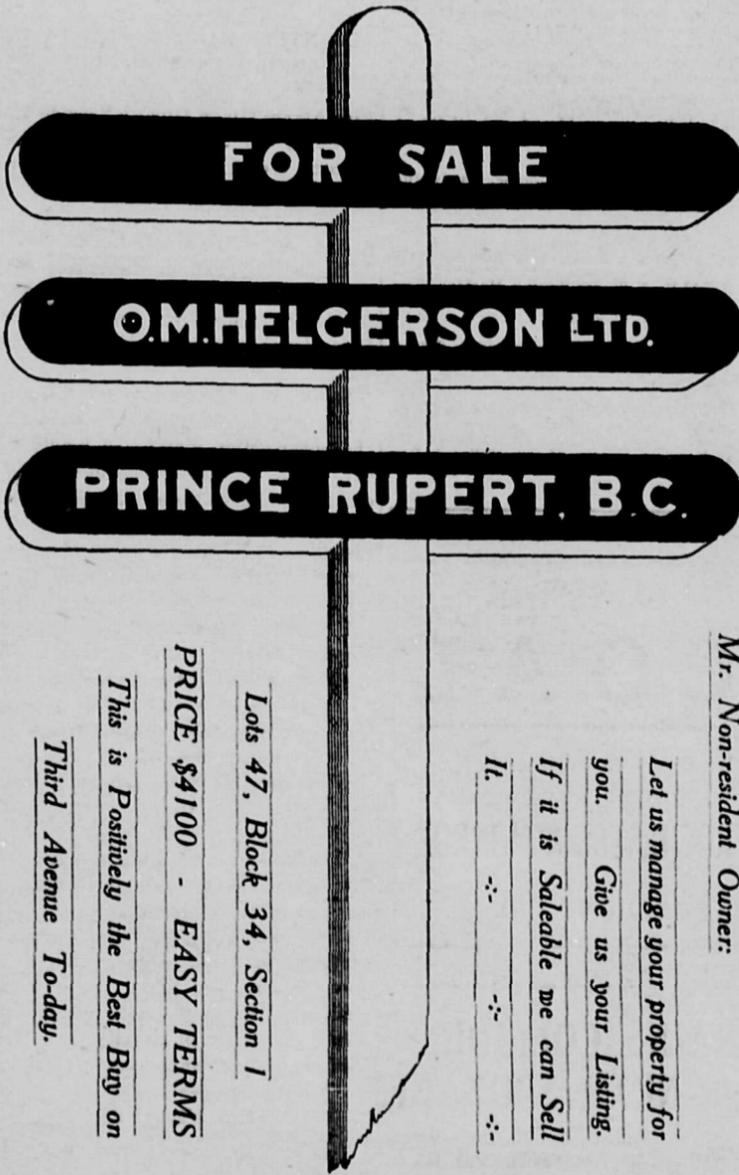
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Alderman Hilditch's ideas coincide with the Empire's and his cry for a "white man's town. Now, Mr. Editor, I think that this is an insult to our foreign born citizens who have been brought here on the invitation of the government of this country. Such remarks can only emanate from an arrogant, ignorant and narrow nature and show a very small grasp of the economic necessities of the present time.

If a balance were taken from the amount of money going out of this country on one hand and the amount of money being brought in and the wealth created by those so-called foreigners, it would very much be to their credit.

Mayor Stork and his followers show some grasp of the subject in so far as they indorse the Laurier policy.

Mr. Hilditch claims to be the Labor candidate for the council of this city when the fact is, he was nominated in the first place by the carpenters union only numbering about 85 men. Do the carpenters indorse him now? I was nominated by the Socialist party which was the working class party at that time but I was not seeking office. So I am in a position to know.

As the Empire claims to be the working man's friend, how is it that it does not take an interest in working class meetings, as the Socialists were holding one or two meetings per week last winter and there have been several labor meetings the past five or six weeks without a representative of the Empire being present.

Mr. Editor, I give you credit for having a reporter at the working class meetings of late.

S. LEBLANC

SIX HUNDRED LOST IN BATTLE

MEXICAN RELIEF FORCE SLAUGHTERED BY INSURGENTS

InsurrectoresHaveOnly Small Casualty List—Lugue May Not Now Go on With His Shattered Forces.

(Special to the Optimist)

El Pasco, Jan. 2.—According to reports here there has been a very heavy casualty list from the fighting in Mexico. The relief force under Lugue had a four days' battle with the insurgents on the way to their destination and lost six hundred men. The insurgent loss is reported to be slight. Naravro is still bottled up in Malpaso, and the situation becomes more serious every day. It has now become a question whether Lugue with his remnant of an army can make his destination and effect a relief.

W. H. Montgomery Comes Out
Mr. W. H. Montgomery, of the Longshoreman's Union, has announced his candidature for the position of alderman. He will run in Ward Two.

MORE CAR STRIKES

Many Injured in Street Riots at Everett

Everett, Jan. 4.—(Special)—A street car strike here resulted in serious riots last night. People congregated together and in the scuffle many were injured and had to be removed to the hospital. The Traction Company has refused to grant the rise in wages demanded by the men. They say that they will import strike breakers from Seattle.

TELEPHONE CO. HAS CABLE SHIP

TO LAY NEW CABLE FROM VANCOUVER TO VICTORIA

B. C. Telephone Company Decides to Construct Boat to Facilitate the Laying of New Cables Across Rivers and Other Waters.

To lay its new paper pupin coil cable from Vancouver to Victoria, and for the purpose of making prompt repairs to any future breaks in the Gulf of Georgia and Frazer River cables, the British Columbia Telephone company has just decided on the construction of a cable ship. The equipment is to be secured in England, while the hull will be built here.

The company has been in correspondence for some time with various cable-laying apparatus concerns in the old country, and has finally selected a double-gear, similar to that in use on the ship Restorer, owned by the Commercial Cable company, and the American Government's boat Burnside at Seattle. This equipment, when complete, will include a cable tank, dynameters, grappling and sounding apparatus.

The vessel will be about 125 feet in length, being somewhat smaller than the Restorer. The engines are to be installed in Vancouver. It is expected that the total cost of the ship will approximate \$35,000.

In the past, officials of the telephone company state, it has taken them about ten days to make repairs on their cables owing to the fact that they were forced to hire cable boats. In the future, when they have a boat of their own, they hope to be able to attend to any ordinary difficulties in three days or even less. This boat will attend to the present cable to Victoria, the new one to be laid next year, and the three small cables across the Fraser River at New Westminster, Chilliwack and Rosedale.

To the Students and Patrons

The Prince Rupert Dancing Academy owing to the McIntyre Hall being previously rented for the Mobley Committee Rooms, the dance for Wednesday, the 4th of January, 1911, will be omitted.

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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 4

The Mayor Who Wouldn't Be Missed

There is no doubt in the mind of Mr. Manson and his supporters that he would make the kind of Mayor who wouldn't be missed.

Mr. Manson gave it as his own opinion at last night's meeting that he wouldn't be missed for six weeks. Alderman Hilditch who knows both Mr. Manson and the work of the council gave it as his opinion that if Mr. Manson were Mayor he could stay away for two months and not be missed. This brings it within the jurisdiction of the remark in yesterday's Optimist that a Mayor who could stay away for two months and not be missed, might just as well stay away for the remaining ten.

The kind of Mayor Prince Rupert needs is one who can't stay away two days without being missed. Some of the candidates for council honors should remember the example of Alderman Naden and Mayor Stork, both of whom are retiring because the demands of their private affairs will prevent them from giving adequate time to public affairs.

The kind of man who won't be missed from the council has no business to run for office, let alone expect election.

Alderman Mobley's Platform

As was expected, the platform which Alderman Mobley outlined last night as the basis of his candidature for Mayor, was largely a continuation of the policy of last year's council. This was a wise course, and an ample policy. It is far more satisfactory to the citizens to have a man declare himself in favor of a series of concrete reforms which are now in process of labor, rather than to listen to a lot of airy generalities about reforms which are to come out from the skies.

Under the business policy of the last council, a large amount of improvement work has been done. The grading of the business section has been arranged for, and plankways built out into the residential districts. Fire and police departments have been installed, a water supply provided for, a telephone and electric lighting plant erected. Financial pressure brought to bear to crush the city into submission to the corporations has been successfully met, and the finances of the city put on a satisfactory basis. In addition, a vast array of machinery for the moral and social government of the city has been provided.

In announcing the following up and extension of this business policy of developing the city, Ald. Mobley announced a policy which will commend itself to the great mass of citizens whose chief desire in electing a Mayor and council, is to choose someone who will "get things done."

Empire on Mr. Manson

OH, YOU JUMPING JACKS!

(From the Empire of May 10th.)

Why should the citizens swallow a further dose, and how can this same bunch of jumping jacks square themselves in trying to hoist Mr. Manson into a position of still greater power after so vehemently denouncing the influences which he failed to divide the House upon?

In supporting Mr. Manson are they not fighting for the perpetuation of the very principles which they have so roundly condemned? And how can the Rupert public place any reliance in such fluctuating and insincere utterances, or in any recommendations they may choose to make.

The only surprising feature of the situation is that Mr. Manson has not the good sense to keep free from such somersaults, instead of plunging into this seething cauldron. Of course he has hopes of being able to subdue the local revolt, but he has only partially succeeded.

EDITOR ANSWERS SUMMONS TO-DAY

PRESENTS A STOLID FRONT IN POLICE COURT

Case is Adjourned Formally For a Week by Magistrate While Mr. Patmore Gets After Witnesses who Are Out of Town.

Before Magistrate Carss this morning S. M. Newton, managing editor of the Evening Empire appeared to answer to the charge of having written and published the statement in the Empire implying that Ald. Mobley was concerned in the sale of liquor wholesale to non-licence holders. L. W. Patmore appeared for the defence, and A. M. Manson for the prosecution. Editor Newton presented an impert-

urbable front as he stood in the witness box while the charge was being read to him. Mr. Patmore asked that a remand of eight days be granted to let him prepare his case and summon witnesses now out of town.

Magistrate Carss said a formal adjournment for seven days was all that was necessary if Mr. Mobley and his counsel were agreeable. At first Mr. Manson was inclined to object to the delay, but on the understanding that the case would not be kept back more than was absolutely necessary, he agreed to the adjournment.

Mr. Newton's plea is understood to be one of "not guilty." The case was the only one in court to-day and attracted no special attention.

Kaieen Island Dance

The ladies committee of the Kaieen Island club announce a dance to be held on Thursday evening, January 5th, at 8:30. Tickets \$1.00.

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Four Dead Bodies Were Removed From the Debris—Special Train and Twenty Nurses Despatched to Scene of Disaster.

(Special to the Optimist)

Spokane, Jan. 4.—Two Northern Pacific passenger trains collided at Cheney this morning. Four dead bodies have already been taken from the debris. Immediately the news of the disaster was rushed through a relief train with twenty nurses was made up and despatched with all possible speed and a right of way to the scene. The trains colliding are numbers 2 and 40. The number 2 is the North Coast Limited, the crack train of the Northern Pacific line. Details of the disaster are still lacking but the dead and injured will probably be an extensive one.

For a time there was great danger that the wreckage would ignite and thus destroy any chance of rescuing the injured. A large staff of men and nurses is now engaged in removing the bodies and attending to the injured. How the collision occurred is not definitely known. A misleading signal is believed to have caused the disaster.

SPECIAL ANGLICAN SERVICES

Sunday School Concert at Port Es-sington Held Last Night

The combined Sunday Schools of St. Andrew's church, Second avenue, and St. Peter's church, Seal Cove Circle, met yesterday afternoon in St. Andrew's Hall and had a merry time, recitations, songs, supper and Christmas tree.

St. John's Sunday School, Port Es-sington met in the Cunningham Hall last evening for the second part of their Christmas festival—a supper; the first part was a Christmas Cantata rendered last week under the leadership of Miss Fanny Noble which was pronounced by all a great success.

Bishop DuVernet conducted the New Year's day services at Port Es-sington and Rev. T. C. Des Barres held services at Stewart where the event for the Christmas season.

FIRE PANIC IN AMERICAN CHURCH

SEVENTEEN KILLED, EIGHTY INJURED IN STAMPEDE

Fire Alarm Given During Service and People Made a Mad Rush for the Exit—Women Were Trampled Under Foot.

(Special to the Optimist)

Mexico City, Jan. 4.—Seventeen dead and eighty injured. That is the casualty list which resulted from a panic in a San Luis church on the ringing of the fire alarm.

Service was being held at the time someone gave the alarm. Immediately the congregation stampeded madly for the door. In the terrible unreasoning crush the weaker were strangled under foot and killed. The people were completely mad till they reached the open air and then discovered that there was no fire.

The victims of the panic were mostly women. Several young girls and men are also included in the death roll.

CHICAGO SNOWBOUND

Trains Moving but Freight Is Held Up

Chicago, Jan. 4.—(Special)—After a three days' fight with the fierce blizzard of winter most of the passenger trains making to or going from this place are running on time. Little freight is moving, however, many trains being stalled in the snow drifts out on the line. The streets of the city have been cleared and business is resumed again.

THE WEATHER

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Yours truly,
(DR.) W. S. HALL.

To the Electors of Ward One

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I have been requested by a large number of voters to stand as Alderman for Ward number One. Having consented I now take this opportunity to ask for your vote and influence, and if elected will do my best to serve the interests of the city at large.

Yours respectfully,
JOHN CURRIE.

To The Electors of Ward 2

LADIES and GENTLEMEN:

In response to a request from a number of electors I have decided to offer myself as a candidate for Alderman in Ward 2 for the year 1911. I take the opportunity of the announcement to solicit your support, and promise if elected to give you my best service in the council.

Yours truly,

Daniel H. Morrison

STOLEN

Some time between Dec. 23rd and 26th, a gold headed Umbrella. The party who took it is requested to return same to Optimist Office and save further trouble.

MAYORAL CONTEST

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that would lighten the burden of taxation and would also be the proper method of dealing with the affairs of the city.

Sewers and Light

If elected Mayor he would proceed next year with the installation of a water works system by bringing forward a by-law for the raising of the necessary money. They also required a sewerage system to provide for the needs of the congested areas of Sections Five, Six and Seven. The trunk sewers he would make chargeable to the general fund but the distribution of the laterals he thought should be settled on the local improvement basis.

In regard to the electric light he said that if it was not in by the time the election was over and he was returned he would undertake to have it in operation within ten days after that period. He complimented the council for having installed a telephone of its own. He thought they deserved all the credit that was coming to them on that account. Beyond the fact that he was prepared to enforce the law he had nothing to say in connection with the police department.

Voices a Protest

He wished to enter a protest against the canvass that was being made among the city officials against his candidature to the effect that if he was returned they might find themselves without a job. He wished to refute any such statement or intention. "Any city official whose services are required need have no fears for me," he said. In connection with the G. T. P. settlement there was also an underhand canvas being made against his candidature. His attitude upon that matter had been misrepresented in the reports he had read of public meetings. He had been reported as saying that he would not refer it to the city. He quoted Alderman Mobley as having made the statement. The question must be settled by the people of Prince Rupert he said. It had also been repeatedly charged against

him that if he was elected he would sell the city out on the question. "That," he said, "was too absurd to require consideration, and to canvass that report from door to door was getting very low down." It was not time to be quarreling with the G. T. P. and he did not propose to introduce anything into the campaign that would in any way hamper the city.

G. T. P. Assessment Trouble

He rebutted Alderman Pattullo's challenge that he was responsible for the appointment of Mr. Cuthbert as assessor in the G. T. P. difficulty. Mr. Cuthbert was appointed by a committee, and he did his work well. Mr. Cuthbert did his work without any instruction either from him or from the government as to how he was to act. Besides there was no trouble over the assessment. The trouble arose over the taxation.

There were a lot of other charges and challenges, but he was not going to pay any attention to them. He thanked them cordially for the courteous hearing accorded him and again asked for their support. On resuming his seat he was warmly applauded.

Mobley Makes Reply

After thanking Mr. Manson for the opportunity of speaking at this meeting Alderman Mobley said that he had hoped he might have had the opportunity after hearing Mr. Manson of reviewing some arguments against the city council. He was surprised there were so few.

"However," he said, "in regard to Mr. Manson's charge of breach of truce I claim that as I held no meetings on my own behalf and when asked to speak at meetings in support of aldermanic candidates did not announce more than my candidature in plain terms, I have kept the truce as well as Mr. Manson himself." (Cheers).

Methods and Men

Regarding Mr. Manson's financial calculations Alderman Mobley thought Mr. Manson should go back and check his figures; and on the subject of the method taken in city work he was firm. "We gave the people the opportunity to petition that this method of work should not be adopted if they wished

to," he said, "and not a single man came forward to say no to it." As an example of the difficulty of getting the people's opinion, Alderman Mobley cited the instance of the proposed Second avenue sidewalk when fifty petitioned for and fifty against the work.

"Mr. Manson," said Alderman Mobley, "criticises the grading of streets on the frontage tax basis but he himself would put in sidewalks later on on frontage tax basis. It is simply a matter of opinion, and the same applies to the flotation of bonds on a 20, 40, or 50 years' term."

Twenty Years Hence

Alderman Mobley pointed out that the marketing of \$100,000 worth of bonds was just as expensive as the issue of five times the issue, and further that by arranging for an issue of inscribed stock the city was taking steps to set its finances on a firm basis very speedily. As for the term of the present loan, anybody knew that twenty years' interest was less than fifty years' interest. "And in twenty years," added Alderman Mobley, "Prince Rupert will be so rich that the trifling extra cost spoken of by Mr. Manson will not be considered. If this is not so, I don't want to be here, nor I think, do any of you!"

City Water Supply

Speaking of the present water supply Alderman Mobley explained that with the system of dams and the Hays Creek supply to fall back upon, there was ample water for the present needs of the city. He was glad that Mr. Manson appreciated the council's work in this respect. However, good as it was, they still had to press on with the Woodworth Lake supply as it might soon be badly needed.

Defends the Police

Bringing up the subject of police affairs, "Mr. Manson is going to put us right in this respect," said Alderman Mobley. "I wonder what has brought about the reformation in Mr. Manson himself on this subject? Were the police affairs so very much better when Mr. Manson was practically mayor of Prince Rupert? The city does not look for perfection in the police force," he

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continued, "and some of the criticism of it may even be just enough. Yet the city takes care that it does not keep in its employ an unsatisfactory member of the police force.

"There was a charge brought up formerly against a man named Regan—that was the Flossie Russel incident—but Regan was exonerated from blame by Magistrate Carss. In any case where a charge is brought against a constable the city's method of meeting the case is clear and simple, the man is put on suspension until he can answer the charge.

"In defence too, of the police force let me give you this statement to show you that we have done something: the city police force since it was organized in June had made 246 arrests and recorded 197 convictions up to the first of December, realizing only \$375 short of the amount of the whole cost of the force to the city for the period." (Cheers).

That Forbidden Football

Briefly Alderman Mobley referred to a

misapprehension of Mr. Manson's regarding what he had said about Mr. Manson's attitude to the G. T. P. assessment. "Mr. Manson says he would have laid the matter before the people," he remarked. "Well, there is no great favor in that. There is no other way with it. What I said was that Mr. Manson might have liked to have settled the matter in a different way which settled the matter in a different way, a way which I don't think he would take, for it would not be policy."

Concluding, Alderman Mobley renewed his thanks to the chairman and Mr. Manson for the privilege of speaking and his call upon the electors for their support in the campaign.

Kirkpatrick in the Field

Mr. J. A. Kirkpatrick in announcing his candidature, said he was supporting Mr. Manson for the mayoralty, and that he was relying more upon his

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CHIPS FROM THE HUMORISTS

"What is your opinion of the initiative
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"It is likely to prove useful very,"
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tariff."

A country parson meeting one of the
villagers, the following dialogue ensued:
Parson: "Good morning. You know I
am the new vicar, and, although I have
been here some months now, have not
yet seen you at church." Villager:
"Yes, sir; that's true. And I am the
village shoemaker, and I have not seen
you in my shop yet, either."

"That snippy young architect," said
Mr. Muntoburn, in a towering rage,
"had the impudence to tell me that the
ornamental work on my garage was a
fine example of rococo style of the
decorative art."

"What reply did you make?"
"I smashed him on the rococonut."

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"Look here!" exclaimed the angry
chappie in the evening suit, "this is an
outrage! I've been mistaken for a
waiter twice." "Sh-h!" whispered the
proprietor of the restaurant. "Not so
loud. I know it. Two waiters have
already quit on account of the mistake,
and I don't want the rest to go."

"Hot in Brazil?" said the young
man, who had just returned from a
trip to South America. "Well, I should
say so. Do you know for days at
a time we couldn't take our after dinner
siesta on account of the peculiar noises?"

"What noises?" asked the blond
stenographer innocently.

"Why, the coffee popping on the
trees. You see, the sun was so hot
the grains just roasted before they
were picked."

The old traveller yawned.
"Rather warm down here, bub," he
rejoined, laconically, "but when I was
down there you couldn't sleep at night.
Every once in a while there would sound
the most extraordinary crackling noise
that ever fell upon the human ear."

"What were the sounds, Mr. Bings?"
And Mr. Bings yawned again and
replied: "The rubber trees stretching
themselves."

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Spokane, the deal being put through in
Spokane on Saturday. The vendors
were John A. Finch, the well known
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Aylard, of New Denver, who were
equal partners. Mr. Finch retains a 35
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with Messrs. Clark, Campbell and
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good looks than upon good speeches to land him in the council.

Pattullo and Policy

Alderman Pattullo's name was received with loud applause. Acknowledging Mr. Manson's courtesy in asking him upon the platform, Alderman Pattullo got swiftly into his stride: "Mr. Manson," he said, "says it was difficult for us to inaugurate a policy at the outset of our term of office in the first council year. I say it was not so hard to inaugurate a policy as it proved to carry it out.

"Mr. Manson," he went on, "has quoted figures intending to make us look like thirty cents, but his own policy strikes me as very much like that of G. W. Morrow who when he was running for mayor said he would immediately inaugurate a policy of spending a million dollars for the purpose of catching the working man's vote. Was not Mr. Manson's policy inspired by G. W. Morrow?" (Oh! Oh!)

Parks and Sewers

"Why should we be forced now to make a deal with the G. T. P. for park sites which we ought to have had anyway had Mr. Manson properly watched the city's interests with the government?" asked Alderman Pattullo. Mr. Manson had referred to sewers—yes, but the people cried out for a pay roll. They would not have any pay roll so soon in the city had the council waited to formulate a sewerage system before starting work. It would take a long while to start up the sewer plans, yet the council was already at work on them. Before next year is out the system will be well started and funds raised.

Regarding finances Alderman Pattullo expressed the opinion that Prince Rupert is in a very strong position. The Bank of Montreal was interested in the city now to the amount of \$500,000, and would have to boost the city's flotation of stock in the world's markets.

Who Delayed the Light

"One of the most difficult problems the council had to face," said Alderman Pattullo, "was the lighting problem. To put the proposition on a paying basis was the problem. As for the delay if there was any delay it was due to Alderman Smith who as chairman of the committee kept wanting the matter adjourned. When the other members of the committee took the matter in hand it was quickly started in earnest. Now the light is nearly here," went on Alderman Pattullo, "and I have no doubt indeed that if Mr. Manson were elected Mayor we should have light right away—now that the work is done. But he would want the credit for doing it."

Assessment Again

Alderman Pattullo referred to the G. T. P. assessment which Mr. Manson had said Mr. Cuthbert had done very well. "Certainly for some people he did very well," said Alderman Pattullo. "I could show you a lot belonging to the G. T. P. Development company assessed at \$10 and within thirty feet of it one otherwise owned, which is assessed at \$250. And it was Mr. Manson who submitted Mr. Cuthbert's name to the charter committee. Mr. Manson has more partisanship in his heart than he has the interests of the City of Prince Rupert, as was proved by his behavior at Victoria."

About the Machine

Recalling the affair of the License By-law Alderman Pattullo declared that Alderman Hilditch and Alderman Smith had stuck out for a system of machine rule. "There are some fine specimens of machine rule men here," he said, sweeping a glance round the platform. "You know perfectly well that Jack Kirkpatrick and M. M. Stephens had no intention of going up for aldermen until this matter came up. I have a friendly regard for them both," he added, "but I do think that they will probably use their aldermanic position for party purposes."

Eight Hour Day, \$3

A questioner rose in the hall asking if it were customary in Canada that when the citizens endorsed a policy it should be carried out.

Alderman Pattullo—I think so.

Questioner—Did you carry out the policy of an eight hour day for \$3 in city work?

Alderman Pattullo—The city council has absolutely lived up to this in framing their contracts but if you want me to say that nay man has not a perfect right to do as he likes after his eight hours are finished then I will never do it. I would rather go down to defeat than do anything that would interfere with the liberty of the subject so.

With which incident Alderman Pattullo's address closed.

Faint Praise for Council

Mr. W. S. Benson was also prepared to vote for Mr. Manson because he thought he was the best man in the field. He thought they wanted a whole lot from the Provincial Government just at this time, and he would say the same thing even if they had a Liberal administration at Victoria. One of the things they did want was a town hall site. That was no joke he said.

"I should say it is not a joke," interrupted Alderman Pattullo, "because we now have to pay for it."

Continuing Mr. Benson did not think Mr. Mobley was endowed with the extraordinary ability that some people were inclined to credit him with. He also thought that Mr. M. M. Stephens was ridiculous in stating that they were now in the hands of the Bank of Montreal. He inclined to think the first city council of Prince Rupert was up against a stiff proposition and that they had done very well under the circumstances.

No Strings on Him Now

D. W. Morrissey who said that the

last time he ran for council he was an employee of the G. T. P. which had made people say he had strings on him, now claimed an absolutely free candidature. He stood up for Mr. Manson as a clean principled man well fit to be Mayor. He praised the first council as a body of the very best men available at the time they were elected, and remarked on how gradually criticism had developed in the press.

"The Beautiful Bunch"

Touching on the G. T. P. assessment Mr. Morrissey went on to enlarge upon the old story of the Bank of Montreal's withdrawal of their offer of \$500,000 on hearing that the G. T. P. were disputing the assessment.

"That Alderman Pattullo could have the face to say that the Manager of the Bank of Montreal had come through with the loan late because of the beautiful bunch of aldermen they had at Prince Rupert, was an example," said Mr. Morrissey, "of brass beyond belief."

"The fact was that the manager of the bank had come from Victoria and laid down certain conditions on which the loan was to be granted.

Alderman Pattullo interrupting "That is not true!"

Mr. Morrissey went on to emphasize the city's need for openings to the waterfront from Second avenue through the reserve, and at Seventh and Eleventh streets. He intends to stick out for these if elected.

"And," he said, "though a Liberal of Liberals I say that if Premier McBride is behind the efforts to negotiate with the G. T. P. over the assessment difficulty, I am proud of him."

Question Let Loose

Here Alderman Pattullo stepped forward to ask the question regarding the street ends. "Would it not have been better to have had these provided before the townsite was sold when the government could have done this?"

Mr. Morrissey replied that this was true but the best diplomat in all Canada, viz., Mr. J. H. Bacon, had seen to it that the G. T. P. got the advantage here.

Seizing the chance while Alderman Pattullo was up a workman in the audience sent up a slip of paper with these questions for him.

1. "Did not the same men working for the city work ten hours for \$3.50."

This Alderman Pattullo said he would not answer, because he did not know for certain.

2. "Have you a Chinaman employed in your household?"

"I refuse to answer this," said Alderman Pattullo, "unless the writer comes up on the platform."

The man did so.

Alderman Pattullo explained that as every woman could understand the difficulty of getting women for housework was responsible for his employing a Chinaman. Whenever he could get a capable woman, he would engage one.

Empire and Pattullo

Mr. S. M. Newton was then called upon by the chairman to address the meeting. He complained of the criticism that had been launched at the Empire, and attacked Alderman Pattullo on a wide range of subjects. Referring to Alderman Pattullo's assertion that the platform party represented machine politics he said that the aldermen and a number of others had sent a representative to him to try to buy up the Empire a few months ago to make a grit organ of it. "And they could not buy me," he added. "They could not buy me. They bamboozled me for months but they could not buy the Empire. What did they do? They went off and bought the Optimist." (Loud laughter.)

Made Football of Smith

Declaring that he had done his best always for the city during his term of office, and intended to continue the even tenor of his way if re-elected, Alderman Smith gave his support to Mr. Manson. "Alderman Pattullo," he said, "has been making a football of me. I don't know why, over the delay in the light plant. There were other members of that light committee as

much to blame as I may have been. My effort has ever been to further the interests of Prince Rupert and to try to bring about a settlement of the G. T. P. difficulty. That is why I am running again this year."

Alderman Smith concluded with a reference to a reported remark of Alderman Pattullo's at a recent meeting to the effect that he and Alderman Mobley were the best men for the council that ever happened. Alderman Smith thought this rather a confident assertion.

Dr. Clayton in his address referred to the telephone system. He thought that the dividend obtained should go into the pockets of the people who maintained the system by subscribing to it.

Challenge to Pattullo

"I challenge Alderman Pattullo to show me where I have ever used my political influence to further my own ends," said M. M. Stephens who denied that he and J. Kirkpatrick were partisans though members of the Conservative association. M. M. Stephens declared he was prouder about his connection with that association than if he held shares in the Optimist.

That the city was handed over to the Bank of Montreal Mr. Stephens was sure. That bold challenge of Alderman Pattullo's to Mr. Hays to dare to knock the city debenture issue was an example of how Alderman Pattullo carried the chip on his shoulder.

Down on City Solicitor

Mr. Stephens went on to criticize Alderman Naden and his absences from council and also recalled the story about his having left Greenwood while still its member and represented that city for two years while he was in Prince Rupert.

A voice interrupted with: "Tell us what you are going to do?"

"Certainly," returned Mr. Stephens, "one thing that I shall do if elected is to endeavor to place the offices of this city in an efficient manner, and the first thing I shall do will be to ask for the resignation of the city solicitor if it is not in already."

Mr. Stephens Got Heckled

Mr. W. E. Williams, of the legal firm of Williams & Manson rose in the body of the hall to ask Mr. Stephens to define the ground of his objection to the present city solicitors.

"Well, I think the city requires the services of men, not youngsters," he started to say, when the meeting suddenly livened up. There were cries of "Rotten"; "The boys can do the work all right"; "Were you never young yourself?" and Mr. Stephens changed his tactics.

To several specific charges of incompetent legal advice, Mr. Williams gave a straight denial. Mr. Stephens then said he thought the solicitors were paid too much for the services they rendered.

An Amusing Break

The last speaker for the evening was Alderman Hilditch. He announced himself as in favor of the candidature of Mr. Manson for Mayor.

He deprecated the use of the argument that Mr. Manson was unfit for the mayoral office on account of the fact that he would be away for two months of the year. "The Mayor is not the whole thing. If Mr. Manson went away for two months they would not even miss him." This slip let him in for great merriment.

Amused or Abused?

Very briefly G. W. Kerr announced his candidature. "We have all been amused and some of us have been abused," he said. "Unlike Mr. Kirkpatrick I cannot win votes by my good looks nor my pretty speeches. But I will do my best for the city if elected, and I hope to have your support." The meeting closed with cheers for Manson and counter cheers for Mobley.

Kaien Island Dance

The ladies committee of the Kaien Island club announce a dance to be held on Thursday evening, January 5th, at 8:30. Tickets \$1.00

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Gaming House Charged

Ed. Shaughnessy, charged with running a common gaming house, failed to appear at this morning's police court. The city solicitor applied for a warrant for his arrest, but Chief McCarvell explained that the position was clearly one of a misunderstanding regarding the day named for Mr. Shaughnessy to appear, and the step was unnecessary.

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