

McArthur & McVay Will Get \$15,000 if They Finish on Time. But Not a Cent if They Are Late—They Must Release the City From All Claims to Date—Lengthy Discussion By the Water Board.

A special meeting of the water and sewerage board was held yesterday afternoon to deal with present conditions regarding the water works contracts. The matter had been considered by a sub-committee, and the report of this committee was presented. It was decided to recommend that McArthur & McVay get \$15,000 bonus if the work is done on time under the conditions set forth in the resolution adopted.

Present were, Mayor White in the chair, Ald. Lewis, Hamm, Tilley, Holder, Sprout, Vanwart, McGoldrick, McArthur, Pickett, Christie, Macrae, Bullock, Frink, Baxter, Recorder Skinner, Director Cushing, Engineer Murdoch and Common Clerk Wardrop.

THE RESOLUTION FAVORING THE BONUS. The recorder presented the resolution of the sub-committee. It set forth that where as, McArthur & McVay entered into a contract with the city for certain work in bringing water to the city.

And whereas, McArthur & McVay have given notice that they are unable to carry out their contract. These whereas, that firm give as a reason for their inability that they signed the contract while laboring under a mistake.

And whereas, the engineer informed the board that these contractors could not do the work at the prices named but that it would cost more than \$15,000 more than the contract price to complete it by the first of November.

And whereas, McArthur & McVay state that for \$10,000 additional they can complete the work and that they will not require payment of any part of this amount if the work is not finished on Nov. 1st.

And whereas, the board having considered all questions connected with this matter, believe it will be most to the interest of the city that this \$15,000 be paid to the contractors.

Be it therefore resolved, that McArthur & McVay be paid by the city on the completion of the contract fifteen thousand dollars extra to such contract price provided that the contract is completed to the satisfaction of the engineer by the first day of November next, but that no part of this sum shall be paid until the contract is completed; that if at any time the engineer considers that McArthur & McVay are not proceeding with the work at a sufficiently rapid rate the city may engage as many more men or additional machinery as are necessary to have the work finished by the first of November, such cost to the city to be charged against the contractors, and that the bondsmen of these contractors agree to this resolution and any further contracts between the city and McArthur & McVay, and that the firm of McArthur & McVay hereby release the city from all claims they may have against it at the present time.

ALD. PICKETT CHARGES LOOSENESS IN BUSINESS METHODS. Ald. Pickett thought this was not

will be an incentive to them, but it is no guarantee that the work will be done. And I am most strongly opposed to the principle of the thing. We have no right to do it. Money will be along next to make a claim, and in equity we cannot refuse to recognize it. I don't want to see these contractors lose any money, but let them do their work, and when it is done let them come to us and they will be fairly dealt with. Public opinion urges us to keep them to their contract, but this is easier said than done. We may fall back on the bondsmen—that is one way—but meanwhile valuable time is being lost. I am not prepared to make a motion just now, but the resolution presented is the report of the committee of which I am chairman. I cannot agree with the principle in this report, and this being the case I cannot vote for the resolution. It is all nonsense to say that we might have given the contract to the American tenderers. We might not. The Americans wanted all the work or none. Their lowest tender was eighteen thousand dollars higher than Mooney's, and McArthur & McVay's on certain sections was lower than Mooney's. We had to give the contract to the local men, and we had to give part of it to McArthur & McVay, for if we had not done so we would have been thrown over the board."

THE QUESTION OF EXTRAS. Ald. Tilley enquired if in addition to this bonus of \$15,000 the contractors could claim payment for extras. Ald. Christie assured him that it was up to the recorder and the legal talent of the Council to make it clear that there would be no claims for extras, though of course the contractors get paid for whatever quantities of work exceed the estimates. This must not be confounded with extras. If these contractors had been getting as much for rock excavation as other contractors asked, there would not now be this trouble.

Ald. Frink, chairman of the committee, moved the adoption of the report. The recorder and the legal talent of the Council to make it clear that there would be no claims for extras, though of course the contractors get paid for whatever quantities of work exceed the estimates. This must not be confounded with extras. If these contractors had been getting as much for rock excavation as other contractors asked, there would not now be this trouble.

Ald. Macrae reviewed the events leading up to the setting of the contract, and was of the opinion that the method advised by the committee was the best one possible for finishing the job. The question of injunctions should not be considered by this committee.

THE MAYOR FAVORS THE BONUS. Mayor White did not attempt to defend the principle involved in the resolution, but it is to the advantage of the city to let the water to the city in the least possible time. The question of high insurance rates is to be considered in this. The proposed payment to these contractors is not really a bonus. When the contract was given, Mr. Barbour said the work could not be done for the money. He has since stated that the city is now getting work for nothing, as the contractors are now losing money. Their work was not experienced, but their tender was \$10,000 lower than the Boylston Construction Co.'s, and if we had given the work to that American tenderer, to the detriment of our local men, what would have been the opinion of the public, seeing what a fuss was made when a Boston engineer was brought here? To take over this contract would mean a total disorganization of the whole system of work now existing. The men would be scattered, the work would be held up, thousands of dollars would be spent in the trenches in a shape to withstand the winter, and many other thousands of dollars would fade away in the spring.

Again, there is one condition in the resolution which must be kept in mind. The city will not pay over one cent until the work is done. And there is no such thing as the city being so soft as to pay any of this money if the work is not done. Besides that the resolution provides that the work must go ahead at a rate which will guarantee its completion on time. The contractors must keep up to the requirements of the engineer, and if they do not, then the city will force matters by engaging more men and machinery, and this will be paid for by the contractors. He felt that the work must be done, that the city cannot do it in time, and that the pre-

sent plan is by far the best one that can be suggested.

Ald. Baxter wanted some guarantee that there would be no more claims for extras.

Ald. Christie said this matter was final. If the board will not accept the resolution, then go ahead and force the contractors, make these men lose thousands of dollars, make the city do without water and lose much money, but don't blame the committee.

ALD. BAXTER THINKS THE BONUS IS BEST. Ald. Baxter agreed that each member should decide for himself what is best to be done. He should do right, irrespective of public opinion. Members of the board who have visited Loch Lomond appreciate the problem better than do the public at large. The underwriters forced the hands of the city in this connection, and the position now is that the sooner the water reaches the city the sooner will the citizens be released from the extra payment. Ald. Baxter said that the city exact its pound of flesh it would get only \$15,000 from the bondsmen of the contractors, and this after probably lengthy litigation. Ald. Baxter would not in his own private business take advantage of a contract with a man by which that man would be a heavy loser. The city should act as fairly as would a private citizen. In the consideration in committee the discussion is restrictedly narrowed down to this one bonus. If it is sufficient incentive to the contractors to finish in time, it will be cheaper than the city could do the work. If it is not sufficient, and the work is not done, then the city will not pay a cent.

Mr. Baxter asked that the bonus be higher than the former. He, instead of Nov. 1st, this proposition is absolute. The last that he will consider in any way.

Ald. Bullock was opposed to the proposed resolution. He claimed that the comparisons made between McArthur & McVay's tender and that of the Boylston Construction Company were not correct and that the latter was only between \$6,000 and \$7,000 higher than the former. He, then, he contended, pay \$15,000 more? Personally he had the best of feeling toward the contractors, but he felt that a principle was involved in this matter, and that any alteration of the contract would establish a dangerous precedent.

There was a change proposed for the resolution which provided that the city should not be liable for any extras at any time not ordered by the board, the idea being to wipe out all possibility of dispute with regard to the measurement of the trenches, etc.

UPON THE VOTE BEING TAKEN THE resolution which, in the form of a recommendation will go before the council, was carried on the following vote: Yes—McArthur, Sprout, Vanwart, Tilley, Holder, Hamm, Lewis, Christie, Macrae, Baxter, McGoldrick, Nays—Frink, Bullock, Pickett.

It was stated that a letter from Messrs. Mooney regarding the lowering of water in Lake Latimer had been referred to the recorder. A committee was chosen to put the resolution in proper phrasing consisting of the mayor, recorder, and Ald. Pickett, Frink and Tilley. The board adjourned.

CHILD WAS NEARLY DROWN BEFORE HIS MOTHER'S EYES.

But Morton McLaren Got There in Time, and the Little Campbell Boy Was Saved.

A considerable excitement was created in Carleton yesterday afternoon among the people living near the east end of King street, when a little boy, the four-year-old son of Fred Campbell, took a tumble over the wharf there into about ten feet of water. The child was playing near the edge of the wharf, which is not protected in any way, and while throwing stones into the water, lost his balance and went head foremost over the wharf and landed with a splash in the water below. The child's mother and another were near at hand at the time and ran to the wharf, but as the side was quite steep, they were perfectly helpless and stood terror-stricken watching the child struggling in the water below and clutching for safety at everything around it. The alarm was soon spread and Morton McLaren, son of Officer Jac. McLaren, who was passing by, rushed to the rescue. Seeing that the danger of the child's drowning was imminent and that there was no time to be lost, he jumped into the water with his clothes on and by diving succeeded in bringing the little fellow to the surface and placing him safely on a float that fortunately was near at hand. The child was then taken to the shore and recuperated somewhat after a while and was handed up on the wharf and taken to his home, a short distance away.

JOHN HYDE TALKS ON COTTON REPORT. LONDON, Aug. 21.—John Hyde, former stationer of the United States department of agriculture, who at present is in London, has been under the care of a physician for several weeks and is still prohibited by his physician from attending to business, gave the following statement to the Associated Press.

"I have just seen for the first time the revised cotton acreage report issued by the United States department of agriculture. The cotton estimating board reduces the estimate of June by more than 100,000 acres and even goes so far as to say that I made the estimate lower than the reports received from official reporters employed by the bureau warranted. To this statement I am unqualifiedly denied and assert that the most trustworthy of the various sets of figures on which the report of June 2 was based, afforded the most ample warrant for my estimate."

Mr. Hyde says that he has forwarded an affidavit to Washington covering his connection with the cotton report. He says that he expects to return to America about October 1st.

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Life's Funny Side.

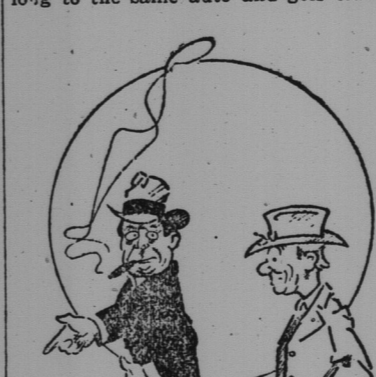


IN THE OFFICE OF THE DAILY WHOOP. Editor Whoop—What do you think of the idea of making our paper a life insurance policy for every purchaser? Manager Whoop—I guess it would be safe enough; it wouldn't cost us anything.

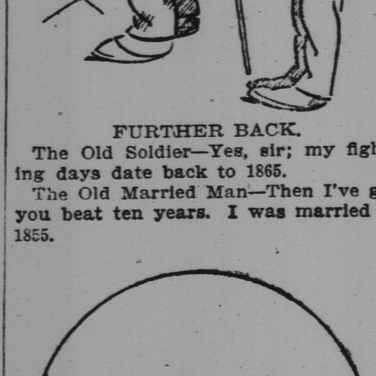
"Why not?" "I heard a man say the other day that he wouldn't be found dead with a copy of the paper in his pocket."



ALL RIGHT. He (proposing)—But, dearest, our religious views are different. She—That's all right. Don't we belong to the same auto and golf clubs?



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MEMORIAL FROM RUSSIAN JEWS

Presented to M. Witte and Baron Rosen.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 21.—A memorial was presented today to M. Witte and Baron De Rosen, the Russian chief plenipotentiaries, from the Russian Jews of Lawrence, Mass., by Walter E. Rushforth. It was as follows: "Will you condescend to accept the hearty greetings of the Jewish residents of the industrial city of Lawrence, also the following resolution subscribed to by the undersigned: "Whereas, it has pleased His Imperial Highness Nicholas, Emperor of all the Russias, to delegate His Excellency M. Witte and Baron De Rosen to represent the fatherland at the peace conference with the imperial envoys of Japan, be it

"Resolved, that we, Jewish residents of Lawrence, extend to them a brotherly welcome, and devoutly pray that success may follow their efforts looking for an honorable peace between the warring countries of Russia and Japan. We are not unmindful of the powerful nation you represent, nor of the high and noble service you have rendered your country and humanity in the past. Though Americans, we have the natural love of all people for the land of their birth and it is our earnest, our constant prayer and hope that the white dove of peace shall find an abiding place as the result of your deliberations, and that prosperity and happiness shall bless the place of bloodshed and discontent, not only at home but abroad everywhere.

"Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions, duly signed, be presented in person to their excellencies, M. Witte and Baron De Rosen, through our friend, Editor Rushforth, of the Lawrence Journal."

The memorial is signed by about 600 Russian Jews of Lawrence.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS Will Observe Thursday as Decoration Day.

The Knights of Pythias will hold their decoration day on Thursday next, when the graves of the departed heroes in the different burying grounds of the city will be beautified with garlands of flowers. The Knights will form up at two o'clock in the afternoon at their hall. They will be headed by one of the city bands, and will visit first the Church of England cemetery; they will then go to the Methodist, and lastly to Fernhill, where a service will be held. An address will be given by the Past Supreme Patriarch, James Moulton. In the morning a committee chosen for the purpose, will visit Cedar Hill and decorate the graves of the departed brethren resting there.

The graves of those formerly belonging to these lodges who were buried in other parts will be looked after by the brethren in those places.

This will be the seventeenth decoration day held by the Pythians in this city. Since last decoration day only two new graves have been added to their list, those of the late Henry Rubins and the late Geo. D. Frost, who were both buried at Fernhill.

The graves of those to be decorated here are: J. H. McOliver, M. D., James Denny, Thos. H. Foster, John Campbell, Wm. Robb, Simon A. R. Nicoud, H. V. Cooper, Robert Parkin, S. Piercey, Joseph Duffell, Wm. T. Miller, Adam Young, Jr., Thos. H. McAlpine, John A. M. Hunter, Thos. A. Crockett, Thos. S. Hayes, Fred Fowler, Wm. S. Baldwin, Robert Ferguson, Jos. W. Jenkinson, Frank H. deForest, James Adam, J. Runciman, G. R. Prichard, J. F. Fraser, Thos. S. Adams, A. Stammers, A. R. Wilson, D. J. Hatfield, John Slater, Jr., C. R. Scott, W. H. Murray, C. M. Palmer, Robert Willie, H. Duffell, Thomas W. Peters, James Ross, John A. Russell, R. D. McCa Murray, J. A. Simon, M. D., Jos. F. Whitaker, F. L. Has, John A. Watson, R. H. Green, Neil Hoyt, Samuel Tutts, Jas. E. Fraser, Henry Rubins, George D. Frost.

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THE G.T.P. SURVEY. Line Now Being Located From Chipman.

The work of locating the line which is to be adopted by the Grand Trunk Pacific from Chipman to Moncton was begun yesterday morning at the Chipman end. The work is in charge of Engineer H. M. Dalcom, who has a staff of about fifteen men with him.

As previously announced in the Star, work was commenced from the Moncton end on Monday by a surveying party in charge of Engineer Paul Weatherbe. The parties will work until they meet, and the line then located is supposed to be the one which will be finally adopted from Chipman to Moncton, whether the central or the valley route from Grand Falls to Chipman is selected. Chipman is a point common to both of these routes. The line which was found in the preliminary survey from Chipman to Moncton is only fifty-eight miles, which is only three miles longer than an air line between the two points.

The route which has been surveyed through the centre of the province, and which is called the "central" route, is from Chipman to a point about ten miles west of Boiestown, where the Canada Eastern is crossed. From this point it runs to Plaster Rock, where the Tobique is crossed, and from there to Grand Falls.

The "river valley" route is from Grand Falls to Woodstock, from Woodstock to Fredericton, and from Fredericton to Chipman. Chipman's interests will be equally well served by either route.

PRINCE HENRY WILL VISIT OTTAWA.

OTTAWA, Aug. 20.—The Canadian Club today received a telegram from Prince Henry of Battenburg, stating that his serene highness will be in the capital on Thursday, and accepting the club's invitation to luncheon for that date.

POLICE ARRESTED TEN OF THE LEADERS.

Descended on Meeting of Professional Men in St. Petersburg.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 21.—The police at last applied a check to the activity of the central bureau of the league and confederation of professional reform organizations descending today on a meeting of the central committee and arresting ten of the leaders present. In this committee are university lecturers, doctors, engineers, lawyers and other professional men. The organizations of which the league is made up are composed of the most advanced reformers and since its organization the central bureau has passed through radicalism to the verge of revolution. Many of its later proclamations and appeals have been couched in terms almost as seditious as those of the socialists. It is probable that the government feared the league was about to inaugurate a campaign against the duma.

Paul M. Milukoff, at whose home, near St. Petersburg, the arrests were made and who was among those arrested, formerly was a professor in the University of St. Petersburg. He had just returned from a lecturing trip down the Volga with the literateur Tahn, one of the socialist leaders, and an article from his pen violently assailing the duma project, had appeared in the latest number of the weekly Pravo. Milukoff was one of those arrested on January 23 last along with Gorky, Annunsky and Hosen.

ATTENDED "AT HOME" ON FLAGSHIP "DRAKE"

QUEBEC, Aug. 21.—Their excellencies and party attended a naval service of song at the Auditorium yesterday afternoon, and today were present at an "at home" on the flagship Drake. They left for Ottawa direct by special train on the I. C. R. this evening, some of the household having preceded them last night.

H. B. H. Prince Louis of Battenburg left here by special C. P. R. train and about two hundred blue jackets and marines will be on the C. P. R. this evening for Montreal.

Now, why not have a Pandora? Now we have shown you that the Pandora is a good range, —that it is easily managed, —that its grates are easily taken out and replaced without expense, —that you can cook on the top and bake in the oven equally well at the same time, —that it is the only range with a single piece enamelled steel reservoir, —that it has the best broiling door, —that it has an absolutely reliable thermometer, —that it is most economical, because it does its work with least coal. Now, why don't you have a "Pandora" and be certain you have the best range? McClary's Pandora Range Warehouses and Factories: London, Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg, Vancouver, St. John, N.B., Hamilton