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THE COMMON COUNCIL (Continued from fourth page.)

Wharves and Waterfrontage—Clinton, Agren and Goddard. A resolution, setting the time for regular meetings of the council on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:30 p. m., was adopted.

The Astoria Public Library Association, by its president, Mrs. Uphur, and its secretary, Mrs. H. F. Prall, asked the council for an appropriation to assist in maintaining the library for the coming year.

The election of a president of the council to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councilman McCreary was next in order. Brix nominated Scherneck and Utzinger named Brix. The vote was as follows:

For Brix—Clinton, Goddard, Hansen, Scherneck, Utzinger and Welch. For Scherneck—Agren, Brix and Parker. Having completed its labors for the evening, the council adjourned.

HOTEL ARRIVALS. Parker House—E. Hehning, F. W. Boothby, Portland; A. G. McChesney, George H. Weldon, Canby; G. Broughton, Oregon City; C. D. Rogers, Ilwaco; J. C. Kline, Gray's river; crew of the Interoceanic.

HEAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. Robert Alvin Keen to Zillah H. Metcalf, blocks 14 and 15, and lots 2 to 7 inclusive of block 2, Burnside addition to Astoria, \$1000.

CONTROL OF CUBAN RAILROADS. NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—A dispatch to the Herald from Havana says: By the purchase of a large stock of the Calbarán railway, L. Ruiz & Co., bankers representing English capitalists, have secured a controlling interest in that line.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—In the Torontonians majority contest A. E. MacDonald was beaten by Mayor John Shaw by 998 votes. One of the arguments used against MacDonald was that he had once advocated the annexation of Canada to the United States.

SCRATCHED TILL RAW. Eczema on Leg from Kne to Toe. No Rest Day or Night. Doctor's Salves, etc., Could Not Cure. CUTI-CURA Remedies Cured.

SAVE YOUR HAIR. My husband's hair, from knee to toe, was itching with Eczema. He had no rest day or night, and would scratch so his legs would be raw. He had a good many doctors, who gave him about a peck of bottles, salve and other things to rub on, but none did him any good.

FEELING WAS NOT UNFRIENDLY

Major Von Sonnenburg Tells of the Tilt Between Dewey and Von Dierich.

DIFFERENCE SOON SETTLED

Dewey Made a Reasonable Request Regarding Augusti, Which Was Granted, and Incident Closed.

CHICAGO, Ill., January 3.—Major Von Sonnenburg, German military attaché to the Emperor of Japan, the man who carried the message between Admiral Von Dierich and Admiral Dewey at Manila, was given the transportation of Captain General Augustus from Manila to Hong Kong on a German warship, in Chicago.

Major Von Sonnenburg is the typical German officer. He is a broad shouldered young man with an erect carriage. He was seen by a reporter at the Auditorium and related certain unwritten bits of history of the American operations in the Philippines.

"I am a student of military affairs," he said. "Perhaps I might be called a theoretical warrior."

Inasmuch as he has the iron cross for bravery at Sedan and was in 27 battles of the Franco-Prussian war, he is certainly a practical fighter as well.

"After the Greek-Turk war I went on to the Orient," he continued. "I was with Prince Henry, and at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war I accompanied Admiral Von Dierich to Manila."

"I did not witness the destruction of Montepi's fleet by your Admiral Dewey, but I saw much of the subsequent events. Because of what I saw I want to correct at least one false impression—that there was any ill-feeling between the commanders of the American and German fleets. There was a disagreement, I admit, over the right of the Americans to search German ships, but that was soon settled. Then as to the Augusti incident, I myself was the messenger between the two admirals in the discussion over the disposition of Augusti."

Admiral Von Dierich asked whether or not Admiral Dewey would object to Captain General Augusti taking passage on one of the German dispatch boats running to Hong Kong. Admiral Dewey said that he would not if the captain general would make some kind of a parole by which he would no longer bear arms against the United States. This was given and the incident was closed, as the diplomats would say.

"As to the Americans, both ashore and aboard ship, I may say that I never met a finer body of men. I admire your volunteers. To my mind, they furnish magnificent material for soldiers, but I am afraid that they have a hard task before them in the Philippines. I shouldn't wish the task of controlling those islands unless I had fully 50,000 men behind me. Those natives are going to be hard problems to solve."

"Since the finishing of the Philippine question, I have been connected with the imperial army of Japan as a student of its methods of military discipline. To speak very conservatively, I believe that next to the German army there is not a finer body of fighting men in the world than that same little collection of Japanese troops. Their discipline is perfect, and any nation that picks a quarrel with the Japanese is going to have no easy time of it. I consider them one of the important factors in future Oriental complications."

But when Major Von Sonnenburg was questioned in regard to these same Oriental problems he was silent. He said that he was still connected with the Japanese government and with that of Germany as well, and could say nothing. Turning to more personal matters, he said that he was on his way to Washington with letters to Secretary Alger and General Miles. He would spend a few days about the department in Washington and then would go to Berlin to report to his government.

ALASKA INDIANS ARE THREATENING THE WHITES. Indians Get Drunk Christmas Day and Rout the Whites Near Pyramid Harbor—Trouble Imminent.

TACOMA, Jan. 3.—Passengers who arrived on the Al-Ki from Alaska, some of whom left Dawson as late as December 2, report that the Chilkoot Indians are terrorizing the white inhabitants of Pyramid harbor, near Skagway, and have threatened to massacre them. The night before Christmas whites appeared at the Chilkoot village with a big supply of whiskey, which they sold to the Indians without reserve. The entire tribe got drunk on Christmas and with knives and guns compelled all the whites in that locality to leave. When the Al-Ki left Skagway no blood had been spilled but trouble was imminent.

On reaching Indian river the miners were informed that two men, names unknown, had frozen to death on the Yukon between Port Belkirk and Dawson. They were guarding a scow load of frozen dressed beef and perished on an exceptionally cold night in November. Several tons of mail for Dawson were blockaded at Lake Bennett awaiting ice transportation. The winter has been so open that Lake Bennett remained unfrozen up to December 22d.

In October speculators cornered the butter and tobacco market at Dawson and since then both articles have been ranging from \$2 to \$3 a pound.

A MISTAKEN POLICY. NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—A dispatch to the Herald from Paris says: The Temps, tonight draws a gloomy picture of the future of the United States. It says that the United States cannot hide the fact that they "have said good bye forever to the idyllic era wherein they dispensed with the regular standing army and laughed at the heavy burdens imposed upon the nations of the western continent by their international situation."

"There is not a democrat, not a friend of the principles that regulate modern society," continues the Temps, "that does not deplore bitterly the inoculation with a spirit of conservatism and retrograde good will, reforms, economy, international has been peaceful and liberal."

"President McKinley may say farewell for free America, to the era of peace and good will, reforms, economy, international progress and self government."

During the past couple of days there has been a regular campaign in the Paris press against the representation of the colonies in the metropolitan parliament. Deputies and senators are elected by

many of the French colonies. These deputies have proved to be a positive danger to the country. They have none of the responsibilities of the men of France and yet they intervene in every question.

Paul Leroy-Beaulieu, the distinguished political economist, has an article in the Journal des Debats about Algeria. He deduces from the happenings in this colony that the representative form of government is the cause of Algeria being a burden upon and a source of worry to France.

M. Leroy-Beaulieu points out that the troubles now convulsing Algeria are attributable to the mistake of treating that country not as a colony, but as a part of France. Republican institutions are found to be just as disastrous for the varied assortment of unenlightened races as they are advantageous for a homogeneous nation.

In Algeria, the franchise is held by a majority of Frenchmen and a minority of naturalized citizens of other races, yet its present regime has proved a lamentable failure.

A comparison between Algeria and Tunis affords further evidence in support of this contention. The regency is entirely free from all the troublous complications evoked by thirty provinces.

CYANIDE OF MERCURY CAUSED THEIR DEATH. Traces of the Poison Found in the Stomach of Henry C. Barnett, One of the Victims.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The Herald says: There is a strong likelihood that the fact may soon be established that Henry C. Barnett, who died at the Knickerbocker Athletic Club on November 10th, ostensibly from faecal diphtheria, according to the death certificate made out by the physician, was murdered by poison, as was Mrs. Adams, and that the same poison was used to take his life as was utilized in the case of the woman. Cyanide of mercury was administered in each case.

The body of Barnett has been examined, and it is said the sufficient evidence has been obtained to prove that the body contains traces of the poison named. There is said to be little doubt that the person who caused the death of Mrs. Adams is also responsible for the death of Barnett, with this difference, that while he did not intend to kill Mrs. Adams, but Cornish, the death of Barnett was deliberately planned.

Barnett's death was surrounded with several very suspicious circumstances. He had not been feeling well for several days previous to October 20th, owing to a disordered condition of the stomach and cold. On the date mentioned he came into his possession a proprietary powder, which is usually used to remedy headache.

Whether the bottle was bought by Barnett or whether it came to him at the Knickerbocker Athletic Club, the truth is not known at this time, but it has been stated he received it through the mail. He took a dozen of the powders and at once became exceedingly ill. Dr. Phillips, who has an office immediately across the street from the club, where Barnett roomed, was called in hastily and prescribed for the sick man. Later in the day his regular physician called to see him and attended him from that time until his death, on November 10th. The death certificate stated death was due to diphtheria.

During the ten days of Barnett's illness, the greatest precaution was taken to keep the circumstances surrounding his case quiet. When his brother Edward called to see him, he said he had taken a headache "powder" and added that it had made him violently ill. He attributed this to having taken an overdose. He seemed to recover from the effects of the powder in a day or two and no suspicion was aroused in the mind of his brother Edward that his death was not the result of faecal diphtheria.

RAILROAD LINES ABOUT TO FORM AN ALLIANCE. The Boston & Albany Railroad May Soon Be Controlled by a New England Corporation.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The Times says: Negotiations have been pending for some time for closer relations between the New York, New Haven & Hartford, and the Boston & Albany railroads and within the past few days these negotiations have assumed a phase which, certain railroad men say, may result in the control of the Boston & Albany passing into the hands of the other New England corporation. The trains of the New Haven & Hartford and the Boston & Albany connect at New York over the same tracks, but the first named corporation has a great advantage over the other lines in the matter of terminal facilities.

For the past two or three years the New Haven & Hartford management has been extending its property holdings north of New York city and improving its trackage and terminal facilities. For a while there was considerable friction in the matter of policy between the New York Central and the New Haven & Hartford but that is believed to have been removed and much more cordial relations now exist between these two important interests. It is now regarded as the fixed policy of the New Haven & Hartford management to assume control as far as possible of the New England railroad traffic at this point.

The date of the 8th masque of the Circle Francaise de L'Harmosie in New York, better known as the French ball, has been fixed for January 15. The orgy will, as usual, be given at the Madison Square Garden, and promises to be larger and wotter than usual.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE!

We are informed that certain parties are purchasing some of the old Jensen Can-filling Machines, with a view to repairing them by supplying any missing, worn or broken parts, and again putting them to use for packing salmon.

A recent legal decision of high authority has been rendered to the effect that to supply one or all of the above cannot be lawfully done without consent of the patent owner.

We are the sole owner by purchase of the Jensen Patent for these machines, and public notice is hereby given that any and all persons who undertake to so repair or use these old machines will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. The matter has been placed in the hands of our attorney, John H. Miller, Esq., of San Francisco, with peremptory instructions to take all necessary legal steps to protect our rights in the premises.

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