

WHITRIDGE ASKS DELAY WANTS SALE PUT OVER. Metz, Pointing to Interborough Tax Instalment, Demands Million.

Frederick W. Whitridge, receiver of the Third Avenue Railroad Company, whose property is advertised to be sold for \$1,250,000 overdue special franchise taxes on June 5, has sent a letter to Corporation Counsel Pendleton protesting against the sale on the ground that it would be unjust, and asking for an adjournment of six months. He has written to Controller Metz asking for more time.

The Controller took a Tribune reporter last night that he would accept from Mr. Whitridge \$1,000,000 on account, and grant the request for a six months' extension, but would not settle the account for that sum, as he believed the city was right in asking what it did.

"We've got those companies in arrears for their taxes on the run, and they know it," said the Controller. "The Interborough paid me \$500,000 on account to-day without prejudice to their or the city's interests, and I am willing to accept on account the million dollars that Mr. Whitridge offers, but I won't settle the account for that."

"The Third Avenue people are in court, and I have no right to be arbitrary about it. I suppose they could enjoin me, anyway, and get the extra time, if they want to do it. I refused to postpone the sale for the Metropolitan, and there is no good reason why I should make any distinctions. The companies have no more rights than the average taxpayer in arrears. I will force them to enjoin me unless they are willing to make a large payment on account. I have written Pendleton a letter asking how far we can go without prejudice to our rights, and I shall be guided to some extent by what he says."

The companies will get no more consideration than the little fellow. They are coming up with the money for their overdue taxes, and that is a good thing for the city. I shall be happy to receive Mr. Whitridge's million dollars on account and grant him a reasonable extension if it can be done without prejudice to the city's interests."

In his letter to the Corporation Counsel Mr. Whitridge said that he wrote to Governor Hughes with reference to the special franchise taxes and received from him a "wooden acknowledgment."

The receiver says that he has been ready ever since he took hold of the properties to compromise with the tax collectors, and has urged the Controller to bring the sum down to \$1,000,000. The Controller demanded \$1,250,000.

Whitridge says that the Corporation Counsel took the case up with the Attorney General, who appointed William A. Cohen as his representative. Mr. Cohen reported that nothing should be done until the Court of Appeals passes on the case.

Mr. Whitridge's letter to the Controller follows: I send you herewith a copy of a letter to Mr. Pendleton in respect to the non-payment of the franchise taxes of the various street railroads of this city which are in my hands as receiver. I submit that under the circumstances, it is not a just thing that the sale of these particular properties should take place at the moment when you adjourn the same for a period of six months.

The receiver says as follows to the Corporation Counsel: I understand that the sale of the property of all the street railroads of which I am receiver for non-payment of franchise taxes has been advertised for June 5. The payment of these taxes has engaged my attention ever since I was appointed receiver, and I have endeavored to pay them as they came due. I have written you on this subject on several occasions, and I have endeavored to pay them as they came due. I have written you on this subject on several occasions, and I have endeavored to pay them as they came due.

A year ago I suggested to you a compromise, so that the amount due might be brought within some limits which would not be too heavy on the city. I have endeavored to pay them as they came due. I have written you on this subject on several occasions, and I have endeavored to pay them as they came due.

I have, directly or indirectly, interviewed with them, and I have endeavored to find out the principle upon which they have acted, but in vain. I appealed to the Governor of the state to issue a writ of habeas corpus, and I received only a wooden acknowledgment in reply. The Third Avenue taxes have been in active litigation since 1902, and Judge Ernest Hall, the referee, has made a report which cuts the assessment nearly in half.

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nothing can be done until the Court of Appeals has passed directly upon the question of equalization, and that question is now before that tribunal in the Jamaica Water Company case. As soon as the Court of Appeals decides this question I understand you are prepared to resume our negotiations, and I am ready as I have always been ready, at any time within the last twelve months, to act. Under these circumstances, I think it unreasonable and unjust that a sale of the property should be had under the notice advertised by the Controller, and I am ready as I have always been ready, at any time within the last twelve months, to act.

I respectfully request that you will inform me whether or not, in view of this state of facts, you will see that this sale is an arbitrary and unreasonable one, and that you will see that this sale is an arbitrary and unreasonable one, and that you will see that this sale is an arbitrary and unreasonable one.

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ATTACK EXPRESS RATES A NEW WESTERN PORT. The Development and Advantages of Prince Rupert.

Montreal, May 25 (Special).—The new Pacific Coast seaport which has been made necessary by the building of the Canadian Transcontinental Railway, and has been in the hands of harbor engineers and landscape architects for two years, is to become a town in its new port, which is called Prince Rupert, will be sold at public auction at Vancouver. Only about two thousand lots, however, will be offered at this auction, after which subsequent sales will be conducted in other cities.

The site of Prince Rupert is picturesque. Immediately in front of the city, which is expected to become a model city and a great shipping centre in the near future, lies a landlocked harbor two miles wide and fourteen miles long. Beyond the harbor, through the open trails which lead to the interior, the white cottages of Metlakatla, "the holy city," as the Indians call it, South on Queen Charlotte Sound lie the famous halibut banks, for years the great fishing grounds of the American Fishing Company.

Up the Skeena River, along whose shore the new railway runs for more than a hundred miles, are numerous canneries, from which millions of pounds of salmon are shipped annually. Until the trans-continental railway was completed, the outlet of all this fishing industry will be by sea to the south, but with the completion of the Grand Trunk Pacific, which crosses the continent on almost a level line, the bulk of this traffic will go East by rail, the same cars coming back laden with wheat from the prairie provinces, which will eventually find its way to Liverpool by way of the Panama Canal.

In addition to being at the end of the only trans-continental railway which reaches from ocean to ocean without a single mile of "mountain grade"—the maximum rise being twenty-six feet a mile—Prince Rupert is 483 miles nearer Yokohama than any other Pacific port. Back of the new city a great forest reaches over the broken ranges for a thousand miles. Northward lies the great Peace River country and a little northwest are the copper fields of Atlin. In the Bulkley Hills there are great coal beds, and in the sheltered valleys there are wide reaches of ranch lands.

Both the Dominion and the provincial governments have spent a great deal of money in and about the new port, which it is believed will open up a new empire in the Far North, when this new national highway is completed.

Packers to Make Big Bond Issue. Another of the great packing companies, Nesbitt Morris & Co., of Chicago, it is reported from West, is about to place an issue of bonds, the proceeds of which will be used for the erection of a new plant in Oklahoma. Its action, following the increase of \$100,000 in the stock of Swift & Co. some time ago, and the more recent issue of \$400,000 of bonds by the Cudahy Packing Company and \$300,000 of bonds by Armour & Co., is thought by Wall Street to give additional weight to the reports that the packing companies will enter the leather business.

MINIATURE ALMANAC. Sun: 4:30. Moon: 1:24. Moon sets: 7:30. High Water: 1:30. Low Water: 7:30.

WIRELESS REPORTS. The steamer reported as 740 miles east of Sandy Hook at 9:20 a. m. yesterday, is expected to dock about 7:30 a. m. to-day.

INCOMING STEAMERS. TO-DAY. From: Panama, Cristobal, May 25. From: Panama, Cristobal, May 25.

OUTGOING STEAMERS. TO-DAY. To: Panama, Cristobal, May 25. To: Panama, Cristobal, May 25.

IGNORANT OF \$1,000 A WEEK SALARY. E. D. Shepard Says He Didn't Know What Was Paid to Lincoln, the Firm's Manager.

E. D. Shepard, head of the firm of E. D. Shepard & Co., testified yesterday in bankruptcy proceedings before United States Commissioner Alexander that he got \$10,000 a year and his partner, Henry A. Ensign, received \$12,000 a year, while Arthur W. Lincoln, his most trusted assistant, was paid \$1,000 a week, a big jump from the \$5,000 a year and 25 per cent of the profits of the Boston office, which he drew when he entered the employ of the firm in 1906.

Lincoln testified he had told Ensign that the latter's methods were extravagant. He swore that the firm had lost \$500,000 on one investment and had borrowed money on bonds at a higher price than they were worth. He said that the net sale of Yankee Fuel Company bonds amounted to \$1,400,000, but that less than \$300,000 had been turned over to that company, the remainder being used to meet pressing obligations.

Shepard had previously testified that the Yankee Fuel Company had leased two thousand acres of land from the Northeastern Coal Company, which was capitalized at \$500,000, of which he held a third interest. The fuel company was financed by E. D. Shepard & Co., according to the witness.

MOB THREATENS NEGRO. Locked Up with Difficulty After Biting Policeman's Face.

Charles Henry, a dapper West Indian negro, who lives at No. 133 West 20th street, stood at Broadway and 34th street yesterday afternoon ogling the women who passed him, until Patrolman Norton, of the traffic squad, arrested him. The prisoner threw himself on his captor, and as they fell to the ground buried his teeth in Norton's cheek.

Norton held on until another policeman came up and slipped the handcuffs on Henry's wrists. As they started for the Tenderloin station they were surrounded by a large and threatening crowd, and were buffeted about like feathers. A squad of officers was powerless to clear the way. Finally a burly man pushed his way to the side of the prisoner and aimed a sledgehammer blow at his mouth, knocking out all of his front teeth.

The assault was allowed to go un molested by the police, and he departed with the remark, "I guess it will be a long time before you bite any more cops."

Cries of "lynch him" brought a second squad of reserves, which cooled the crowd's ardor. Henry was locked up after being attended by Dr. McClure of the New York Hospital. The physician cauterized Norton's cheek.

TO ISSUE \$20,000,000 STOCK. Rest of \$51,000,000 Drygoods Capital to Remain in Treasury.

Of the \$51,000,000 capital stock of the big new drygoods combination, which was incorporated in Delaware last Friday, only \$30,000,000 will be issued at present. Half of this amount will be in the form of 7 per cent cumulative preferred stock and half in common stock. The new company is being financed by J. P. Morgan & Co., who also put through the merger of the Associated Merchants' Company in 1901, which is to be absorbed by the new company. John Claffin, president of the Associated Merchants' Company, will be the president of the new combination also.

The new combination will purchase \$8,650,000, or a controlling amount, of the \$17,500,000 capital stock of the Associated Merchants' Company. This stock is said to represent the interest in the Associated Merchants' of Mr. Claffin and his associates. Mr. Claffin announced yesterday that he had conveyed to the United Dry Goods Company his entire holdings of stock of the Associated Merchants, and had taken in exchange therefor, share for share, common stock of the new combination. All the other stockholders of the Associated Merchants' Company will have the privilege, until August 1, of making the exchange on the same basis as Mr. Claffin. Trading in the preferred stock will begin today on the curb, and the new company will apply for listing on the Stock Exchange as soon as the certificates are ready. The new shares are being listed in Amsterdam also.

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