

# RESIGNATION IS SENT DIRECT TO GOVERNOR

## Commander of Bellingham Artillery Reserve Corps Dissatisfied With Construction of Armory and Quits.

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### Radley Placed Charges Before Board of Control— Charges That Concrete Is Used to Back Thinner Facing Stone Than Specifica- tions Call for Admitted—Change Approved by Architect.

"I am not satisfied with the construction of the armory building. I have made my objections to the proper authorities, and the action desired by me and asked for and believed by me to be necessary not having been taken, I do not care to assume any responsibility for the building. I have therefore resigned and decline to any longer serve as a member of and secretary of the Bellingham armory commission."

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The above statement was made by Captain Frank W. Hadley, of the Second company, coast artillery reserve corps, yesterday afternoon in connection with his second letter of resignation from the captaincy sent to Governor M. E. Hay personally yesterday. Mr. Hadley tendered his resignation to his superior officer, Adjutant General Lamping, on November 6, to take effect November 14. This resignation has not been accepted to date. Mr. Hadley is therefore still in command of the company as well as a member of and secretary of the Bellingham armory commission.

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of the delay of the railroads in delivering the cars in some instances. In order to avoid unnecessary delay in the completion of the building, smaller pieces of stone that are on hand and entirely suitable for the structure are cut and used. There is absolutely no reason for any one to believe that the structure is weakened by this use of narrow stone when, as a matter of fact, it is well known that the concrete filling makes the stone and brick one strong solid piece of masonry."

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to the armory commission, I have  
heard nothing through that source.  
Mr. Lamplng would undoubtedly call  
a meeting of the board to consider  
the matter before taking any action.  
Mr. Blackwell is at the present time  
in New York, and will return about  
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T. L. Dean, architect of this city, who was associated with the Seattle firm of Blackwell & Baker in designing the building and preparing specifications, was placed in direct charge of the construction work on the building as the representative of the state when at one time it was feared by Mr. James E. Blackwell that the work was not progressing with sufficient speed to permit of its completion within the contract time. When asked as to the probable reason of Mr. Radley's dissatisfaction, he said last night:

"The specifications call for Chuckanut stone, 4, 8 and 12 inches in width in the walls, to be reinforced with brick. In some cases stones measuring slightly less than these widths have been used and the space between the brick and stone filled with concrete. To this Mr. Radley has objected.

"The fact is, where the stone is a half inch or so narrower than that called for in the specifications and the interval is filled with concrete, the wall is of even greater strength than if it is of stone and brick cemented with mortar. The architects, Blackwell & Baker, have given Contractor George McKenzie permission to fill the crevices between the stone and brick with concrete and on his last visit here November 3, Mr. Baker expressed himself as highly satisfied with the construction work as far as it has progressed.

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lieved that rumors of fraud in the construction of the \$75,000 state armory building in this city are laughed at by T. B. Kinsey, chairman of the board of county commissioners, and a member of the Bellingham armory commission that has charge of the construction. Charges that Contractor McKenzie and his men are not living up to the specifications drawn by the architect and approved by the armory commission, were made at the meeting of the armory commission held in this city last Wednesday afternoon by Captain Frank W. Radley, secretary of the commission.

Radley charges, according to Kinsey, that among other things the specifications call for a combination stone and brick wall. The face of the building is to be of stone blocks. The blocks are to alternate in thickness. The first block must be eight inches in thickness, the next four inches, the next eight inches, and so on to the top of the wall. Back of the stone blocks the specifications call for a brick lining. The intervening space between the eight and four-inch blocks of stone is to be filled with brick. Now Radley stated that the contractor is not putting in stone blocks that are four inches in thickness. The stones he declares to be badly chipped and the contractor and his men have filled up the holes left by the uneven blocks with concrete. Radley claims that this patchwork robs the walls of the building of a part of their strength.

Mr. Kinsey gives the following version of the matter:

"At the meeting of the armory commission on Wednesday, Radley

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stated to the members present that he was not satisfied with the work being done on the armory. We asked him if he would be willing to call in Mr. McKenzie, the contractor, and submit the charges in his presence. Stanley objected to this.

"When we went to the armory building and investigated the charge Stanley was making we could not see where he was justified in stirring up a row. We were assured by the workmen and we were convinced by our own observations that the walls will be stronger than if the specifications were being strictly followed. The board decided to take no action at that time. Either on the last day of this month or on the first day of December another meeting of the armory commission will be held in Seattle, at which time Adjutant General Lamplugh will be present and also Contractor McKenzie. Stanley will be asked to come before the board then and go into the charges in detail.

"In my belief," Kinsey continued, "the charges now being made were stirred up by the unsuccessful contractor who bid for the armory work. Stanley himself has apparently been dissatisfied with the selection of the contractor and more so with the board's choice of architects. I know that he wrote a personal letter to Governor Hay and asked him to withdraw Mr. T. P. Doan, the local architect, from the job.

"The members of the state board of control who were in attendance at the meeting here on Wednesday left the city thoroughly disgusted. Stanley's actions all through the work of the armory commission have been annoying and petty."