

MAYOR CRITICISES RAILWAY BOARD

For Ordering City to Do Certain Work.

Thinks That's Not the Board's Business.

Applications for Grants Are Being Received.

The most important matter the City Council will have to deal with to-night is settling as to whether negotiations are to be resumed with the Hamilton Street Railway Company.

The Mayor treats the city's responsibility in the matter lightly. "What we have to say in reply to that," he said, "is that the people are not kicking or blaming the council for the city not fixing up the pavement."

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The Street Railway spent about \$40,000 last year fixing up its tracks and cars. The city did not spend a cent.

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Babies In Church

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Rev. John A. Earl invites babies especially to Beldon Avenue Baptist Church, and has made every preparation for their comfort, even to providing nurses, bottles and the like to keep them quiet while their mothers are listening to the sermon.

The scheme, inaugurated by Rev. Mr. Earl is an innovation so far as Chicago is concerned. The preacher hopes to have from a dozen to thirty babies present every Sunday.

One of the church parlors has been fitted up as a nursery. It is presided over by 40 young women, which will work in relays at each service.

NINE-HOUR LAW.

Railways Say it Will Make Trouble For Them.

Washington, Feb. 24.—In the opinion of operating officials of railroads they have not been confronted for many years with a condition so serious as is contained in the nine-hour law, which by its terms, becomes effective on March 4.

In a personal conference and in correspondence with the Inter-State Commerce Commission the officials have indicated an intention to conform to the act, but they express the belief that it will not be possible fully and immediately to comply with the requirements.

Petitions of a considerable number of the railroad companies have been filed with the Inter-State Commerce Commission requesting that an extension of the time of the going into effect of the law be granted them.

Next Thursday the 27th inst., the commission will accord a large number of railroads a formal hearing, at which an effort will be made to thresh out the matter of the extensions of the law.

NO BID MADE

For a \$1,200 Motor Car at Custom House Sale.

At the Custom House this morning, Mr. Thos. Burrows, the King's auctioneer, offered for sale a large motor car which was brought into Canada a year or so ago as a model for a syndicate of local capitalists who announced that they were going to start an automobile factory. The duty on the car, amounting to \$400, was never paid and recently the owners announced they would surrender it to the Government, to be sold for the duty.

A number of persons were at the sale this morning, but none of them made a bid for the machine, which was listed at \$1,200, and the sale was postponed. If the Government does not receive the amount of the duty the machine must be broken up.

Yes, They Are!

Our last shipment of marmalade oranges are elegant large, bright stock, no black specks, juicy, every orange perfect. Order what you require now.

A splendid recipe, also the use of one of our slicers for the asking. Ripe strawberries, pineapples, mushrooms, cucumbers, sweet peppers, etc. Bain & Adams, 89, 91 King street east.

MADE HIS WILL.

Wealthy Italian Merchant Found With Head Battered.

New York, Feb. 23.—Gerolamo Cella, one of the partners in the firm of Cella Brothers, importers of wines and wholesale groceries at 528 West Broadway, and credited with being one of the wealthiest business men in New York's Italian colony, went to a lawyer on Saturday to get advice on the matter of changing his will.

He said at the time that he was going away from home, never to come back. At 1 o'clock this morning he was found by his brother, Domenico Cella, lying in a heap on the floor of his darkened office in the West Broadway store with his skull fractured by a blow from a hammer, his throat bruised by the marks of fingers and an empty vial which had contained concentrated sulphuric acid on a table beside him.

ABSCESS IN EAR.

Inventor Edison Operated on and Doing Well.

New York, Feb. 24.—Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, who submitted to an operation for the removal of an abscess in the ear last night, was reported as resting easily this morning.

Dr. A. B. Ducl, who performed the operation, said Mr. Edison passed a fairly comfortable night, and that steady improvement in his condition is expected.

NOGI FEELS BAD

Over the Sentence of Gen. Stoessel to Death.

Cincinnati, Feb. 24.—General Nogoi, commander of the Japanese forces that captured Port Arthur, expressed sympathy for his defeated enemy in a brief cablegram received to-day. On the receipt of the news that Gen. Stoessel had been convicted last sentenced to death for his conduct of the defence of Port Arthur, the Cincinnati Times-Star sent a cablegram to Gen. Nogoi, stating the fact, and asking for a statement of his views. In a reply received to-day, the Japanese leader said: "As a soldier, I deeply sympathize with Gen. Stoessel. I cannot bear to state my views."

FOUND DEAD.

Former Hamilton Man's Sudden Death in Ancaster.

William T. Small, who for a number of years live just west of the city and recently moved to Ancaster, where he resided with his son-in-law, died very suddenly last evening. About two months ago Mr. Small was injured while handling some cattle. He had not been well since and a few days ago his son-in-law found him sitting in his chair, dead. Dr. Brantdon, coroner of Ancaster, was called, but considered an inquest unnecessary.

HAVE LEFT CHOIR.

MacNab Presbyterian Loses Leader and Two Soloists.

Mr. Edwin Skedden, choir leader; Miss Florence Kinrade, soprano, and Miss Bertha Carey, contralto, have all sent in their resignations to MacNab Street Presbyterian Church.

Miss Kinrade has accepted a position in Richmond, Va.; Miss Carey is going to Italy to continue her musical studies, and Mr. Skedden, through press of business, finds it impossible to give the time as choir leader that he thinks necessary.

SEIZED LIQUOR.

Police Lay Charge Against a Restaurant Keeper.

Police Sergeants Finch and Robinson and Constable Gibbs waited on John Alter, 103 John street south, who runs a restaurant, about 10 o'clock on Saturday night, and showed him a search warrant. They went through his premises, and Hudecke found two dozen bottles of beer and two quarts of whiskey. They seized this and took it to the station, and registered a charge of keeping liquor for sale against the proprietor.

WHO CASHED IT?

Money Sent to Austrian Citizen Did Not Reach Him.

The local police have been notified of a case in which Novickie, Warner & Co., a Montreal concern, which recently has been in difficulties, is concerned. Andrew Hudecke, 69 Sheaffe street, got a letter from his mother in Austria, notifying him that she had sent him 750 crowns (\$151.21) by money order. Hudecke did not receive it and employed H. D. Petrie, lawyer, to look after the money. Mr. Petrie found out that the Montreal firm had claimed that the order was cashed on the signature of Hudecke on December 6th, and it now stands that if the money was paid out on that signature, there is some one to charge with forgery, but the police say the money may not have been paid out at all, and that some one may have kept it.

MOULDERS' WAGES.

Employers All Over Ontario Want to Make a Cut.

Toronto, Feb. 24.—A report that the master moulders of Ontario will reduce the wages of their employees twenty per cent, has somewhat startled the moulders of Toronto. The employers are understood to have been considering the matter for some time. "We will resist any wage reduction," said a prominent official of the union to-day. "With the cost of living as it is, our men could not possibly stand a wage reduction. We have had to fight hard enough to get what we have, and our men have instructions to quit work wherever a wage reduction is announced."

ARBITRATION NEXT WEEK.

Mr. J. G. O'Donoghue, who will represent the Street Railway Union in the arbitration over the Theaker case, will be in the city next Monday, and the case will likely be begun on Tuesday, March 3. The company's arbitrator is Mr. Wm. Bell, K. C., and Judge Monck is chairman.

PULLED OUT OF THE LAKE.

John Feast Made Startling Discovery Yesterday.

Wm. Brant Climbed Over Fences Into Water.

Is Now Being Held on Charge of Insanity.

Mr. John Feast, a resident of the Beach, made a sensational discovery early yesterday morning while out on the lake shore near Elsinore taking snip shots of the ice banks. He saw a man out in the lake about 50 yards, in water almost to his waist. Mr. Feast shouted to him to come to shore, but the man paid no attention to his shouts. Mr. Feast then ran toward his home, to get help. Mr. Charles Ogg was driving past at the time and he drove Mr. Feast to the nearest house where some ropes were secured. One rope was tied to Mr. Feast, till he got within ten or fifteen feet of the man, when he threw another rope to him. The man took hold of it and waded toward the shore. He was soaked to the skin with the icy cold water and was very weak. He was hurried to Mr. Feast's residence and rubbed with alcohol for a couple of hours by willing hands. He talked rationally and his mind seemed to be affected by religion. Asked why he went into the lake he said he intended to follow the example of Christ in walking on the water. He said his name was Wm. Brant and that his home was in England. On being searched by Beach Constable Hazell a post card bearing the name and address, Wm. Brant, Binbrook, was found on him. The officer and Mr. Ogg made inquiries and learned that Brant had been employed for some months by a farmer named Gallagher, but he had wandered away on Saturday. Brant slept in the barn of the farm on Saturday night. It is a wonder he was not frozen to death before being rescued by Mr. Feast and Mr. Ogg. Yesterday afternoon Constable Hazell brought the unfortunate young man to the city and had him committed to jail for three days on a charge of insanity.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

FIRST REPORT OF DIRECTORS SINCE REORGANIZATION.

Figures of Revenue and Expenditure—Increase of Salaries and More Teachers—Building Must Be Enlarged to Meet Demands of Students.

Toronto, Feb. 24.—(Special.)—The Board of Governors of the University of Toronto have presented to the Government their first report of the affairs of the institution since its reorganization in 1906. The statement covers the year ending June 30, 1907, when the revenue amounted to \$456,398. Of the total \$47,453 was the income from the endowment, \$184,211 from fees of students, \$224,728 the grant from the Province. For maintenance the expenditure aggregated \$411,696, less \$44,700, repaid into the endowment fund on account of the construction of the new physics building.

The apparent increase in the expenses of the preceding year was \$111,066, but from this must be deducted \$83,547, the cost of maintaining the faculty of applied science from Jan. 1, when it first became a part of the University proper. The actual increase of the year was therefore \$27,519, of which \$50,330 was spent in the faculty of arts and the administration of the University and College. The largest item of increase was \$25,925, due to expenditures for salaries.

This was occasioned by the increases in salaries and partly by the employment of additional instructors to teach the growing number of students in attendance. In all the faculties of the University 3,038 students took courses during the academic year 1906-7, as compared with 2,547 in the previous years. The report deals with the needs of the University for the future, and says that if it is to keep pace with the educational demand it must face the necessity of constantly adding to its teaching staff. It also says that the University must look forward to a large increase in expenditure in the enlargement of the now overcrowded buildings.

SEAL FISHERIES.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—A delegation is here from British Columbia seeing the Government with a view to obtaining a close season for seal fisheries which are being exterminated.

IT IS OLD

And well tried. British Army Foot Powder dusted into the shoes relieves tired and aching feet, and stops excessive perspiration. Be sure to get the genuine (it is imitated), with the yellow label and sprinkler tops. Sold at 25c per box. Parke & Parke, druggists.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables. TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

HON. MR. SCOTT 83.

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—Secretary of State Scott celebrates his eighty-third birthday to-day.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

I suppose the Tories think that the sailors on the steamer speedy should have been fed on salt pork and split peas all the year round.

The ladies will please take notice that our new story begins to-morrow, better than a play.

The objection I have to Allan Studholme is that he cannot speak without talking.

The French treaty is all right. Oui, oui.

That snow by-law is the cause of a lot of ill-feeling in this otherwise good-natured town.

The tax rate is one thing and the assessment another. Perhaps the Mayor has overlooked that fact.

No, Maude, there will be no open air band concerts the coming summer.

That man Zimmerman is helping Hamilton quite a lot down at Ottawa.

So it is proposed to bounce all the cripples in the service of the city. That would be a Christian act.

If you like the Times, tell your neighbor. Spread the good news.

The Windsor Record should do some self-examination when it finds the Hamilton Spectator putting it on the back.

Has Mr. Washington heard anything about a brick combine in Hamilton?

I don't like the look of this moulder trouble, but I would rather pay a little more for my stove or furnace than see them cut.

The \$2 cuts no ice with Ald. Wright. It is the belief that there was no ice on the sidewalk that cuts.

A philanthropic gentleman is also being looked for who will donate \$10,000 for children's playgrounds.

The City Hall people object to the paying out of the overdraft with the money that should be coming to them in the shape of increased salary. But they shouldn't talk so loud, the Mayor might declare a lock out.

Mr. Barker has discovered another scandal. Some of the Government men got mad and eggs to dinner one Sunday. Scandalous!

Then there is the City Engineer's \$1-000 increase. Has he got to feed the overdraft too?

Now if the Canadian Club wants to have a night of it invite Allan Studholme as the speaker of the evening.

I thought there was to be no more quarrying on the mountain.

Mark it down. There are five hundred and forty-two steps at the head of Wentworth street. Count them—542.

FREE FOR ST. KITTS.

St. Catharines People Provided Free Delivery.

St. Catharines, Ont., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—George A. Bogy, President of the County of Lincoln Liberal Association, has received a reply from the Postmaster-General to his letter regarding the establishment of a free postal delivery system in St. Catharines. Mr. Lemieux promises that as the revenue of the local post office now warrants the grant, he will instruct the chief superintendent to visit St. Catharines at an early date to arrange for the establishment of the system.

LATEST CANADIAN NEWS.

Ruthven, Essex county, Ont., Feb. 24.—The post office here was entered early yesterday morning, and the thieves succeeded in getting away with a few dollars and some stamps.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 24.—David Defont, 83 years old, is dead at his home on the Tecumseh road, of old age.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 24.—Mrs. David Williams, of Toronto, has written the police for information concerning her husband, who, she says, left her two years ago.

Dorchester, N. B., Feb. 24.—Relative of Capt. William Palmer, a vessel owner of this town, who was an officer on the British ship Alcarita, has abandoned hope that the vessel will be heard from again. The Alcarita sailed from Delagoa Bay, South Africa, on August 5, 1907, for Hong Kong and Baltimore.

Port Dalhousie, Feb. 24.—The school trustees have given orders this morning closing all rooms in the public schools for an indefinite period on account of the scarlet fever epidemic which is raging here.

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—City View Methodist Church, five miles from the city, was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon.

Montreal, Que., Feb. 24.—The right Hon. James Bryce, British Ambassador to the United States, arrived here from Ottawa at noon to-day, in the company of Earl Grey, Governor General, and this afternoon received the Honorary degree of LL.D., at the hands of McGill University.

DIED IN HIS CHAIR, OF ASPHYXIATION.

Big Legacy For Hospital

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Mrs. Mary Adelaide Yerkes, widow of Charles T. Yerkes, the Chicago financier and traction magnate, announced yesterday that it was her desire to devote a portion of her \$20,000,000 estate to the erection of a magnificent hospital in Chicago. It is Mrs. Yerkes' desire to herself design the hospital. The incomplete plans provide for the erection of at least one of the groups of buildings during her lifetime. The erection of the rest of the group and the necessary endowment for the entire institution will be provided for in her will.

SAID IT--AND MORE.

The Times Did Not Misquote Mayor Stewart.

Mayor Stewart complains that the Times misquoted him in expressing his views on the course the city should pursue if the Railway Board did it an injustice in the order which he is anxious should be applied for. The Mayor's habit of being attacked with chills in his pedal extremities when some of his remarks, which in his calmer moments he does not consider look well in cold print, are published, is a standing joke with the newspaper men and City Hall officials. This is the latest illustration. If the Times erred in presenting the Mayor's views to the public it was on the side of leniency. But the Mayor was not misquoted. He uttered every word that was printed in the presence of a witness. As a matter of fact, he put it much stronger than it was published, and not in a way that was flattering to the Railway Board. The Times considered that the Mayor, when he gave the matter reflection, would not care something that you find is going to get you into trouble, back up on it, and say the papers misquoted you."

The Mayor, in a jocular mood, was once heard warning an alderman about the course to pursue with newspapers. This was the gist of it, "if you say something that you find is going to get you into trouble, back up on it, and say the papers misquoted you."

And verify his Worship practices what he preaches.

BRITISH ARMY.

Decrease in Number of Men and of the Estimated Expenses.

London, Feb. 24.—The army estimates for 1908-1909 have been issued. The gross total is \$154,185,120, as against \$155,211,834 for 1907-1908. The War Secretary, Mr. Haldane, estimates for a total of 185,000 men in the home and colonial establishments, irrespective of India. This is a decrease of 5,000 men from last year.

MONTREAL TRAGEDY

Italian Arrested Charged With Murdering His Wife.

Montreal, Que., Feb. 24.—Michael Tortora, an Italian living at 511 St. Timothee street, was placed under arrest this morning on the charge of killing his wife. Mrs. Tortora is dead with a bullet wound in her heart. But Tortora claims the shooting was accidental. The two were alone in the house at the time. The police are investigating the circumstances. This is the third Italian tragedy in this city within a few days.

IMPERIAL SMOKING MIXTURE.

The Hudson's Bay Co.'s Imperial smoking mixture is a delightful blend of high grade tobaccos. It is sold for 25 cents a tin at peace's cigar store, 107 King street east.

FATHER LEO HEINRICH MAY YET BE CANONIZED.

In Twenty Centuries of the Catholic Church No Parallel to Denver Crime

Denver, Col., Feb. 24.—In the twenty centuries of history of the Catholic Church, members of its priesthood in this city declare there is no record of a tragedy to parallel that of the killing of Father Leo Heinrich while administering the sacrament to Giuseppe Guarnaccio, at the altar of St. Elizabeth's church yesterday morning. This crime they say will stand out as one of the most fearful in criminal records, and its perpetration may result in the canonization of Father Leo as a martyr of the church in whose service he fell while performing his duty.

Father Eusebius, as pastor of St. Elizabeth's, received a telegram last night from the father provincial in Paterson,

N. J., instructing him to forward the body of Father Leo to that city. Father Eusebius will accompany the body.

Funeral services will be held at Elizabeth on Wednesday morning, when solemn requiem high mass will be celebrated.

Father Wm. O'Ryan, pastor of St. Leo's will deliver an eulogy on Father Leo and a sermon against anarchy and socialism.

Giuseppe Guarnaccio, the murderer, talked freely in jail concerning his friendship for Leo. For his crime he declared he had no regret. He said he is a native of Sicily, is a shoemaker and is 36 years old. He became a socialist and anarchist twenty years ago. He came to America two years ago and has since been teaching anarchy, working but little at his trade.

William Halliday, the Contractor, Dead.

Tube From Small Gas Heater Disconnected.

Terrible Discovery Made by His Sons.

Asphyxiation claimed another victim in this city during the night. Early this morning two sons of Mr. William Halliday, contractor, 209 Main street east, found their father sitting in a chair in the kitchen, while a rubber gas tube, disconnected from a heater standing on top of the stove, belching forth gas which had already completely filled the house and was forcing its way out through the cracks, told the whole story to the two young men. Horrified at what they had found, they ran to Ferguson avenue and Main street and reported the tragic occurrence to Sergt. Walsh. The sergeant went to the house and verified the report he had received. The body was cold when found, and it is not known how long the deceased had been there with the gas running in a full flow.

The facts of the case are rather sad. Mr. Halliday was out on Saturday driving around the city, and went home rather late in the evening. He put up his horse and rig and went into the house. From then until this morning nothing is known of his movements, as no one visited the house yesterday. His bed had been slept in, which showed that he was alive yesterday morning, anyway.

It was quite a common thing for the members of the family to be away from the house over night, and such was the case on Saturday and again last night. He had been the sole occupant all this time. The position of the gas stove and the tube connecting it seemed to tell the story of his death. Mr. Halliday had evidently turned the gas on in a little heater, probably to warm some water. The tube by which it was connected with the gas jet hung low, and it is thought that in moving around he had pulled it off, without noticing it, and then sat down. He must have become stupefied in a few seconds.

Dr. Rennie was called in and found life extinct and it was his opinion that death had taken place some hours before.

The two sons made the discovery quite by accident. They had decided to go and feed the horse and arrived there shortly after 7 o'clock this morning. After feeding it they tried the doors of the house and found them locked and then looked in the kitchen window. They saw their father sitting in the chair and he seemed asleep, but the pose did not look natural and then the terrible truth dawned on them as they caught sight of the tube and smelt the gas escaping through the sides of the window frame.

The police who investigated came to the conclusion that it was an accident. Deceased had been a lifelong resident of this city and was a carpenter by trade. He had the contract for the wood work on the addition to the Canada Screw Co.'s works and had done a great deal of work around the city. He was about 55 years of age and leaves besides his widow, four sons and three daughters. William, Henry, George and Bert (Maude foreman), William Fleming, W. Hayes, the sons and the daughters are Mrs. H. Beavis, Newark, N. J., Jennie and Florence, A. H. Dodsworth, the undertaker, removed the body to his private morgue and Cooner Rennie called an inquest for noon to-day to view the remains. Constable Thompson summoned the jury.

After viewing the body at noon to-day the jurors adjourned to hear evidence at 8:10 o'clock on Tuesday night. The jury summoned was composed of Thomas Maude (foreman), William Fleming, W. Finningham, J. Irwin, A. L. Adcock, Geo. Haynes, E. German, Geo. Brett, S. W. Cox, W. Budge, W. Ashburn, Ed. Young, David Henry, W. H. Clinton and George Moore.

NO TRACE OF HIM.

The police have no further information regarding H. Grooms, who left the Cecil Hotel on Friday night after living like a lord, without paying his bill. His method of leaving by the fire escape is a new one here. The police are on the lookout for him in all nearby towns and on the border.