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## MAY BE A FOUR-CORNERED RACE FOR MAYORALTY, ALTHOUGH EFFORTS BEING MADE TO REDUCE NUMBER

H. LANCASTER IS NOT IN THE FIGHT FOR THE CITY COUNCIL; LABOR CANDIDATES ARE IMPORTING SPEAKERS; E. C. GRAVES TO STAND FOR COUNCIL

Interest in the forthcoming municipal elections continues to engage the attention of a good many citizens who are fond of all kinds of sport and speculative situations. An election like any other race furnishes an opportunity for much guessing and jockeying.

The principal discussion seems to centre around the prospects of a lively mayoralty contest. Just who will be in the field will not be definitely known, of course, till nomination day but it now looks as though there would be four. It is well known however, that there is pressure being brought to bear upon some of the candidates to allow the race to settle down to two or at most three.

The soldier-labor party is beginning at once with an aggressive campaign. Outside speakers are being brought here and will speak tonight in the interests of their party's candidates though just what light these outsiders can throw on municipal problems and how they propose to help solve the financial affairs of the city is not easily understood. By many the movement is regarded as carrying political propaganda into municipal matters with too much vigor.

There will be it is certain, quite a list for aldermanic honors. Practically all of the present council are seeking re-election with several other new men to be brought forward including Mr. F. H. Avery and Mr. Murphy to represent the soldier-labor party.

Mr. Bannan of St. Patrick's ward is also a candidate endorsed by this section but he has twice run before without success. It is understood that E. H. Lancaster will not run and has no stated publicly.

Mr. E. C. Graves as one of the heaviest tax payers in the city is being prevailed upon to stand and will undoubtedly be in the field. He will make a strong run, it is anticipated. Just who they all are is not yet announced but it is said that the citizens at large are getting four or five other men also to offer themselves as candidates.

### CAN'T SPEND CURRENCY FOR WHISKEY SO FEEDS IT TO OLD FLUG HORSE

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—George Eagan stood at the corner of Lake and Wells streets, swaying in the throes of a feeling not supposed to be legal just now. He had accomplished this miracle in the course of a deliciously jovial week end and, here was Tuesday. Counting his money, he found himself still encumbered with wealth of disgraceful proportions—to the extent, in fact of \$140.

And then a friendly, laughing face thrust itself impudently into his bewildering adventure in auditing—a face as long as a barrel, as hoary as the face of a seal peering over the rim of a glacier, with spurts of steam leaping from its glittering nostrils. A long, red tongue, curled languidly toward the sheaf of bills in the hands of the puzzling Eagan.

"All right, old top," he said recovering from a complicated reel and attaching himself to a light pole for the sake of his equilibrium. "I'll give you a breakfast you'll never forget. There's a good hussy."

Whereat, he proffered a crisp liver, and the flea bitten panhandler licked it in with a grateful dip of the head. Eagan stripped another leaf from his roll and fed to his new found friend. Another and another followed, until old Flea Bite kicked up his heels in ecstasy.

Then a policeman happened along. After watching the pretty picture of \$15 or \$20 worth he leaped to the rescue of the rapidly vanishing currency. As he dragged Eagan away toward the central station, the driver came out of a store, leaped on his wagon seat and drove Flea Bite around the corner.

"How much did you have?" they asked Eagan at the station.

"There was \$140," he replied.

"There was \$92 left. He had fed \$48 in ones and fives to the departed Flea Bite.

### TURCO ARAB REVOLT

Government Building Burned; Column Moving Toward Bagdad

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A Turco-Arab movement of considerable proportions has developed in Mesopotamia and there is danger of a flareup if the trouble should spread, according to the war office. The Arabs are reported to have burned the government buildings at Bhezzor, and appear to be still in possession of it, the report stated. Bedouins were encamped nearby and it is presumed they were brought in to help deal with the movement and got out of hand. A Turco-Arab column is reported moving down the Euphrates in the direction of Bagdad.

The British authorities, it is announced, are taking measures to handle the situation.

### ARSON CHARGE IS PREFERRED AGAINST PERRY

Farmer Near Niagara-on-the-Lake Was Arrested Here Last Evening by Detective McCarthy

Charles Perry, a young farmer will likely be committed for trial before the Magistrate at Niagara on the Lake this afternoon on a charge of arson and will be brought to the county jail here to await appearance before the Judge.

Perry rented a farm between Niagara on the Lake and Queenston and on Wednesday night the house was destroyed with all its contents. Insurance had been put on the contents and the arrest is at the instigation of the insurance companies concerned, it is understood.

Perry was arrested on James St. in this city by Detective McCarthy on Thursday night. He is 25 years old and married.

Crown Attorney Brennan represented the Crown at the preliminary hearing this afternoon.

### FLU GERMS KILLED BY FROSTY WEATHER

The health authorities say there has been practically no return of the flu to St. Catharines this fall and winter. One or two isolated cases have been reported which may not have been the real disease. It is believed the severely cold weather has frozen any germs floating around.

### GOMPERTS ASKS RAILROADS BE RETAINED TWO YEARS LONGER BY GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—A plea that the Cummins railroad bill now before the Senate be withdrawn and that the government control be continued for at least two years was made yesterday by Samuel Gomper, head of the American Federation of Labor, representatives of several farmers' organizations who appeared before the Senate interstate commerce commission.

The delegation of 25 will call at the White House later today in an effort to induce President Wilson to retain the roads two years longer. It was announced.

### WEEKLY AIR SERVICE OVER THE ATLANTIC

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A weekly airship service to America is contemplated by a combination of aviation firms, which are credited with the intention of acquiring the R-34 and her sister ship, the R-39. These are being altered to meet passenger and cargo requirements.

### WOLFE'S ANNIVERSARY WILL BE CELEBRATED

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The hundred and ninety third anniversary of Wolfe's birth will be celebrated at Westernham, Kent, his birthplace, by the usual dinner. Sir George Perley, Canadian High Commissioner, has accepted an invitation.

## WHAT'S GOING TO BECOME OF THE WHISKEY

Nearly 64,000,000 Gallons in Bond, Costing Over \$3,000,000 Month For Carrying.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Bonded liquor held with the expectation that the war time ban would be lifted, now is eating its head off in the warehouses at the rate of three and one third million dollars monthly in carrying charges. It was conservatively estimated here.

Owners of the liquor flooded government officials with telegrams demanding what they should do "get out from under." The telegrams began to clog the Washington wires as President Wilson let it be known he could not legally lift the war time ban while peace is not concluded. This is the position he has held for some months.

Blasts Hopes of Dealers. The decision of the supreme court yesterday, in which the wartime prohibition act was held constitutional, seemed to blast the last hope of liquor dealers for a short wet spell before the big drought begins, on January 16, when constitutional prohibition is scheduled to become effective.

Government officials were unable to give an adequate answer to the question of what to do with the bonded liquor, at least from the point of view of the owner hoping to get back part or perhaps all of his investment and to shut off the carrying charge.

The estimated original investment today was placed at approximately \$83,000,000 for 67,000,000 gallons of liquor with which the owners now seem to have been caught. This is in addition to the carrying charge. The bonded supply included 62,942,931 gallons of whiskey, 6,242,120 gallons of brandy, approximately 1,500,000 gallons of gin and slightly less than 500,000 gallons of rum. These are government figures. "I have discussed the question of the bonded liquor with several officials," said Federal Prohibition Commissioner Kramer. "It presents one of the problems arising from the decision of the supreme court. I am not prepared to say what can or may be done with it."

Some More Difficulties. The difficulty is that under the war time law, liquor can legally be withdrawn from bond now only for exportation and for non beverage purposes. And no one has yet found a non beverage use for liquor in sufficient quantities to consume 97,000,000 gallons in a reasonable time.

To redistill it for the alcohol it contains is commercially impracticable. Pure alcohol now brings 57 1-2 cents a gallon. It takes two gallons of whiskey to make one gallon of alcohol. And to get two gallons of whiskey out of bond costs \$4.40 in taxes. The tax is \$2.20 per gallon for non beverage purposes. The \$4.40 of course does not include the cost of whiskey.

A slight dent may be made in the bonded supply through the use of the whiskey for toilet supply manufacturing plants as a base for rum and perfume if the price does not mount too high. Also drug stores will need a supply, but this need is small in comparison with the amount on hand.

Officials said today that one estimate is that the non beverage uses now known would consume the bonded stock of whiskey in 160 years. At this rate the whiskey would make an investment of something like \$100 a gallon in the 160th year, according to one statistician.

The possibility of getting any great amount of the stocks out of the country by export is slight. The law prohibits exportation after midnight of January 16. Dealers now are exporting it as fast as possible. In October exports totaled 329,000 gallons of all kinds of beverage liquors, commerce department records show. This was valued at \$1.25 per gallon according to reports to whiskey collectors. In some cities whiskey now is bringing \$40 a gallon in "bootlegger" sales.

There is one more perplexing angle to the problem. Under tax laws, whiskey may remain in bond only 8 years. At that time it must be redeemed and the tax paid. Much of the whiskey now in bond has been in nearly eight years.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS OF CITY; MOST OF THEM YOUNG LADIES; ARE BANQUETED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD

FATHER CLAIMS OWN SON STOLE HIS WIFE'S LOVE

WATERDOWN, N.Y., Dec. 19.—Alleging the alienation of his wife's affections by his own son, William H. Hyde, sixty eight years old, has started an action against his son, Herbert H. Hyde, of the town of Rutland, to recover \$2,000. The plaintiff brought suit through Attorney John O'Leary of Clayton and the defendant is represented by Cobb and Cofgrove of this city, who have filed an answer in behalf of their client.

The plaintiff claims that he and his wife, who is about sixty eight years old, were living happily together up to July 19, 1919, when, he alleges, during his absence at his work his son "maliciously" enticed Mrs. Hyde to go to the younger man's home in the town of Rutland where, her husband claims, she has since been harbored by the son, despite the plaintiff's efforts to obtain her. The defendant claims that the mother, according to her own free will, left the father and the grounds attributed in the answer are cruel and inhuman treatment on the part of the older Mr. Hyde.

Man Crippled for Life by Thirteen Wounds Assaults Detzer. NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—A charge that Captain Karl W. Detzer in charge of criminal investigation work at Le Mans, had taken half of 5,000 francs stolen from him while a prisoner at the barracks of the 808th infantry police company was made today by Murray P. Phillips of this city, crippled for life by thirteen wounds received at Chateau Thierry and in other battles.

Phillips, formerly regimental sergeant in the American ambulance service, made this charge while testifying at Captain Detzer's court martial at Governors Island on charges of brutality to members of the American expeditionary force arrested by him.

### BRITAIN'S HANGMAN WANTS A W.L.R. BONUS

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The fact that the public executioner is the only public servant in Great Britain who has not received a war bonus has exercised the conscience of a private member of the House of Commons, who asked in Parliament why he had not received it.

The Home Secretary replied that no application had been made for it and he proposed, therefore, to take no action.

### 27 MEMBERS OF I.W.W. GET PRISON SENTENCES

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 19.—Federal Judge John C. Pollock late yesterday passed sentence on 27 members of the Industrial Workers of the World, found guilty by a jury in the federal district court of Kansas City Kan., of conspiracy against the government. The sentences ranged from 3 1-2 to 9 1-2 years in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan.

### BILLION DOLLARS COLLECTED

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The total amount collected this year in income and excess profits taxes in the second federal reserve district, which includes Greater New York, is \$1,145,976,000, the federal reserve bank announced. About \$20,000,000 is yet to be collected.

### NEARLY MAXIMUM COAL PRODUCTION ACCORDING TO CHICAGO OPERATORS

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Coal production is nearing the peak, operators said here.

Miners are swinging their picks with a will, they said, indicating a desire to live up to their agreement with Kansas, Indiana and Illinois mines were back almost to normal production.

Reeve Farrell of Grimsby will seek re-election again according to reports as he considers he has a good chance of being chosen Warden of Lincoln County next year.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS INCLUDING COLLEGIATE SITE ARE DISCUSSED; EXCEEDINGLY PLEASANT AFFAIR; SHIELDS PRESENTED TO THE WINNING SCHOOLS.

Two outstanding facts developed at the banquet at the Welland last night given by the Public School Board to the members of the teaching staff of the Public Schools. One was that the earlier education of the children of this city is in the hands practically entirely of the gentler sex and the other is that St. Catharines public schools have on their pay roll many of the best looking ladies of the district. Nearly all are young girls, bright and apparently well pleased with and interested in their work. The trustees had their wives present and a number of other guests enjoyed the Board's hospitality.

The Welland supplied an excellent dinner and the guests discussed the good things with enjoyment. Afterwards Chairman H. W. Byrne took charge of the toast list and there were some interesting addresses.

In responding to the toast of "Canada and the Empire" Mayor Elson remarked that greatness always implied heavy responsibilities. When we speak of the British Empire as the leader of civilization and the bulwark of human liberties we must remember that as an integral part of that Empire the Dominion of Canada should always try to measure up to the high status of its partnership.

### Legacy Derives

The speaker then mentioned that Canada derived the rich legacy of high ideals, worthy institutions, a splendid literature, a strong sentiment and a sound common sense from the inheritance that were giving the Dominion a foremost place among the younger nations of the world.

"That we had a full consciousness of our debt to the Old Land and to the rights and liberties for which it stood was exemplified in 1914," said the Mayor. "When as a domestic people as we were sprung to the defence of the Empire and played so noble a part in the titanic struggle of Europe. When the crisis came we rose to our obligations and endeavored to honorably discharge them."

### Greatest National Asset

As a result of our participation in that war a new and wider vision had been given to the Canadian people, continued the speaker. It was for the teachers and leaders in public thought to realize the opportunity they have of making the youth of this country its greater national asset. Not only should the teacher train the minds of students to retain knowledge and to think in a constructive way, but with the academic should be associated a proper appreciation of the moral and patriotic. The sacrifices of Canadians in the war had, in his opinion, created a new basis for national sentiment, literature and industrial accomplishment Canadian writers, he hoped, would develop who would endure the beauties and memories of Canada to her people just as Scott and Burns had sung of those of Scotland, Tom Moore of Ireland, and Wordsworth Keats, Shelly and Tennyson had glorified the heroics and beauties of England. With the teacher belonged the privilege of molding and fashioning the youth of a virile and progressive race.

Trustee F. N. Rutherford proposed the health of the teachers and officers, remarking that this is a time of privilege, a time in the world when people seeing their duty may accomplish much. He referred to the rare opportunity the teacher has in the making of good citizenship.

Principals Gayman and Elliott, Secretary C. T. McBride and Inspector Hetherington replied.

Mr. Hetherington was in a reminiscent mood. He briefly reviewed the public school history in St. Catharines. In 1883 there were 27 teachers on the public school staff, 12 of them in the Central School. The salaries paid ranged from \$267 to \$450. This continued until about 1909 when conditions began to improve. There were agitations for better schools and more money for the teachers. He recalled that the teachers were receiving \$15 a year increase. The salaries have been gradually raised until today the pay of teachers is beginning to reach a plane which makes it possible to take their proper station and live as they should.

Mr. Hetherington said they had good teachers today but so they had in the past and he mentioned the names of veterans in the service. He had the same thing to say about the school boards. Those in the past were made up of good men, so is the one of today.

Secretary McBride referred to the fine lot of schools the city has, but mentioned that buildings are not much good if they had not good teachers. He thought, however, the teachers were efficient and painstaking and St. Catharines is to be congratulated upon its public school teaching staff. In the past three years he believed the staff has improved 25 per cent.

Chairman Byrne remarked here that more interest is being taken in education today than in any other subject which is an excellent sign. Ratepayers knowing they are receiving better service must be prepared to pay higher salaries. This is absolutely essential if the standard of our educational equipment is to be maintained.

"Slater Institutions" was proposed by Trustee Burleigh and replied to by Principal Coombs of the Collegiate. Colonel Burleigh said St. Catharines is doing well now in the way of teacher salaries which was a commendable thing to be pointed for steady progress in this connection and a co-incident advancement in efficiency.

Principal Coombs said he had never attended a more pleasant gathering and he hoped that the banquet to the teachers would be made an annual affair. The teaching profession has reached a high standard. Today teaching is a real profession. It is a remarkable trust that of a teacher to develop a child who required so much maturing and attention.

He made reference to the Collegiate situation. More accommodation has got to be provided. The school now has a registration of 450 and 14 teachers. There is accommodation for 353 pupils.

He gave reasons why the new Collegiate should not be built on the present site, one being that if the school were built behind the gym it would put the building on Raymond street. The present building would have to be pulled down, leaving the gym facing Church street.

If the new building is put where the present school is it will mean building a Billy Sunday tabernacle building somewhere else to hold the school in for the next two years.

Mr. Coombs expressed his opposition to the Wilson site. It would mean the destruction of a four room public school when school accommodation is so much needed now. The proper site in his opinion is the Huntington site and he considered that the Collegiate Board had chosen wisely and well. The bulk of the Collegiate pupils live north of Welland avenue. It is the logical site and he would like to have seen the Council buy it. A map showing the Collegiate population is being prepared and it shows 114 pupils living north of Welland avenue. The Board would have been willing to submit other sites, ten if necessary but they could not do so legally.

Concluding his remarks Mr. Coombs dealt with the teachers duty. He would not care if the pupils under him did not learn anything of Latin, algebra, or geometry so long as he was able to instill into their minds the principles of good citizenship. He would consider he had accomplished something if he could do this. Crime is costly. It pays to get hold of the young mind early and lead it into the proper channel.

Rev. A. H. Howitt made a few congratulatory remarks and then Trustee Paxton presented the shields won by the schools.

Principal Semple received Colonel

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### ONTARIO FLYING "GOT" ON OF HIS SUBMARINES

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