POLICE DEMAND THAT CHIEF RESIGN

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lose his job? I know a fellow who used to walk next to me. One night a sergeant told him that he would break him if he did not tell him what the man on the other side of him was doing all night. He refused, and he is still walking the pavements without the sign of a promotion, but at the same time he has merit marks to his credit. We will not stand for it any longer, and if the chief is going to be kept on, then the men will never work for him. We are servants of the citizens, just the same as he is, but at the same time we want to be treated like men and not be made to feel every day in the year that we are some kind of animals. All we are asking the public is for a square deal. Give us an investigation, and there will not be any more trouble, because the people would not stand for a minute to have their money paid out by the men who are now doing so if they knew what was beneath the surface."

Pension Fund a Joke.

"Even the pension fund is a joke," said another man. "We ordinary policemen have to pay in seven per cent. of our salary, while the officers only give either two or three. Then when we are pensioned we men draw $800 a year, but the officers are able to live on the fat of the land. Take for instance Archibald. They have given him $1800, and we have paid it out of our money. As for the chief, he raised his own salary early in the year, but he took good care not to do the same for the men. Another joke on the force is the fact that the only high-powered car which the detective department had the chief grabbed for his personal use, and now he and his family and their friends ride around every day in the week, nights too when they like, using gasoline purchased by the citizens of Toronto. No wonder the taxpayers are howling, when gasoline is selling for 38 cents a gallon and the chief is using it for his personal consumption, besides that when he took the best car he only left the department with a bunch of Fords. They break down every hour or two. That is about the real reason that we are never able to catch any thieves who travel in decent cars. Owing to the chief all law-breakers are able to go free."

"So he says that there is not any pull used on the force, does he?" said a big husky fellow. "Well, I'll tell you something that will prove it to you. One of the men recovered a horse and wagon that was stolen. When he returned it to the owner he was given a reward, and he accepted it. That is against all rules, and, to believe the chief, any man found doing so will be dismissed. Col. Grasett knew of the case I speak of, but he did not fire the man, because he was useful to him. Instead of that he has steadily raised him, and today that fellow is an inspector, while other fellows who have not any political pull, or who are not able to produce a letter from one of the chief's 'big bug' friends, will pound the beat for 30 years. Do the people of Toronto want us to keep on putting up with that sort of thing, or will they help us to get rid of the chief and his two confederates?"

Men Met All Day.

Tho the first meeting of the union was scheduled for 3.30 p.m. yesterday, long before the appointed hour all of the seats in the hall had been packed.

Among those present were Mayor Church and Frank Hughes, both of whom addressed the meeting.

What the Chief Says.

Chief Grasett of the Toronto police department is reported yesterday as saying: "I would like to make it perfectly clear that the police commissioners are not going to recede from the position they have taken in this matter."

Asked as to what was his particular objection with regard to the amalgamation with the Trades and Labor Council, Chief Grasett replied:

"It is so perfectly obvious that I hardly expected to be called upon by anyone to explain it. The men came to the commissioners and produced a charter from the Federated Trades and Labor Congress, showing that they had been organized under their regulations and were affiliated with them. In other words, they were part of the labor organization. The police, in order to be independent, and in a position to do their duty under all circumstances, must not be affiliated with any outside body. Suppose there was to be a strike by some branch of the labor organization and the police were called upon by the commissioners to act in connection with maintaining order in respect to the strike, it is conceivable that they might receive orders to the opposite effect from the federated council. Which would they obey? They would be serving under two masters."

"Some men have said that they would not be listened to if they tried to bring any grievance before you or before the board. Is that a correct statement?' Chief Grasett was asked.

Denies Men's Statement.

"Such statements as that, made by individual policemen, are either intended to misrepresent the state of affairs, with a view to gaining the sympathy of the public or they are lies," was the chief's answer. "I say without hesitation that such remarks are absolute lies. Every legitimate grievance has always found a ready hearing both from myself and from the commissioners, who are a fair-minded body of men. Each individual who wishes to have his grievance considered reports to the inspector of his division, who takes it up directly with me. If I have authority I deal with it myself, and if I have not I take it before the commissioners. In that way the men are always in a position to have any legitimate complaint properly and fairly dealt with. Anyone who makes a statement to the contrary is stating an absolute falsehood. I cannot recall any instance where a legitimate grievance was not only heard but remedied by the board.

The chief also is reported yesterday to have said that he anticipated no difficulty in policing the city, even tho the men did go out on strike.

"How does the detective department stand on the question?"

"The detective department will stand pat—to a man," replied the chief. If this estimate of the attitude of the detectives to the strike is correct, it will reduce the danger of confusion during a strike to a very great extent, as all such matters as thefts, assaults, housebreaking, shopbreaking and any other serious crimes will be dealt with quite as efficiently and promptly as tho the rank and file of the force were on duty.

Chief Grasett would not give details as to the preparations made by the police in case of a strike by the men. He reiterated the fact that the commissioners would certainly be satisfied if the men withdrew their demands now and formed a purely internal organization. Asked as to how many men would probably remain on duty in the stations in case of strike, he replied that no census had actually been taken, but the inspectors of each division had handed in a list of names of men who could be depended on to remain on duty in spite of the strike.

The chief denied the assertion that there was any pull used, either political or fraternal, to gain a man promotion on the Toronto police force.

What the Council Did.

The city council's part in the trouble consisted in listening to, and rejecting as being out of order, a resolution proposed by Ald. Sykes and Controller Robbins, that the present system of appointment of police commissioners was antiquated, and the act should be amended so that police magistrates and judges should not be members of the board in cities, and that the Ontario Legislature be asked that the act be amended so as to provide for a board of five members, viz: The mayor ex-officio, one a representative of organized labor, one representative citizen, who is a member of the board of trade, one member of the city council, not a controller, and one by the Ontario Legislature.

"MOST FRIVOLOUS, RATHER INSULTING"

Dr. Hunter's Resolutions Enliven Board of Education Meeting.

Dr. Hunter's motion for salaries for members of the board of education enlivened the meeting last night. The amount proposed was $400 for trustees, $600 for chairmen of committees, and $800 for the chairman of the board.

Trustee C. A. B. Brown considered the matter one which could be left to the interests of the department of education.

Miss Constance Boulton considered there should be no pay or else a much large amount. At present the membership on the board of education was an honor and labor of love.

The motion was lost on the following division: Ayes—Dr. Noble, Dr. Hunter, Dr. Hopkins, Dineen and Hambly—5. Nays—Dr. Caroline Brown, C. A. B. Brown, Miss Boulton, Boland, Hodgson and Thompson—6.

Mrs. A. C. Courtice and Trustee Edwards declined to vote.

Tammany.

Dr. Hunter's resolution calling upon Dr. Caroline Brown to report on Tammany methods of electing chairmen was declared by Miss Boulton to be "most frivolous and rather insulting." Other protests were made against the motion, which failed to secure one vote. The mover intimated that he was satisfied by bringing the issue of canvassing for support for committee membership before the board.

Dr. Hunter's third motion, which condemned the use of the British flag on election cards, was adopted by the unanimous vote of the trustees.

Dr. Hunter withdrew his motion for the reading at board meetings of a black list of absentees from committee meetings.

Dr. Noble's motion for a two class for one class room, and a half time school system was given a preliminary discussion.

Trustee C. A. B. Brown considered such an experiment should be made by the minister of education at the model school.

The Christmas vacation dates adopted were from December 20, 1918, to Monday, January 6.

Sewers.

Trustee Thompson made another severe criticism of Supt. Bishop for placing the construction of the administration building sewer in the hands of H. N. Davey & Son on a day labor basis, with a commission of fifteen per cent. for the responsibility and risk.

A letter was read from Davey & Son offering to meet the board and to give the fullest possible explanation of the transaction.

Trustee Boland declared the arrangement made by Supt. Bishop in the basis of construction plus a commission, was a perfectly regular business arrangement.

The discussion was ruled to be out of order.

A deputation of ladies from the local council of women asked the board of education to consider the appointment of women as public school inspectors.

EXPLOSION KILLS TEN IN POWDER FACTORY

Pompton Lakes, N.J., Dec. 5.—Ten men were killed and 23 injured here late today by four explosions which destroyed the detonator assembly building of the Du Pont works and shook the countryside for miles around. Fire, which followed the explosions, was confined to the one unit, and the property loss was said to be slight.

Officials of the company said tonight they believed an employe at work assembling French fuse detonators, which are filled with fulminate of mercury, had dropped one of them, causing the explosion.

Winnipeg Merchants Complain Toronto Getting C.N.R. Business

Winnipeg, Dec. 5.—Winnipeg merchants complain that they are being unfairly treated by the purchasing department of the Canadian Northern Railway. The board of trade has sent a letter to D. B. Hanna, president of the C.N.R., pointing out that the railway has recently been transferring its purchasing business to Toronto, and that Winnipeg is losing trade with the road which they have enjoyed for many years.

G.W.V.A. in Brampton Resent Cutting Insurance

Brampton, Dec. 5.—The members of the Brampton branch of the G.W.V.A. are very much exercised over the action of the county council in cutting off the insurance of the men who are still overseas. As the policies lapse on Dec. 18, the men have asked Warden McCaugherty of Streetsville to call a special meeting of the council to take the matter up with the men, many of whom feel that such an action would entail considerable hardship on their comrades who are still in England and France.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

DANFORTH

WORKS DEPARTMENT WARMLY ATTACKED

Riverdale Residents Angry Over Delay on Bloor Street Viaduct.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the North Riverdale Rate payers' Association was held last night in Frankland school, Logan avenue, Dr. E. A. McDonald, president, in the chair.

The following officers were elected: Dr. E. A. McDonald, president (acclamation); first vice-president, J. Goudy; second vice-president, A. J. Smith; third vice-president, E. Cooke; fourth vice-president, J. Ferguson; secretary-treasurer, E. A. Deacon; executive committee, Messrs. Murdock, Ward, Scott, Tyler, C. S. Dale, J. Jarvis, Raine, H. R. Frankland, Herb Medcalf, J. Shanahan and Fred Wilson. Delegates to central council or ratepayers, Dr. E. A. McDonald, E. A. Deacon, W. E. Murdock, E. Cooke and R. G. Ward.

After Works Department.

Dr. E. A. McDonald condemned the works department for not completing the Bloor street viaduct. "We have lost the use of the viaduct for one year thru the slowness of the department, which is notorious," he said. "The works commissioner could have got the rails for the structure before he did,' said Dr. McDonald, "but he did not. Our association asked that the viaduct be opened last year, but Mr. Harris was afraid there might be some flaw in the structure. We were told that we were a 'butting-in association' because of the interest we were taking in the work."

Many matters of interest to the district were discussed, the principal being a postoffice and station, lavatory accommodation at the approach to the viaduct at Winchester hill, the grading of Winchester hill, the paving of Arundel avenue, a suitable fence at each side of the viaduct at the Danforth end and police protection for school children at Logan and Danforth avenues morning and evenings, and also a playground in a section of Withrow Park.

The members of parliament will be appealed to for a postoffice to be established immediately. "There is not a village in Canada or the old country where there is such a lack of postal facilities as the North Riverdale district," said Mr. Murdock.

Mayor Church outlined his work during the past year in council and pointed out that the tax rate of last year was an honest one and that in his opinion for the coming year would be 22 to 24 mills on the dollar.

"We should start now to build cars in Toronto for the taking over of the T. S. R.," said the mayor; adding that the Bloor street viaduct will be completed next Thursday and the Church street cars will resume their regular running on Saturday.

Others speakers were: Percy Douglas, condidate for board of education; Ald. W. W. Hiltz, Controllers Sam McBride and Robbins, and Ald. R. Honeyford, candidate for re-election, who urged that two aldermen were sufficient representation for each ward and that legislature should be sought to alter the date of municipal elections to a date not later than Dec. 18, and the hours of polling from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Ex-Controller Cameron was reported, at a meeting in Leslie Street School on Dce. 3, as saying he was in favor of taking over the T. S. R. What he said was: "The city should get busy on the details at once, ready for the expiry of the franchise."

The barriers enclosing the street car intersection at Broadview and Danforth were removed by the works department yesterday afternoon.

"It is high time that the barriers were removed at Broadview before a fatal accident takes place," said a prominent Danforth avenue resident yesterday. "The congestion at this point is simply awful and a woman was nearly killed on Tuesday night in the crush of people. More civic cars are required at rush hours on the Danforth avenue route, and police officers for point duty and traffic regulation," he said.

EARLSCOURT

REPRESENTED AT GUELPH.

Nearly every chicken fancier in Earlscourt, Fairbank, Oakwood and Wychwood is represented at the Guelph Winter Fair. The birds that will be shown are all expected to take prizes, as they have done at both the Earlscourt fall fair and the recent Oakwood poultry show. In addition to the prize poultry, valuable pigeons from the collection of Tom Adams and Harry Rushby will be seen at this fair.

York Township citizens will ask candidates for the council to vote for a new school for the Fairbank district, as there is much dissatisfaction among the parents of the children owing to the restricted quarters. There are six portable schools, but these are insufficient as there are over 1000 children in this northwest section of Toronto. All the present members of the council are out again for office.

RIVERDALE

Under the auspices of the Withrow Lawn Bowling Club, a concert and social entertainment was held in Playter's Hall last evening, at which the presentation of prizes took place. There was a large attendance.

Under the auspices of Simpson Avenue Methodist Church Epworth League a concert will be held on Monday in the church. Rev. J. R. Patterson, pastor, will preside. Jesse Fowler is president of the organization.

A successful sale of work was held in East Gerrard Street Methodist Church yesterday in aid of soldiers' comforts. Seventy-five boxes have been sent to the soldier members of the congregation overseas. Rev. A. P. Brace, pastor, presided. There was a good attendance.

TODMORDEN

A well-attended progressive euchre party, under the auspices of the Todmorden Association, was held last evening in St. Andrew's Hall, Todmorden. Valuable prizes were presented to the winners.

IDA VISITS THE BLOOR-DANFORTH VIADUCT.

Yesterday morning was certainly one of the frostiest of this season, and there is no class of folks who can testify to that fact more positively than the girls and men who were forced to stand at the corner of Broadview and Danforth avenues waiting for street cars which seldom arrive.

Now, then, if the viaduct was completed and the street cars were running over it as they should be, these people would not have to depend upon an inefficient street car line to carry them to their work. They would then have the privilege of making the trip either way.

As it is now, citizens from that part of the city stand around cursing the men who are holding up this job, and also shivering until their teeth chatter. Undoubtedly many of them are catching their deaths at the same time. This is particularly disgusting when you recall the fact that if adequate labor was put on the whole affair could be straightened out in a few days.

There is no reason under the heavens why the cars should not be running by Tuesday, at the latest. If the men worked steadily, and if they had a foreman on the job who would see to it that they did stick to it, then the tracks could be ballasted in very short order, and the congestion lifted.

All the new roadway between Parliament and Sherbourne streets needs is a macadam driveway north of the tracks, the laying of the double car tracks and the electric street lighting. Only three things in all, and yet it takes the City of Toronto as long to do it as the an entirely new viaduct were being built.

If Mr. Roly Harris would turn a real honest-to-goodness crew of men loose on the job he could have it finished up in no time, but while he contents himself with merely allowing half a dozen or so to monkey around he may rest assured that it will hang out for the remainder of the winter.

In the meanwhile the citizens are the goats. The very people who have produced the money to build this wonderful bridge are the ones who are being asked to suffer; in fact, we might say that they are being forced to do so. Is that quite a fair deal, or would it not be a lot more to the point to try from now on to give them some slight return for their unlimited patience and money? If the men who are now on the job cannot complete the laying of the track today then they had better be called off and another set put on. It might also be an excellent idea to send an overseer to the spot, and keep him there until the job is finished. In any case let the city fathers show some speed if they are capable of it, and if they are not then why not get outside counsel?

Graham Bros., of Claremont, were successful in winning eight prizes and one grand championship at the Chicago International Horse Show just closed with a record entry list.

Mackensen Imitates Ludendorff; Flees to Unknown Destination

Paris, Dec. 5.—The Frankfort Gazette prints a despatch from Hermannstadt saying that Field Marshal von Mackensen, the German commander-in-chief in Rumania, fled to an unknown destination, leaving to his general staff the care of his troops, which had made their way into Austrian territory on their way home, declining to see them disarmed.

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BAN MAY CAUSE CLASH ON SUNDAY

Roman Catholic Services to Uphold Vested Rights of People.

Hamilton, Dec. 5.—While refusing to state definitely whether the police would step in and prevent church services from being held anywhere in the city next Sunday, providing the ban was still on and the intention of the health authorities remained unchanged in regard to such services, Chief of Police Whatley told The World tonight that the Hamilton police force "would carry out any lawful request that the health officer might make of it."

This means that should Rev. Father Englert, pastor of St. Anne's Cathedral Church, carry out his intention of holding mass next Sunday, the police will prevent such a service, as Dr. Roberts, medical health officer, has definitely stated that he will insist on the carrying out of the existing orders. Similar action will be taken against any other church in the city where an attempt be made to hold services. Under the Provincial Health Act, the medical health officer has, however, to call upon the police to render assistance to the health department for the department rights. Furthermore, the proclamation empowers the police to act as assistants to the board of health in enforcing their regulations.

Supreme Court Dismisses Judson vs. Haines Action

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—The argument in Dominion Chain Company v. McKinnon Chain Company was concluded in the supreme court today. Judgment was reserved.

Judson v. Haines was next heard. The appellant, while driving a motorcycle in Toronto was struck by respondent's motor car, and brought action claiming $25,000 damages for personal injuries and loss of his motorcycle. The jury found both parties guilty of negligence, but that respondent could have avoided the accident by exercise of reasonable care. The trial judge dismissed the action and his judgment was affirmed by a majority of three to two in the appellate division.

BAVARIAN PREMIER DEMANDS CONFERENCE

Amsterdam, Nov. 5.—An official despatch received here from Munich says the Bavarian premier has telegraphed Hugo Haase and Friedrich Ebert of the Berlin government that the Bavarian cabinet is unanimously of the opinion that a conference of representatives of the German governments should immediately be summoned to gather at Jena or some other meting place to agree upon a program of foreign and home policies. The points of discussion indispensable, says the message, should include the questions of a national assembly, a foreign ministry and the publication of documents.

DISTRICTS ISOLATED IN COLOGNE RIOTS

Basle, Dec. 5.—Certain districts have had to be entirely isolated in consequence of the riots in Cologne, barriers of troops being stationed there to prevent further pillaging.

Numerous persons were killed or wounded in the riots of yesterday, and large forces of police and civil guards had to take stringent measures against the gangs of marauders which ransacked shops and houses. Machine guns were used, but even after the crowds were dispersed they spread all over the town and continued rioting.

WOMAN SCHOOL INSPECTOR.

Another attempt is to be made to procure the appointment of a woman inspector of public schools. Two additional inspectors are required, according to a notice sent to the board by the department of education.

A LETTER FROM CAMBRI.

Capt. Higgins, who enlisted in the 4th C.M.R. in 1915, and now of the 9th Howitzer Battery, writing to his mother at 42 West Roxborough street, tells of his experiences when the Canadians entered Cambrai.

"The joy of the populace was indescribable," he writes. "When we rode thru the streets the people crowded around us shaking hands. The treatment of our prisoners has been of the very worst. The work of the American relief committee has been wonderful, but the civilians claim that the Huns themselves took a great deal of the stuff."

Capt. Higgins mentions the fact that the Germans had been making secret preparations to evacuate France before they asked for an armistice. "Granting him peace on any terms but unconditional surrender would be the greatest mistake."

CLEARS FROM GODERICH.

Goderich, Dec. 5.—Cleared: Str. Central, west; Fort William, light.