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PROBS. Moderate northwesterly winds; fair; a little higher temperature.

The Raiders Must Be Subverted!

The World this morning does not propose to discuss the details of the decision of the privy council in England against the Dominion of Ontario and in favor of the Toronto Electric Light Company. The decision in substance allows the Electric Light Company of Toronto to work under a Dominion charter, to override the rights of any municipality in Ontario to control their own streets and to any who shall exercise public service franchises within its bounds.

This is the broad result and it is absolutely against municipal rights and provincial rights.

And we have to thank the professed Liberal, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, backed by The Toronto Globe and nearly all the Liberal papers in Ontario and the Liberal party for this state of affairs; for when public service corporations of this kind were first created they were created under provincial law which compelled them to respect municipal rights and which kept them absolutely under the jurisdiction of provincial authority. Provincial authority and municipal control proved irksome to them and so clever lawyers were got to advise the promoters of these companies that if they transferred their existing rights into a company chartered under Dominion law they would escape provincial control, and they would be no more subject to municipal regulation. And these clever lawyers were also able to persuade the Laurier parliament to give the companies such Dominion charters—that they had been expressly created for the purpose of exercising municipal and provincial franchises. By the touch of the magic wand at Ottawa these public service corporations doing business in municipalities passed from provincial to federal control.

As we said, we have to thank the Liberal party, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and The Toronto Globe for these things. Had The Globe ever put in a protest they might not have happened. And that is the situation to-day.

But is there any remedy? Undoubtedly there is. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is no longer in power. The Conservatives are in power at Ottawa and they have professed themselves to be friendly to public rights, to provincial rights and municipal rights. A reform can be effected in several ways.

The shortest, quickest and most effective way is for the Dominion parliament to pass an act to the following effect: That notwithstanding any powers or privileges heretofore conferred on any company to do a public service within municipal lines by the federal parliament, the exercise of such rights so conferred shall be subject to the rights of the provinces and the municipalities as if said powers had been conferred by such provincial authority.

In other words, then, even if the Dominion has chartered these companies, they must only exercise their powers as they would exercise them if they received them from the provinces.

This is a quick and speedy cure, but there are many others. For instance, a company that was created by the province and then put itself out of control of the province by taking a Dominion charter, is, to all effects and purposes, an outlaw and in a state of anarchy. And it is a very easy matter for a province, which possesses sovereign rights in the way of taxation, to tax such outlaw companies and such defiant companies, companies so disregardful as they are of public rights, as the legislature may see fit to impose.

Sir James Whitney can get remedial legislation at Ottawa, and he ought to press for it; and he can regulate all these adventurers by the power of taxation which he and the legislature possess. The man or company who tries to beat down provincial rights and municipal rights by way of federal legislation is ill-advised and will not succeed. They can never succeed against the public and they must not be allowed to. The fight is only beginning.

GANGSTERS AWE WITNESS WHO RETRACTS TESTIMONY

Dramatic Scenes in Coroner's Court When "John the Barber" Seeks to Repudiate Statements Damaging to Webber, Perjury Charge Resulting—Detective Lieutenants Ignore Request to Appear.

NEW YORK, July 24.—(Can. Press.) Fear of revenge at the hands of East Side gangsters to-day temporarily blocked the efforts of District Attorney Whitman to draw closer the lines about the men who assassinated Herman Rosenthal eight days ago. Apparently awed by the presence of gangsters in the coroner's court, John Reiser, known to the sporting fraternity as "John the Barber," retracted at the coroner's examination a statement which he made a few minutes earlier to Mr. Whitman. Reiser was later arrested on a charge of perjury.

The coroner's hearing was in the nature of an examination of "Bridgie" Webber and Sam Paul, charged with complicity in the murder. Having failed to get desired statements from the witness, District Attorney Whitman secured an adjournment of Webber and Paul's examination for 48 hours.

Reiser was the first witness called. He declared that he had seen Webber in Broadway near the scene of the murder after Rosenthal's slaying.

"Witness on the Rack." "Was he running?" asked Mrs. Whitman. "Yes," Reiser replied.

"Did you tell me ten minutes ago that he was in your own words, 'running like hell'?"

"I was excited and don't remember," said Reiser.

"Did you tell me that in my office in the presence of Mr. Moss that you were afraid to tell of the case? You know the gang you were against and were afraid you would be killed?" asked Mr. Whitman.

"No," replied the witness, in a frightened manner. "No."

Mr. Whitman then placed Asst. Dist. Attorney Moss on the stand. Mr. Moss said that just before the hearing Reiser had told him and Mr. Whitman that he came from the subway at Times-square about 2 o'clock, and in front of the Cadillac saw Webber "run-

"No Battleships," Say Democrats

WASHINGTON, July 24.—(Can. Press.)—Democrats of the house in caucus to-night voted 70 to 52, not to recede from their "no battleship" program in the naval appropriation bill.

A determined effort was made to have the caucus approve a compromise with the senate whereby the house would agree to the construction of one sea-fighter.

Representative Fitzgerald, chairman of the appropriation committee, led the opposition to the proposal on the ground of economy.

CATTLE BUYER DROPPED DEAD

Andrew Shortreed, One of the Best Known Dealers in Ontario, Died at Fergus.

Andrew Shortreed, one of the best-known cattle men in Ontario, having been engaged in the business practically all his life, dropped dead yesterday morning at his home in Fergus, as the result of an attack of heart failure, following a short illness.

Mr. Shortreed a few years ago was engaged as a cattle buyer in the firm of Black & Shortreed of Toronto, and in this way became well acquainted with nearly all the cattle men in the province, as well as a large number of the farmers. He was past his 60th year, but had enjoyed good health until about two weeks ago, when he was confined to his home for a few days. Yesterday he started for a short walk when the fatal attack came.

A number of the cattle men who deal at the Union Stock Yards, where Mr. Shortreed was particularly well known, will attend the funeral.

CANADA TO GIVE SUBSTANTIAL AID

Hon. J. D. Hazen Says So in Guarded Manner—No Partnership Without a Voice.

LONDON, July 23.—(C.A.P.)—Replying to a deputation of the Maritime League yesterday, Hon. J. D. Hazen declared the question of protection to trade routes in time of war by the conversion of merchant ships into cruisers hadn't been overlooked by the Canadian Government and, further, he was sure he revealed no confidence by saying this important question had been the subject of negotiations by the admiralty.

"Speaking of our mission here, I think there is a very strong feeling among the people and the electorate of Canada in favor of Canada doing something that may be regarded as fairly substantial towards the defence of the empire. We realize we owe a great deal to the protection of the British navy. We realize our existence as a Dominion in very large measure depends on it at the present time. It would be premature and improper for me to say what will be the result of our visit here."

Referring to the question of a permanent naval policy, Hon. Mr. Hazen said if the Dominion participated she must be adequately represented at the councils. The feeling in Canada is that there can be no partnership without a voice in the management of affairs.

INDIAN THIEF GIVEN 5 YEARS.

ST. CATHARINES, July 24.—(Special)—A sentence of five years in Kingston Penitentiary was imposed on an Indian, Daniel Dockstader, by Judge Carman to-day. The Indian was guilty of entering cottages at Grimsby Beach last December and stealing a large quantity of household articles.

The judge severely sentenced the prisoner, but allowed Mary Greene, accused on same charge, her liberty.

May Throw Out Darrow Trial.

LOS ANGELES, July 24.—(Can. Press.)—A ministerial under sensational circumstances is said to be imminent in the case of Clarence S. Darrow, for alleged jury bribing. Attorneys for the defence are said to have charged in a conference with Judge Hutton to-day that the illness of Juror L. A. Leavitt was feigned and asked for an immediate investigation by the court.

SPEND MILLIONS FOR FEDERAL BUILDINGS

Hon. F. D. Monk Says Toronto Postoffice is a Disgrace to the City, and Favors Large Expenditure to Provide for Fifty Years' Growth, With Federal Square.

That it is necessary to spend millions on the public buildings in Toronto in order to make them adequate for the needs of the city for 50 years, and that there should be a federal square around which all the buildings would be grouped, were two statements made to the World last evening by the Hon. F. D. Monk, minister of public works, who was in the city for a short time before returning to Ottawa.

"I was in the postoffice to-day," said Mr. Monk, "and it is a disgrace to the city. I am strongly in favor of spending millions on a federal square and buildings where accommodation would be provided for 50 years to come, and where the buildings could be seen and be easy of access. A great city like Toronto should have its public buildings so centered that they could be seen clearly and would be accessible from all directions."

Mr. Monk stated it was very regrettable that a city of Toronto's size should hesitate at the expenditure of millions of dollars on the harbor.

Harbor is Neglected.

"It is a disgrace to your beautiful city, a great commercial center should have the back of the dock accommodated and such poor access as I find in your harbor," continued the minister.

"I am sure that the dock should be a great advantage. Why, the city should spend millions on such a harbor."

Look at our American neighbors. I am myself a Canadian patriot, but I have to admire the fine ports and harbors that they have over us. They have the back of the dock accommodated, and everything you could desire. Here you have nothing like that. My' you should spend millions on Toronto's harbor."

While at Port Stanley we had to spend an hour and a half before we could get a boat. There was only one light and it was so low that you could not tell where to enter."

Asked as to the result of the interview with the civic officials, the minister declared they did not hold a conference, but both parties had agreed on the lines Toronto should follow in making the federal square and conference, will be held later in Ottawa.

ROBBER FAILED IN TWO PLACES

Ernest McEvoy Broke Two Windows, But Was Captured After Short Chase by Policeman Hill.

A double attempt at robbery last night by Ernest McEvoy, 59 Sackville street, a young man who claims to be a railway switchman, ended in his being taken up shortly afterwards in the front of a police station. He attempted to break into the premises of the United Photo Supply Company, Limited, 19 East Adelaide street, and the Wreyford Woolen Company's premises, 28 West King street, but failed in both cases.

At 8 o'clock last night the caretaker of the Wreyford Company called to see a man who he had noticed a man break the glass in the front door and place his hand inside to work the lock.

At 10 o'clock Constable Hill saw McEvoy with his hand thru the glass of the photo company's door. McEvoy evidently noticed the constable at the same time. He ran along Adelaide street. This time, however, he was not successful in his getting away, the constable overtaking him after chasing him about a block.

In his hurry to get away, McEvoy dropped a little box. After the arrest he was taken to the police station, where he positively identified McEvoy as the man who had attempted the earlier robbery.

Old Country Cricket

The World has pleasure in informing its readers that commencing Monday, July 23, and every Monday thereafter, a weekly column will appear devoted solely to English county and international cricket. The writer has for many years been in close touch with the cricket world, and as recently as May, 1912, was engaged on the English press reporting county and club cricket.

OSHAWA WILL BE FIRST TO BENEFIT BY NEW LINE NOW BUILDING BY C.P.R.

Hundreds of Men Are Employed on Construction Work East of Toronto, and Towns Along the Lake Shore Will Be Benefited by Canadian Pacific Competition.

The Campbellford, Lake Ontario and Western Railway is the parliamentary name of the new main line of the Canadian Pacific from Toronto to Montreal. It branches off from the existing line about half a mile east of Agincourt (12 miles east of Union Station) and proceeds due east. From a point three miles east of Agincourt and one mile east of Malvern, the new line runs north and almost parallel to the Canadian Northern as far as Cherrywood (Pickering Township), the average distance between the two tracks being 150 feet. The new track crosses the C. N. R. at Dixie Creek, one and a half miles east of Cherrywood (Pickering Township), and runs parallel to the shore as far as Whitby. Proceeding further east the line goes thru Oshawa, crosses the G. T. R. west of Cobourg, then to Belleville, and finally joins the existing C. P. R. track at Glenora, west of Perth, a total distance of 184 miles.

Chief Contractors.

The chief contractors are the Dominion Construction Co., formerly known as the Toronto Construction Co., who have under portions of the work to Contractors Daly and Dickinson & Burns. Between Agincourt and a point six miles east of Oshawa, the firm of Dickinson & Burns are entrusted with the work of concrete construction, and between Agincourt and Cherrywood there will be 40,000 cubic feet of concrete. The material for this will be obtained mostly from Belleville, also large quantities of gravel are being obtained from local rivers and gravels pits by Contractor George Little, who also has the haulage contract for the Agincourt section. About 900 yards of temporary track have been laid from a point half a mile east of Agincourt station, and by Monday next it will have served its purpose for bringing out the steam shovel, which will be accompanied by a gang of 75 men. These will occupy a camp near the existing one at Cedar Grove, while the

steam shovel gang on the Whitby section will occupy a camp there and new gangs will be placed on the job, so that the section from Agincourt to Whitby may be completed by Christmas, 1912.

Oshawa Benefits.

And it may be that the road will be completed not only to Whitby, but to Oshawa, a few miles further east, by the end of this year. And Oshawa will be the place east of Toronto that will first feel the benefit of Canadian Pacific competition and the development that comes with connection with our great transcontinental line. Oshawa seems destined to be one of the largest manufacturing points east of Toronto and the Canadian Pacific is especially anxious to get in touch with that place, and to be a factor in changing it from a town into a large manufacturing city.

Eleven Bridges.

Along this part of the road there will be no less than 11 bridges, five of which will cross roads and six over streams, including the Big and Little Rouge, Dixie Creek and Willcott's Creek. The bridge at the last named creek will be 27 feet high, while the one at Rufin's Creek, east of Whitby, will be 110 feet high and 900 feet long.

"The engineering difficulties to be overcome are, therefore, not light," said one of the C. P. R. engineers to this World, "but we have a good staff. The new track will eventually be a double track and will shorten the distance between Toronto and Montreal, while it will also possess the great advantage of having an easier grade. About 5000 men are already engaged on the whole line at various points, and as soon as the right of way is acquired at any particular section, the work of construction is pushed on."

For the convenience of their employees the Dominion Construction Co. have established camps at Cedar Grove, Cherrywood and Greenburn, and early railway pioneers would be surprised at the excellent arrangements made for the men's comfort.

GRANT MADE TO RETIRING PASTOR CANOEIST LOSES LIFE IN RAPIDS

Alex. Scott Drowned at Soo While Companion Escaped—Victim Was Son of Lake Captain.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont., July 24.—(Special)—In an attempt to shoot the Sault Rapids in a canoe to-night, Alex. Scott, son of Skipper Scott of the steamer Collingwood, was drowned, and Alex. Webber of the Collingwood was saved.

The first intimation of the accident was when the canoe with Scott's coat was picked up below the rapids by a party coming from the Michigan Soo. Webber later made his way to the police station and gave the details of the trip down. The body was not recovered, but Capt. Scott will remain in the Soo to-morrow and attempt to recover it.

Both men were wheelmen on the Collingwood, now tied up at the ore dock of the Lake Superior Corporation.

GERMANY CAN'T PASS BRITAIN

Naval Program Ample Sufficient to Insure Supremacy, Churchill's Reply to Critics.

LONDON, July 24.—(Can. Press.)—In the debate on the naval estimates in the house of commons to-day, Winston Spencer Churchill, the first lord of the admiralty, replying to the criticism that he had made inadequate provision to meet the menace he had described, said:

"We are spending \$45,000,000 this year and we are going to spend more next year. We are raising the personnel of the navy to 141,150 by 1913, and to 146,000 in 1914. As regards construction, Germany this year is laying down two new battleships and we four. Next year Germany is laying down one destroyer, and we two. This year Germany is laying down two small cruisers; we are laying down eight. Germany in the course of the next 18 months is laying down 21 destroyers; we 43. There is no cause for panic or alarm."

INSIDE VILLAGE FOR 68 YEARS

BERLIN, July 24.—(Special)—Taken to the Village of Wellesley when a bride and never having been away since up to the present, Mrs. Maria Sheller, aged and feeble, has been brought to Berlin and placed in the House of Refuge. She has reached the age of 88 years, and was a resident of Wellesley Village for about 68 years. She is of German birth and has never known any other tongue.

Mrs. Sheller has never during the 68 years of wedded life, left the limits of the village. With her husband she lived in a small cottage until his death five years ago. Since then she has lived alone.

Mrs. Sheller in the past 68 years of her life has never seen a train nor a railway track. She had not seen, up to her coming to Berlin, any other house than those in the village, or other faces than those visiting or residing in that village.

Mrs. Sheller owns some property in the village, which will provide ample funds for her support during the remainder of her life, and her simple requirements will be supplied at the county house.

MINERS DROWN AS RESULT OF CLOUDBURST

Thirteen Perished in Flooded Mine Near Uniontown, Pa., and Others Very Narrowly Escaped—Two Thousand People Marooned Near Jeanette.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., July 24.—(Can. Press.)—Caught like rats in a trap when water rushed into the manway of Superba No. 2 mine at Evanae station, three miles north of Uniontown, this afternoon, following a cloudburst, thirteen men were drowned and thirty-seven escaped after a most harrowing experience. The men were drowned about 400 feet from the mouth of the mines, their only avenue of escape. All but one of the victims were married and had large families.

Over 20 children are deprived of their bread winners by one of the worst catastrophes known to this region. The men who escaped were forced to half swim and half walk to the pit mouth thru water ranging in depth from their waists to their necks. The majority were knocked down by timbers sent down the mine with great velocity in the raging current. Several were being carried back into the mine to certain death when rescued by companions who risked their lives.

Officials of the Superba Company say that it will take at least sixty days to clear the mine of water, and until that time bodies must remain in the water. Superintendent J. W. Buttermore was the first man to see the high water start in the manway. He raised the alarm and all the men on the outside rushed into the mine yelling joyfully as they went. In that manner more than half of the miners were saved.

Women Crazed With Grief.

The wives and families of the miners and drivers in the mines rushed to a large hole made by the rushing water in the manhole and frantically threw sticks, stones, bushes, poles and whatever other timber they could find into the water to stop its rush into the mines, where their loved ones were earning their daily bread. Falling in that they rushed to the mouth of the mine and would have continued their mad dash into the water in the mine had they not been stopped that anticipated persons who guarded that entrance.

Destructive Railway Tracks.

The water rose so quickly following the cloudburst that it practically destroyed all railroad and street railways in Fayette County.

A dam built around the manway a day or two ago, when the water was high, was washed away and the waters rushed into the mine so rapidly that the pit was filled in less than 30 minutes. It was reported to-night that three men had lost their lives in the mine. About a half mile from Superba mine, about 100 were caught there, but all escaped but three.

Toronto Cops Make Fine Showing In Montreal Games

MONTREAL, July 24.—Toronto athletes made a fine showing at the police games here to-day, the small detachment from the Ontario city quite outclassing the pick of the Montreal force.

J. A. O'Neill was the particular star. He tried off the 35-pound weight, high throw with 11 feet 5 inches, the standing broad jump with 3 feet 6 inches and the hurdle race; took second in the hundred yards, the discus, the running broad jump, and captured thirds in the high jump, the 16-pound shot put, the 220 and the quarter.

McCart, Toronto, won the high jump and the tossing the caber, and took seconds in the 16-pound hammer, the pole vault, throwing the 56-pound weight for distance and the half mile.

Bowie of Toronto, won the running broad jump and took seconds in the 16-pound shot put and the hurdles, and third in the 100 yards and the discus.

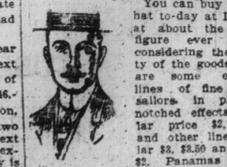
Z. Desmarreau of Montreal captured the 16-pound shot put, the discus, the 16-pound hammer and the 25-pound weight for distance and second place in the other weight events.

BOYS PICK FRUIT.

Commissioner Starr is sending juvenile delinquents on parole to pick fruit in the Niagara district. So far the result is encouraging.

Sweeping Reductions in Hats.

You can buy a straw hat to-day at Dineen's at about the lowest figures in the city. Considering the quality of the goods, there are some excellent lines of fine straw saleros in plain or notched effects, regular price \$2, for \$1, and other lines regular \$2, \$2.50 and \$4, for \$2. Panamas in unusual high-grade 2 1/2 veves, at \$2.99 and \$4.75. Dineen's showrooms are at 140 Yonge-street.



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