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THE COUNCIL'S KNOCK-OUT.

After Alderman Baxter's illuminative remarks at the common council yesterday nothing more need be said. He handled the reform movement from every standpoint—excepting that of reform—and his address must be looked upon as the final word on this important subject. He has clearly demonstrated that St. John which now suffers under the most unsatisfactory administration with which any city has ever been afflicted, must not hope for improvement as Ald. Baxter has decided, and a number of others in the council are perfectly satisfied with what they have already done and what they are continuing to do, and so long as this is the case the public have no right to bother about city affairs. All these new ideas, these facts, as Ald. Baxter is pleased to call them, provide an interesting form of entertainment for those of the council who, differing from the ordinary aldermen are inclined to laud their abilities for the benefit of the city. It is to be carefully noted that Ald. Baxter and Ald. McGoldrick and one or two others who make the council do as they say, have carefully protected the ratenaps by promptly killing every suggestion of reform ever brought before them. They delight in things as they are, and guard against those so-called facts which might lead to improvement in the administration.

The board of control idea has been given the six months' test. This means its death if the present council remains in office after the coming elections. It was not anticipated that the plan suggested by the reform committee would be adopted in its entirety, for that provision delegating to the mayor the selection of the board, was open to many objections. Yet it was not too much to anticipate that the council, realising as it must its own shortcomings, would have approved the general principle recommended and have given the committee instructions in the way of reform need be expected from the present council, that all to be accomplished must be from outside. This reform or reorganization movement, whatever it may be called, has been in progress these four months and practically nothing has been accomplished. It is up to the citizens to bring about such changes in the council as will enable St. John to protect its own interests by altering the system of government.

POLICE POWERS.

The aldermen have decided that, if legislation can be secured, police officers shall have the power to arrest any person "who shall commit any offence against any public statute or against any of the by-laws or ordinances of the City of St. John." A bill has been prepared along this line, which it is hoped to have passed at Frederickton.

This is dangerous legislation. It is to say the least, going a step too far, for it delegates to untrained men the responsibility of deciding questions upon which even the aldermen themselves are not qualified to express an opinion. Some of our policemen have the ordinary measure of common sense—some have not. None of them are acquainted with all the civic by-laws, for indeed the members of the bills and by-laws committee themselves have long been struggling to ascertain just what by-laws are still in effect. And aside from this uncertainty, it is ridiculous to decide that any citizen may be arrested for any violation of a regulation about which he may know absolutely nothing. Such legislation would open up opportunities for wholesale arrests, for every man in St. John every day of his life violates some one or other of the many obsolete regulations with which this city is burdened. If it were shown that there is any need for such legislation as is proposed, objection would not be taken. But because an over-zealous policeman a few weeks ago went beyond the limit and arrested a citizen who later made the city pay damages for the arrest, the council out of revenge seeks to square itself by an act to which the people will not submit.

NO MORE SPOTTERS.

Frederickton has declared against the employment of Scott Act spotters. This is the wisest move that could have been made, and, if followed in all Scott Act counties, will tend to greatly strengthen the temperance cause. No more dishonorable method exists, no more despicable persons can be found, than this spotting, and the one who engages in it. By the employment of informers, temperance advocates lower themselves to the level of the liquor

sealers whom they profess to condemn; they save themselves open charges of dishonest practices and suffer the contempt of the unbiased electorate. It is to be hoped that other Scott Act towns and counties will fall in line with Frederickton and conduct clean campaigns which, in the long run, will prove most effective.

Prof. Leacock has come to address the Canadian Club in St. John on the subject of "Canada's External Relations." The address given by Prof. Leacock in Montreal, printed elsewhere in this paper, which deals with the so-called yellow peril, is of interest. It exhibits the speaker in the role of an alarmist, and no doubt his words will be provocative of wide discussion.

One of these days it will be necessary to take a plebiscite for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not any citizen may nominate in civic elections. Nothing short of this will please some of the present aldermen who fear for their seats.

MARY'S WEDDING.

A Maryland man recently married off his fourth daughter, the ceremonies touching whose wedding were given much attention by the "society editors" of the country papers in that region.

A week or two after the wedding a friend who had been north for some time met the father, to whom he made some jocular references in regard to the recent "event." "I see by one paper," said he, "that Mary's wedding well nigh beggared description."

"Well," said the old man, "I don't know about that, but I do know it well nigh beggared me!"

A NEEDED CHANGE.

The Navy Department recently received from the commander-in-chief of the fleet an official communication relative to certain changes recommended by him to be made in the uniform of the enlisted men. In accordance with custom this letter was forwarded to various officials for comment or expression of opinion, the remarks of each officer being appended on an endorsement slip. Each endorsement introduces the subject matter of the letter in brief, and the following is a summary of the contents: "Commander-in-chief desires to change shirt."

ALMOST AS GOOD.

Little Ike came to his father with a very solemn face. "Is it true, father," he asked, "that marriage is a failure?" His father surveyed him thoughtfully for a moment. "Well, Ike," he finally replied, "if you get a rich wife it's almost as good as a failure."

AMERICAN SOLDIER KILLED IN RUSSIA.

Returning to See His Mother, Fritz Strombach Was Put to Death.

Trades Union of Philadelphia Asks Washington Government to Demand Reparation.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 1.—In a resolution passed at a mass meeting held at the German Theatre this afternoon the United States government was called on to take immediate action to obtain from Russia, spoliation and reparation for the death of Fritz Strombach, a soldier of the United States army, a veteran of the Philippine war and a former resident of this city, who, according to information received yesterday, was put to death by the Russian authorities while on a furlough in that country to visit his mother.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the German trades unions. Chairman Herman Kremer, who personally presented the resolutions, told in a vehement speech the story of Strombach's death by shooting on October 19, 1907. It was declared that the Russian government had been instrumental in having the matter suppressed.

Strombach had been a resident of Philadelphia, and before departing for Europe he came here to bid his friends goodbye. One of his friends warned the soldier against returning to his native land.

"Oh, I'm all right," replied Strombach. "I am a citizen of the United States and the Tsar himself could not hurt me."

After Strombach's furlough had expired and he did not return his friends concluded that he had decided to remain in Russia. Yesterday, however, a clipping from a newspaper of October, 1907, was received in the city. This stated that Strombach had been arrested at his mother's farm by soldiers and shot, after a court martial, in which two witnesses had appeared against him. No particulars of the case were related.

Phillip Strombach, of Phoenixville, Pa., a brother of the victim, called the attention of the German Trades Union Association to the facts. The resolutions passed at the meeting, after recounting the facts given above, continue:

"Whereas, Strombach had no connection with any revolutionary propaganda in Russia, nor was he at any time connected with the Russian army; therefore, he is

PREMIER'S KINONESS LANDED THEM IN JAIL.

Woodmen Who Got Cheek for Wood Carving Arrested When They Tried to Cash It.

OTTAWA, Feb. 2.—Two Mattawa men who came to Ottawa last week to show Sir Wilfrid Laurier a work of woodmen's art in the shape of hand carving had the unfortunate experience of being jailed in Hull for a few hours owing to the suspicions aroused when they attempted to pass a cheque for \$25 bearing the premier's signature. The two shanty men by name Leconte and Nault, were kindly received by the premier who proved himself a true patron of art by giving them a cheque for \$25 in exchange for the results of their long hours of labor as self taught wood carvers, but when they came to cash the cheque at a Hull butcher store, the police were communicated with and the innocent neophytes in art were locked up on the charge of forging the name of the prime minister to the cheque. Explanations followed two hours later from Sir Wilfrid and the men were released.

COMMON COUNCIL.

The regular monthly meeting of the Common Council was held yesterday afternoon. It was decided to impose a license fee upon carts used for the delivery of coal and wood.

The report of the Treasury Board was first taken up. It was considered and approved. The following accounts for the month were ordered paid: Public safety department, \$80.65; Water and sewerage department, \$50.30; Treasury department, \$54.45; I. B. Chitt, \$10.00; C. N. Skinner, K. C., \$15.00; \$8.20.

Architect Brodie's plans for an improved City Hall were referred to the special committee which has the matter in hand. The report of the bills and by-laws committee was next taken up. The following is the text of the proposed act to extend the powers of the police:

"I shall and may be lawful for any police officer of this city of St. John or other persons to whom powers and authorities of members of the police force of the city of St. John have been granted by any law or statute now in force in the province and all such persons as they may call to their assistance to take into custody any person or persons who are in violation of any of the by-laws or ordinances of the city of St. John, and to convey such person or persons before the police magistrate or sitting magistrate of the said city of St. John to be dealt with according to law."

The remaining section of the report was then adopted. This provides that the civic election law be amended so as to require 25 names to the nomination papers of any candidate for alderman, together with his written consent, and that a by-law be prepared requiring a license fee of \$10 for every motor cycle and \$20 for every automobile owned for hire.

The last section of the report dealt with the by-law relating to hackney carriages. It recommended an amendment be made so as to provide that the owner of every cart used for delivering coal, wood or other fuel pay a license fee of \$2 if drawn by one horse, and \$3 if drawn by two.

A communication was received from the City of St. John objecting to the adoption of this section, as a discrimination against the coal dealers. It was finally passed.

The harbor facilities committee reported recommending that a delegation consisting of His Worship the Mayor, Ald. Fink and T. H. Estabrooks, of the Board of Trade, proceed at once to Ottawa to interview the Minister with regard to harbor improvements and report back to the council.—The report was adopted.

The meeting was received stating that Mrs. Kate Fitzgerald was willing to accept \$1,200 for all claims against the city damages to her property in connection with the Loch Lomond water extension.

All the directors were re-appointed for another month.

PRISONERS INDIFFERENT.

ANDOVER, Feb. 2.—No recent disturbances have taken place among the Italians working in this vicinity, peace reigns all over the route.

The two Italians in jail awaiting trial for the murder of Edward Green appear indifferent as to their position. Their trial takes place in March.

FAMILY DISCORDS.

A New York scientist, the father of a large and growing family, has his troubles. One evening his youngest son, holding forth in the best style, the mother could do nothing with the child, so the man of science went to the rescue.

"I think I can quiet little Flora," he said. "There's no use humming to her in that silly way. What she wants is real music. The fact that I used to sing in the glee club at Yale and sing well, too, may make a difference."

DECLARE JAPANESE ARE "PARASITES OF THE WORLD"

Nevada Legislature Calls on California to Resist Corollon of Roosevelt.

CARSON, Nev., Feb. 1.—A resolution, declaring in favor of drastic legislation against Japanese, criticizing President Roosevelt and designating the Japanese as "parasites of the world" and a menace to civilization and progress on the Pacific coast was reported favorably by a committee of the whole in special session of the Nevada Legislature today. The resolution will be voted tomorrow under a special order.

The resolution is directed to the California Legislature and it declares in favor of that body's passing measures that will prevent the influx of Japanese into the state.

It further recommends that the California Legislature pay no attention to what is termed "corollon" and interference on the part of President Roosevelt in the anti-Japanese movement.

CIVIC SERVANTS GET INCREASED SALARIES.

Substantial Additions to Incomes of Many of the Officials—The Tariff Fixed.

The report of the special committee appointed in June of last year to consider the matter of an increased pay roll was brought down at the regular meeting of the Common Council held yesterday afternoon. Owing to the absence of Mr. Murdoch from the city and the unsettled state of the departments the report was not wholly considered. The following sections were, however, adopted:

The committee recommended that the salary of the mayor's clerk be raised to \$80. They also recommended that the Common Clerk's salary be increased \$100 and the maximum salary be \$2,500. It was also recommended that Miss Bessie C. Welmore, the stenographer, receive \$40 per month. They advised that the salary of the chamberlain be increased to \$1,600; that of Mr. McKinnay to \$900, and that of Mr. McLellan to \$850. They further recommended that the minimum salary of the chamberlain be \$1,500 and the maximum \$1,800, increasing annually in sums of \$100 until the maximum is reached upon recommendation of the Treasury Board; that the maximum salary of cashier be \$1,200; that the minimum salary of the junior clerks be fixed at \$500 and the minimum \$1,200, increasing from time to time until the maximum is reached upon recommendation of the chamberlain, comptroller and Treasury Board.

It was recommended that the salary of A. Sharpe, chairman of the board of assessors, be raised to \$1,700; that of Mr. Chesley, the first clerk, to \$1,100, and that of Mr. McLellan, the second clerk, to \$850, and that the minimum and maximum salaries in that department be fixed as follows: Chairman of the board—minimum, \$1,500; maximum, \$1,800; he increased annually in sums of \$100 until the maximum amount is reached.

Assessors, other than the chairman—maximum, \$500; chief clerk to board—minimum, \$500; maximum, \$1,200; junior clerk—minimum, \$700; maximum, \$900. The salaries of the clerks to be raised in sums of not more than \$100 annually upon recommendation of the chairman and the Treasury Board until such maximum is reached.

The pay and wages of the public works employees, public safety, water and sewerage and ferry was left to the boards.

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UNITED MINE WORKERS.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 1.—The convention of the United Mine Workers of America, under a change since last year, and in the evening found the Lewis administration victorious over its opponents led by John Walker, of Illinois, who was Lewis rival in the election for the national presidency.

Mr. Walker furnished a statement today that he would not contest the election because he believed such action hopeless. The convention had been picked against him, he said. The tellers of the vote will probably report tomorrow, and their report will show President Lewis' majority is about 15,000.

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GRANT'S DESTINATION.

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"General where are you going?" asked the Confederate.

"To Petersburg, I think," was the reply, "but maybe to heaven or hell."

"Well I tell you, General," replied the soldier, "Bob Lee's at Petersburg and Stonewall Jackson's in heaven. I guess hell's the only place left for you."

That Grant appreciated the grim assignment was indicated by the smile of amusement on his face as he went on.

TWO HERE, ONE THERE.

"I canna leave ye thus, Nancy," a good old Scotchman wailed. "Ye're too auld to work, an' ye couldna live in the almshouse. Gin I die, ye must marry another man, what'll keep ye in comfort in ye auld age."

"Nay, nay, Andy," answered the good spouse. "I cannae get on my feet, for what wad I do wi' twa husbands in heaven?"

Andy pondered long over this, but sufficiently his face brightened.

"I ha'e it, Nancy," he cried. "Ye ken auld John Clemmense? He's a kind man, but he is na' member of the kirk. He likes ye, Nancy an' gin ye'll marry him, 'twill be all the same in heaven—John's na' Christian."—Success Magazine.

SCOTTS AT RUBBER TIRES.

An old farmer, who by hard work and thrifty habits had got together a small fortune, decided that the time had at length arrived when he was justified in acquiring a family carriage, says the Philippines Gospel.

He went to a carriage builder and described in detail the kind of a vehicle he wished to buy.

"Now, I suppose you want rubber tires," said the carriage builder.

"No, sir," replied the old farmer. "In tones of resentment. 'My folks ain't that kind. When they're riding they want to know it.'"

Fire Last Night!

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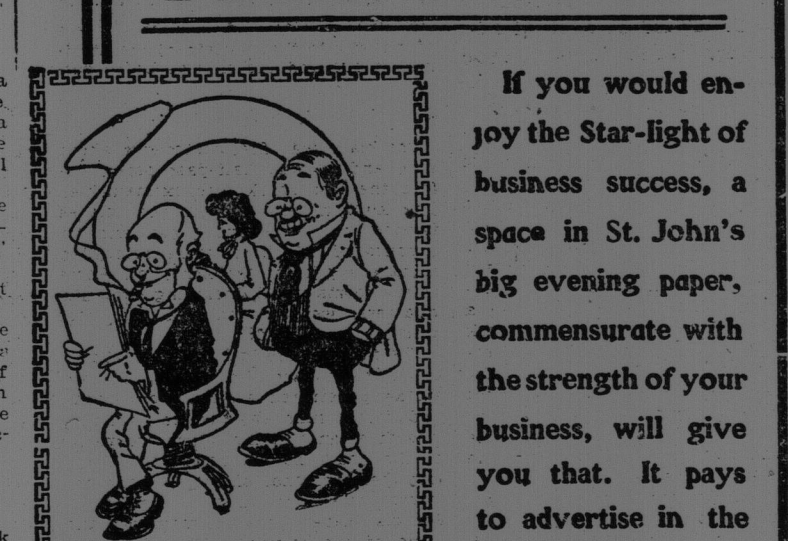
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TRY STAR-LIGHT

CASE AGAINST THE CITY HAS BEEN POSTPONED

Mr. M. G. Teed Called Back from the Capital, Because of Sickness in His Home

FREDERICTON, Feb. 2.—The adjourned session of the York circuit court opened at 10 o'clock this morning. Judge White presiding, for the special purpose of hearing the case of McArthur and McVey vs. The City of St. John, the venue having been changed to this county. Practically no progress was made, however beyond calling the names of the special jurors who were all present but three. The panel will be selected this afternoon.

Judge White announced that an adjournment of the case to the 10th inst. had been agreed upon.

The Agricultural Commission appointed by the New Brunswick Government for the purpose of investigating the agricultural, immigration and colonization conditions and possibilities of the Province, will meet in the Board of Trade room, 35 Prince William street, on Wednesday, 3rd inst., at 3 p. m.

The meeting will be open to the public and it is the desire of the Commissioners to hear anyone who may have opinions on the above subjects.

W. W. HUBBARD, Secretary.

count of M. G. Teed, one of the lawyers concerned in the case having been called to St. John by the illness of his child, the court after swearing in the jury this afternoon and hearing the opening of the case adjourned until tomorrow and if Mr. Teed has not then returned a further adjournment of some days will be made. The court then took recess till 3 p. m. The lawyers for plaintiff are J. W. Richardson, St. Stephen, Mr. N. Cockburn, St. Andrews and H. A. Pivott, K. C., St. John and for the city of St. John, Recorder Skinner and M. G. Teed.

THE EXCEPTION. "Darling, I like your face so sweet." The lover said, "your form so neat, Your lovely waving auburn hair, Your forehead, milky white and square, Your lips that curve so prettily, Your azure eyes—in fact with me just everything about you goes. Except—except your saucy 'noes'."

ANIMAL DIET. Newly-wed Husband—The time has come, dearest, when I shall have the painful task of acquainting your father with the fact that I am heavily in debt.

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