

FRITTER THE MILLIONS AWAY PIECE BY PIECE, GENTLEMEN.

This is Citizen John Cottam's Reply to Criticisms of
Controllers and Mayor on his Large
Idea of Town Planning.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Mayor Graham and Controller Coles do not take kindly to my pointing out the need of a plan to guide their able efforts, according to this morning's papers.

Doubtless a good builder is better than a poor architect. And if Mayor Graham and the controllers wish it, perhaps the city had better depend upon their long experience in the construction of public buildings and their trained skill in civic design and the planning of immense public works.

Indeed, it was not kind of me to suggest that architects and engineers whose life work is in the construction of houses, others on hotels, others on Y. M. C. A. buildings, and others in city planning and placing of public buildings, can each render the most valuable service in the construction of the city.

The local gentlemen say that my suggestion that we plan before we start to rebuild is "too ambitious," and that "it would cause delay."

Oh, Mr. Editor, these memories of builders who feel harassed by working drawings—who could "do so much better when they weren't blocked by the 'bloomin' architect'."

Perhaps, though, it is too ambitious to hope to control and prevent repairs on a condemned court house.

NEW YORK CHURCHES ON MARKET FOR SALE

Due to the Desire to Follow
Shift in Population.

[Canadian Press.] New York, Feb. 16.—Rev. W. D. Stevens, pastor of the First Reformed Episcopal Church, announced from the pulpit yesterday the sale of church property, explaining that the membership had become so scattered that a new church, in a less expensive neighborhood, would serve as well as the present structure, the difference in cost allowing of an endowment fund.

At least eighteen large churches in Manhattan are known to be on the market, representing a total value of around twelve millions of dollars. This is due to the desire of churches to follow the shift in population.

EMPEROR RINES THE RIVAL LINE MANAGERS

Incident Regarded as Final
Reconciliation Between the
Steamship Companies.

[Canadian Press.] Berlin, Feb. 16.—The general managers of the Hamburg and North German Lloyd Steamship Lines, Albert Ballin, and Philip Heinrich, met as guests of the Emperor William at dinner at the Imperial Palace last night, and the incident is regarded generally as putting a final touch to the reconciliation between the companies. The Emperor, as soon as he learned that negotiations had been opened between the lines, telegraphed to both managers his appreciation of their efforts to bring about peace, and invited them to dine with him on their return to Berlin.

INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS

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J. S. Perrin & Co. stated that in his experience the situation did not appear to be at all serious. "I don't think there are many out of work," he said. "We haven't had many coming to us."

At the London Bolt and Hinge Works, B. C. Hall, the accountant, told The Advertiser that an average of six men a day were applying for work. This was an improvement on the earlier months of the winter, however.

The McCormick Manufacturing Company have had an average of about fifteen applications a day, but the men applying were mostly of a poor class.

The ambition to become street railway conductors or motormen seems to possess the bosoms of a good many of the jobless. Superintendent Humeon stated that in the last twenty-four hours he had been applying to the street railway for work.

A. W. White, of George White & Sons, stated that while he had no definite figures, the situation had applied there for work every day. "Are they the better class of men?" the reporter asked. "Well, the better class of men are not out of employment," was the reply.

FRIENDS DEMAND

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Mr. Kennedy's death, and sent sympathetic messages to his family.

Resume Investigation.

[Canadian Press.] New York, Feb. 16.—In addition to the proposed legislative investigation into the affairs of the state treasurer left vacant yesterday by the suicide at Buffalo of John J. Kennedy, state treasurer, District Attorney Whitman was prepared to resume late today the John Doe investigation into political graft, before which Kennedy was to have been a witness.

The Rumors.

There were two rumors, generally speaking, concerning John J. Kennedy. One was the action of the state canal board, of which Kennedy was a member, in rejecting a bid of James S. Stewart, after Stewart had refused to contribute a huge sum to "Mr. Gaffney," the other concerned details of deposits of state funds in banking institutions bonded by a company with which Kennedy had formerly been connected. Kennedy had already been before the grand jury, but Mr. Whitman was not through with him.

REGINA'S BIG BILL.

[Canadian Press.] Regina, Sask., Feb. 16.—By-laws for this year's capital expenditure, totalling \$1,441,000, will be submitted to the ratepayers at the polls on Wednesday, March 11.

mounting up from a proposed \$10,000 to \$20,000, then to \$30,000 and \$40,000; and I am now informed that \$80,000 to \$100,000 will be nearer the total cost of "renovation."

Perhaps men who have involved the city in an expenditure of more than a half million dollars on a vote secured by telling the citizens that \$100,000 got from the old city hall would be ample to build up a modern one, may well talk of my ambitious ideas, and "extravagant fancy" in agitating for a plan which would cut such expenditures in half or else give London double the value at present being secured.

The mayor says we have neither time nor money to spend on plans, and he cannot see what is to be gained by them! And Controller Coles says that my desire to plan ahead to control our waste is "altogether wrong," and that the controllers "cannot stand idly by and do nothing!"

Well, slash away, gentlemen.

Perhaps, after all, it were better to let half-million-dollar city hall and postoffice of similar cost, and millions for other public works, be spent and augmented and diverted at sweet will by anyone who would like a slice, just as our money has been so hospitably used in the good old times.

JOHN COTTAM.

London, February 16.

SNOW IN NEW YORK GIVES WORK TO MANY

Thousands Laboring To Clear
the Streets—Costing
\$50,000 a Day.

[Canadian Press.] New York, Feb. 16.—With 16,000 shovellers and drivers working constantly since Saturday morning, scarcely a dent had been made today in the mass of snow under which New York is buried.

In Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx there are 300 miles of streets covered by the snow removal schedule, and with every available man and team engaged in the work only about an inch a day, costing \$50,000, can be removed. According to the weather bureau, 8.7 inches of snow fell, which means that it will take about ten days, unless it becomes warmer and a thaw assists in the work.

JAPAN LOSES MOST EXPERIENCED DIPLOMAT

Viscount Aoki Among First of
His Country to Seek Edu-
cation Abroad.

[Canadian Press.] Tokyo, Feb. 16.—Viscount Aoki, former Japanese ambassador to the United States and privy councillor, died today. Viscount Aoki was the son of a village doctor, born 1844, and may be considered a self-made man. He was among the first of the Japanese to seek an education abroad, going to Germany for this purpose in 1868.

A few years later he was appointed secretary to the Japanese legation at Berlin, and thus began a career which eventually led him to be considered the most experienced diplomat in Japan. He was twice minister for foreign affairs, and besides his ambassadorship at Washington he served his country at London and Berlin.

While in Berlin he married the Prussian Baroness Von Rahden, which was the first instance of a foreign woman of rank and title becoming the wife of a Japanese.

DIVERGENT VIEWS ON IMMIGRANT QUESTION

[Canadian Press.] New York, Feb. 16.—Although an immigrant has been in the country for those who come to this country in search of freedom and justice, William B. Wilson, secretary of labor, believes that "if immigrants come in such large numbers that they lower the standard of living of those already here, they not only injure this country, but destroy the example which has been set for the other countries of the world." He expressed this belief in an address yesterday at a meeting of the Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society.

Jacob S. Scheff made an appeal for the admittance of all immigrants who come with an earnest desire to better their condition, regardless of whether they can read or write.

MANY LINERS DELAYED

[Canadian Press.] New York, Feb. 16.—Exceptionally rough weather at sea has delayed a whole fleet of trans-Atlantic liners bound for this port. The Campania, from Liverpool, due tomorrow noon, was 514 miles out at 11 o'clock last night, indicating that she would not dock before Tuesday morning. The America from Hamburg, also due Monday morning, was 460 miles from port at noon, was a day late.

The St. Louis, due Southampton, out 373 miles at 11 p.m. last night was another liner a day behind her schedule, as was the Adriatic from Mediterranean ports, 398 miles out at 4 p.m. Many smaller steamers are reported to be one to two days behind schedule.

TEN FIRE ALARMS IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

Albany Firemen Busy—One Blaze Cost \$150,000.

[Canadian Press.] Albany, Feb. 16.—Albany firemen responded to ten alarms in the twenty-four hours ending at 4 o'clock this morning. The majority of the fires were trivial. The Albany Creamery Packing Company's four-story plant was totally destroyed, with a loss placed at \$150,000. Twenty-five persons were forced to flee from an apartment house in scant attire, shortly after the blaze in the packing company's building was under control.

HAITIAN TROOPS ARE VANQUISHING REBELS

Win Two Victories and Re-
occupy Port de Paix—Ad-
vance on Cape Haitien.

[Canadian Press.] Cape Haitien, Haiti, Feb. 16.—Two victories were won yesterday by armies sent to the north by President Orestes Zamor, to suppress the revolution under the leadership of Senator Davilmar Theodore.

The first success was gained at Plaisance, a town on the road from Gonaives to Cape Haitien, where a strong detachment of rebels was routed.

The second encounter took place at Port de Paix, which had been in the hands of the rebels since the outbreak of the revolution, but which was reoccupied by the Government troops as a result of yesterday's battle. General Carlos Zamor, minister of the interior, and a brother of the new president, was in command. The Government troops today continued to advance on Cape Haitien, which is blockaded by the war vessel, Nord Alexis.

HAS NO JURISDICTION, SAYS BRITISH COURT

So Countess' Petition For
Validity of Marriage Is Dis-
missed With Costs.

[Canadian Press.] London, Feb. 16.—Sir Samuel Evans, presiding judge of the county court, today ruled that the court had no jurisdiction in connection with the petition of Countess De Gasquet for the annulment of her marriage to Duke Heinrich Borwin Van Mecklenburg-Schwerin. The petition was dismissed with costs.

The duke was married to the plaintiff in the registrar's office at Dover, England, in 1911, and later went through a religious ceremony of marriage in the private chapel of the countess' castle in France.

Last year, however, the marriage was declared null and void by special court sitting at Rostock, the reason being given that the duke's guardian had not consented.

The countess' first husband, Count De Gasquet-James, died in 1903.

BUTCHERS ON STRIKE-- MEAT FAMINE RESULTS

[Canadian Press.] Sydney, Australia, Feb. 16.—The strike of slaughter men, butchers and meat salesmen here has caused a very acute meat famine in this city. All the butcher shops were empty.

Similar conditions will probably prevail tomorrow in Melbourne, where the slaughter men came out on strike today.

The reason of the strike is the refusal of the employers to accede to the full demands of the men, who asked for an increase of wages and shorter hours of work.

ANNOUNCE WINNERS

Vegetable Growers Award Prizes for
Different Sections.

[Canadian Press.] A. H. McLellan, of the O. A. C. Guelph, addressed the East Middlesex Vegetable Growers' Association at the county buildings Saturday. Mr. McLellan dealt with the culture of cabbage, lettuce, cucumbers and tomatoes, and the best methods for combating diseases affecting these vegetables.

B. C. Brooks was elected chairman of the committee in charge of the arrangements for the annual banquet, which will be held at the annual meeting of the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association, which he attended.

Announcement was made of the winners in the contests held by the association the past season. L. Nye, F. G. Fuller and G. W. Bycroft won in the lettuce section; J. Moulton won in the cabbage classes, and N. Blyea and W. R. Trotter carried off the prizes in the apple section.

The association passed a resolution endorsing the petition circulated on the market Saturday against the use of the square for the Old Boys' street carnival side shows.

PARKS COMMISSION HAS BIG OVERDRAFT

Spent \$3,314 More Than Appropriation
During Year.

The auditor's report of the workings of the parks department for the year 1913, presented to the controllers this morning, shows that the department had an overdraft at the end of the year of \$3,314.48. The overdraft at the end of 1912 was \$2,029.23.

General Manager H. J. Glaubitz claims that the one-half mill allowed for the operation of the parks system is quite inadequate to look after the necessary expenditure.

There is considerable historic significance in the circumstance that the C. P. R. has just taken for the slaughter of the old Cunard building, which was the founder of the Cunard line—Mr. Samuel Cunard, who was a Halifax man and who made his name famous in the shipping and mercantile world. It was at Halifax that he brought his first ships; it was in the old office he bent over his task. There is a new day and new methods, and a degree of expansion of which he could not have dreamed. The shipping business has increased hundredfold during the last half century. The stress and strain of life are indicated by the speed demanded on land and sea—speed which the old founder could not have foreseen in his most prescient moment. The old house (or office) is a three-story building of stone with the quaint old windows hinting a quiet and sedate world which minded its business and did not bother looking out at hobbie skirts. The name is cut on the old building—"S. Cunard"—offering a memento of the past full of interest, as suggesting a business which was the beginning of a great business to which he devoted his energy and genius and the amazing development of that business, keeping pace with modern demand, by the C. P. R.

NIAGARA, SAFE, IS RETURNING TO HAVRE

Was Obligated to Turn Back
Because of Broken
Propellers.

[Canadian Press.] Havre, France, Feb. 16.—The French Transatlantic Steamship Company today received a wireless dispatch from the Niagara, saying that all on board were well, and that the vessel was returning to Havre under her own steam.

The Niagara was obliged to turn back on her voyage from Havre to New York with 147 passengers on board, owing to her propellers being broken by the heavy seas.

PRESIDENT CONFIDENT OF PROMPT REPEAL

Has Heard of No Concerted
Opposition to Cancelling of
Exemption Clause.

[Canadian Press.] Washington, Feb. 16.—As a result of recent conferences with senate leaders, President Wilson is confident that the exemption provision in the Panama Canal act will be repealed promptly. The President has heard of no concerted opposition and expects early action, he told callers today.

WALLACEBURG, MAN SUFFOCATED BY GAS

Del Milord Found Dead by His
Mother—Slipped Stove
Pipe the Cause.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Wallaceburg, Feb. 16.—A sad death occurred Saturday morning when Mr. Del Milord was suffocated by gas from a hard coal stove. His mother had just returned from a visit, and Mr. Milord went over to stay all night with her. Saturday morning when she went to call him for work she found him dead. The pipe had slipped out of the chimney, and the gas had escaped. He had been dead for some hours when found.

HEAVY PENALTY FOR BREACH OF THE LAW

Sir Stuart M. Samuel Ordered
to Pay \$65,000 For Vot-
ing in Commons.

[Canadian Press.] London, Feb. 16.—Sir Stuart Montagu Samuel, radical member of Parliament for Whitechapel, was today ordered by Justice Sir Edward Rowlatt, of the King's Bench division, to pay a penalty of \$65,000, because he voted in the House of Commons while his firm had a contract with the British Government. The money has to be paid to Dr. Abraham Bird as a common informer.

Sir Stuart Samuel is one of the leading bankers, who was compelled to vacate his seat in Parliament by order of the judicial committee of the privy council, because the firm in which he was concerned, became purchasers of silver for the Indian Government.

The act of Parliament under whose terms he was condemned, says that a member of the House of Commons may not be or be indirectly interested in such a transaction. After vacating his seat in Parliament Sir Stuart Samuel was re-elected. He today gave notice of appeal from the judge's decision.

JUDGE REFUSES TO REMOVE "LISTER'S" NAME

Declares It Is Impossible to Do So
When Family Has Placed It
on List.

Judge Talbot Macbeth was called upon to state the point of law this morning when a local man made application before him to have his name removed from the prohibitory list. The application was refused on the ground that as the name was placed on the list on complaint of the man's son, the judge could not remove it. In cases where a name has been placed upon the prohibitory list by a magistrate, an application may be made to a county judge to have the name removed, but it is not possible to be shown for doing so. But where the name has been appended to the list by a relative of the person thus honored, it cannot be removed until the expiration of the full term of one year, according to Judge Macbeth's ruling this morning.

EXCHANGE WAS HIGHER

Shippers Have Opened an Office of
Their Own.

Mexico City, Feb. 16.—Exchange on New York today closed at three for one, and a short time previous touched 3.10. It is explained in the increase was due to the demand of concerns having foreign payments to meet so much as to the fact that the shippers of Heneque, who have heretofore distributed their exchange business have opened an office of their own, thus creating something like a glut. Bankers believe that the exchange rates will increase still further. Certain diplomats have been unofficially asked to issue fractional currency and also impose a special tax on all investments on the federal district.

BRANTFORD WAS COLD WITH GAS SHUT OFF

Services Froze and Citizens Suffered
Serious Inconvenience.

[Canadian Press.] Brantford, Feb. 16.—A large number of gas services here froze up yesterday, so users were without any gas for heating and cooking. The gas company's men were kept busy all day, but could not cope with the situation, and the intense cold was very bitterly felt with the heat off.

W. P. HINTON APPOINTED.

[Canadian Press.] Winnipeg, Feb. 16.—W. P. Hinton, general passenger agent of the Grand Trunk Pacific, has been appointed assistant traffic manager of the system, with headquarters here.

FRUIT GROWERS GET GOOD APPLE PRICES

Report \$3 For No. 1 Quality at
Annual Meeting—J. C. Leth-
bridge, New President.

Middlesex Fruit Growers' Association held its annual meeting on Saturday in the office of the county department of agriculture. Representatives were present from Wardsville, Glendon, Glencoe, Caradoc, London, Hilderston, and Strathroy. J. A. Lethbridge, of Glencoe, presided.

Reports were presented by the different branches, showing that good prices had been secured by the growers for apples during the past season, Wardsville selling No. 1 apples at \$3 a barrel.

Addresses were given by T. C. Hart, Toronto, and others present. Officers were elected as follows: President—J. G. Lethbridge, Glencoe. Vice-President—W. Baker, London. Manager—D. Dawson, London. Secretary-Treasurer—S. T. Cauderhill, Hilderston.

NEW TRUSTEE FOR MACKAY COMPANIES

Sir Thomas Skinner, of Lon-
don, Chosen—Number Is
Now Nine.

[Canadian Press.] Boston, Feb. 16.—At the annual meeting of the Mackay Companies the number of trustees was increased from eight to nine, and Sir Thomas Skinner, of London, was elected additional trustee by a unanimous vote. Sir Thomas was a close associate of Lord Strathcona.

Sid Edmund E. Osler, of Toronto, and Henry Y. Meredith, president of the Bank of Montreal, were re-elected trustees. The remaining six trustees consist of Clarence H. Mackay, and the following five associates in the organization: William C. Cook, George G. Ward, Edward C. Platt, George Clapperton and Milton W. Blackman.

OCEANIC PASSENGERS SWEEPED ALONG DECK

Dozen of Them Nearly Taken
Overboard by a Huge
Wave.

[Canadian Press.] Toronto, Feb. 16.—Thomas Meredith, of Vancouver, stopped over here this morning on his way west. He had just arrived off the Oceanic at New York, and told of a marvelous escape from death on February 7, when a great wave broke over the vessel during a storm. Twelve passengers, with himself, were on the promenade deck holding on to the railing as the ship was tossed by a mountain of water swept men, chairs and rail down the deck and almost overboard. Several of them were stunned and more or less injured. Mr. Meredith has a noticeable lump as a reminder of his experience.

ADMIRAL AUTHORIZED TO PROTECT LOCATION

This Is Only Information Given
as to Mexican Situation
in Commons.

[Canadian Press.] London, Feb. 16.—An attempt was made in the House of Commons today to obtain some information from the British foreign secretary in regard to British action in Mexico, but failed to elicit anything except confirmation of what was already known.

In reply to a question, Francis Dyke Akland, parliamentary under-secretary for foreign affairs, stated that the British admiral in Mexican waters had been authorized to send to the legation in Mexico City such arms as he thought necessary for the defence of their lives in any possible emergency. Consulted Washington.

CELEBRATES "CENTURY"

Mrs. Ann Beattie, Byron Avenue, Was
100 on Saturday.

Mrs. Ann Beattie, 50 Byron avenue, celebrated her 100th birthday on Saturday. She was not a little displeased with the weather for not sending a glider temperature, as she had looked forward to a sleigh or motor ride. However, her friends, nephews and nieces, of whom she has a great many, called at frequent intervals throughout the day. She declared that she never felt younger in a hundred years.

PARKHILL

Parkhill, Feb. 14.—J. P. McCormick, who was sick for one year, is now able to do some work on the farm.

Capt. Neil McCormick, who has been laid up for a month with a severe attack of grippe, is now able to be out. Mrs. McCormick, of Victoria, B. C., who was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, London, last Friday, is now much better.

R. McDonald, of the Arlington Hotel, who was taken to St. Louis, Mo., on Sunday, returned on Sunday last.

COMPANY APPEALS.

[Canadian Press.] Brantford, Feb. 16.—The Lake Erie and Northern Railway has appealed against the award of \$8,400 made to A. S. Van Westrum for the property damage done by the cutting of his land by the railway.

CITY BREVITIES

George Tull of Vancouver, is in the city on his way to Cairo, Egypt. —A. Lewis, of Coalinga, Cal., engineer of the King's Quicksilver Mining Company, was in the city Saturday in conference with a number of Londoners interested in the project.

Controller Rose III.—Controller G. E. Rose is confined to his residence owing to illness, and was unable to attend the meeting of the board of control today.

Rev. Mr. Stewart Wors.—At a late hour today Dr. James McArthur stated to The Advertiser that Rev. Mr. Stewart, one of the best known retired Presbyterian ministers in the city, was in a much lower condition.

A High Concert.—What will probably be one of the strongest numbers of the Affiliated Society Course, the Killarney Girls' Chorus, from County Cork, Ireland, will be put on in the Auditorium next Saturday night. Irish humor, music and folklore are given by the company of entertainers.

Only Three Cases.—There are only three known cases of smallpox in this city at the present time. Patients, all of whom are quarantined at the detention hospital, are reported to be improving satisfactorily. Four patients have been released within the past few weeks. Considering the number of smallpox cases in other eastern cities, London seems particularly lucky in having so little of the disease.

Willing To Forfeit \$1,000.—The United States side show promoters, who are endeavoring to have their attractions placed on the market square, have sent notice to the attraction committee of the London Old Boys' Association that they are willing to deposit 1,000 with Chief of Police W. T. Williams, as a guarantee that all shows brought to this city by them during the reunion will be of the highest moral character.

Conservatory Recital.—The recital at Conservatory Hall, Saturday afternoon was given by the following pupils:—Marjorie White, Ruth White, Dorothy O'Meara, Allan Brown, Eleanor Grant, Grace Crouse, Marian Tanton, Dorothy Collier, Conrad Lenz, Dorothy Davis, Jean Henderson, Emma Wakeling, Mildred Baker, Helen Allison, Dorothy Sudworth, and Emily Wood.

Class Organized.—Mrs. Harvey Berry's class of girls of Adelaide Street Baptist Sunday school, met at her home Friday evening to organize the class. The evening was spent in music and games, after which a dainty luncheon was served. The following officers were elected: President, Maud Carson; vice-president, Elsa McDermid; secretary, Verna Sloan; treasurer, Lucy Mason, the name chosen for the club was "The Iet's a motto, 'Try.'"

Hydro Managers' Confab.—General Manager H. J. Glaubitz, of the waterworks-hydro department, will go to Toronto on Tuesday night to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the Ontario Municipal Electric Association, when the report of the special committee, consisting of J. G. Couzens, of Toronto; E. I. Sifton, of Hamilton, and Mr. Glaubitz, concerning the formation of a technical society, and other matters, will be submitted for approval.

Will Go to Toronto.—Either the mayor or city solicitor will go to Toronto on Monday, Feb. 16, to discuss the Railway and Municipal Board will consider the city's application for authority to pass a bylaw allowing the Cook-Fitzgerald Shoe Company the privilege of laying a gas pipe in the Bathurst street from its present factory to heat the new annex, the building formerly occupied by the Southern Printing and Lithographing Company.

School for Military Engineers.—A provincial school of instruction for military engineers is being opened in this city Tuesday evening at the armories for the benefit of all the officers and non-commissioned officers of the Ontario Municipal Electric Association, when the report of the special committee, consisting of J. G. Couzens, of Toronto; E. I. Sifton, of Hamilton, and Mr. Glaubitz, concerning the formation of a technical society, and other matters, will be submitted for approval.

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Deaths of the Day