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Bell Company Says "No" to One of City's Proposals

Fifteen-Dollar Residence Phone Out of the Question—Independents Also Say Figure Is Very Low.

The finance committee of the city council met the Bell Telephone Company and the Independent Company representatives in the mayor's office this morning, relative to the granting of a franchise to either company.

General Manager Richmond and Manager Baird were present for the Bell Company. Alex. Stuart, K.C., and Secretary Wilson appeared for the Independent.

Nothing of a definite nature was accomplished. The city's idea of what the rates should be was first explained to the Bell Company, and then the schedule was read to the Independents.

The representatives of the companies claimed they were not in a position to give an answer off hand, and the whole matter of the franchise was deferred until Friday, when No. 1 committee will meet again.

City's Schedule.

Chairman Forristal laid the following schedule before the Bell people:

Business phones, \$35 a year.

Two-party business lines, \$25 per phone.

Residences, \$15 a year.

Business and residences, \$48 a year.

Extension, \$5 each.

Limited phones for business places, \$15 a year, and 2 cents a call.

Twelve free phones for the city.

Other civic phones at half rates.

Five per cent off for payment of rates in advance.

Rates payable quarterly.

No cash bonus to the city.

The Discussion.

The Bell people and the city representatives then indulged in some sparring on the subject.

Mr. Richmond said that Toronto had ten years ago refused to make an agreement with the Bell Company, and since that time the city has lost fully \$250,000 in bonus money, which the company would have been willing to pay.

And to this day, there is no phone competition in Canada, though the city is open for competition.

To Aid. Cooke, Mr. Richmond said he does not believe in a four-party line, and he does not think the people of London would stand for it. He would not favor more than two phones on a line.

Another Move to Get Playgrounds

Children's Aid Society to Bring Matter Before Other Local Organizations.

Passengers on a Pere Marquette Express Have Thrilling Experience.

St. Thomas, Dec. 11.—Passengers and crew of the Pere Marquette passenger train, which reaches the city from London at 4 p.m., had an experience yesterday that they will not soon forget.

The train, which was in charge of Conductor Marshall, was running at a high rate of speed, probably 50 miles an hour, on the down grade about a half-mile north of the high bridge over Kettle Creek, when both side rods of the engine snapped in two. The flying rods, revolving at a terrific speed, failed all the side gears of the engine to pieces, as well as part of the cab. Engineer Wilks applied the emergency brake, and with his fireman, Shoal, scrambled over the tender to the coach, to escape the immediate destruction being wrought by the powerful revolving side rods.

When the rods struck the cab the first result was to set the whistle blowing. Passengers were alarmed by this, and when they viewed the engineer and fireman rushing into the coach their alarm was intense, and all rushed to the rear end of the last coach, but they were deterred from jumping by the train crew. Owing to the grade and the high rate of speed at which the train was traveling, when the accident happened, it ran for nearly half a mile before finally stopping on the center of the bridge. As the train approached the bridge the terror of the passengers increased, for with every revolution of the disabled rods, the danger of the engine jumping the track was imminent. That it did not was miraculous. When it finally came to a standstill on the bridge, after having battered and torn the ties and roadbed throughout the whole distance, it was a thankful group that stepped from the rear coach.

Traffic was delayed for about an hour, a yard engine being dispatched to bring in the disabled engine. This is the second time the same accident has happened to this engine.

REICHSTAG THREATENED

Kaiser Will Dissolve It if Supplementary Appropriations Are Not Granted.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—Emperor William has authorized Chancellor von Buelow to dissolve the Reichstag, and order new elections, if the supplementary appropriations asked for by the Government are not granted by the House.

NEW ROYAL BABY.

Madrid, Dec. 12.—The infant Maria Teresa, sister of King Alfonso, and wife of Prince Ferdinand of Bavaria, gave birth to a son today.

SWEPT BY FIRE

Great Damage Done to the Town of Wareham, Massachusetts.

Wareham, Mass., Dec. 12.—From early last evening until well into this morning, the heart of this town was swept by a fire which, before it was checked, had destroyed ten buildings at an estimated loss of from \$75,000 to \$100,000. Owing to the town's lack of fire-fighting apparatus or waterworks, help was secured from New Bedford, Onset, Marion and Mattapoisett. Dynamite was used twice before the boundaries of the devastated district could be marked out. No lives were lost. Some of the homeless families managed to save the greater part of their belongings. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

PUBLIC MEETING CALLED

Water Question To Be Discussed at the City Hall on Thursday Night.

In response to a petition presented by a number of citizens, Mayor Judson today called a public meeting to discuss the water question, to be held in the city hall on Thursday night, at 8 o'clock.

Those who asked for the meeting were F. J. Darch, S. F. Glass, F. G. Turville, J. Friend, D. W. Blackwell and D. McCoubrey.

Raisuli Calls for a Holy War

New York, Dec. 12.—A cable dispatch to the Times from Tangier says: At all the country markets within 30 miles public criers on Monday announced an approaching Christian invasion, and called upon the people to be prepared for a holy war. The criers stated that Raisuli, the bandit chieftain, would supply money, rifles and ammunition to all who did not possess them. This news has created a profound impression here.

AMERICAN IN EGYPT ATTACKS LORD CROMER

U. S. Consul Would Expel Editor But International Rule Forbids.

New York, Dec. 12.—A cable dispatch to the Herald from Alexandria, Egypt, says:

For some time a series of attacks on Lord Cromer and the British authorities has been appearing in a local sheet, conducted by an American, and United States Consul-General Diddings has been exchanging dispatches lately with the Secretary of State at Washington relative to the powers he possesses for the expulsion of American citizens from Egypt.

The secretary replied that it was impossible to expel a citizen who attacks officials of another power unless the aggrieved parties lodge a sworn complaint with the American representative. He is then bound to take legal steps. The action of Lord Cromer is awaited with interest.

ICE JAM AT THE SOO BLOCKS BIG FLEET

Ice-Crushers Working Desperately to Keep the Channel Open.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 12.—A summary of the situation at the Soo late last night was a new ice jam at the foot of the dike, with Hay Lake Channel full to the turning point into Little Mud Lake. Thirty-nine down bound vessels are detained and another big fleet waiting to pass up the river. Ice-crusher Algoma and whaleback steamer Nelson and tug are working desperately to keep the channel open, so that 50 remaining vessels may pass.

The barge Connelly Brothers bound down with lumber and coal, and got loose from the steamer Ralph. It must remain in the ice all winter.

Southerly winds and warmer weather are predicted today, and Superintendent Sabine, of the Government canal office, believes that with favorable weather all the boats will go through.

BIG VICTORY FOR C-B; WINS HUDDERSFIELD

Successful Candidate Plighted to Fight Lords on Education Bill.

London, Dec. 12.—The Campbell-Bannerman Government have won a notable victory at a by-election in Huddersfield, Yorkshire. Sir J. Woodhouse, who had carried the seat at the general election against T. R. Williams (Labour), and J. Foster Fraser (Conservative), was appointed to the British railway commission, and Mr. Arthur J. Sherwell, a brilliant young author, temperance worker, and Radical, was the Government candidate, and won a splendid victory. The Opposition was again represented by Mr. Williams (Labour) and Mr. Fraser (Conservative). Mr. Sherwell and Mr. Williams were both pledged to support the Government education bill, and to fight the House of Lords on the measure. Mr. Fraser, the Conservative candidate, supported the House of Lords. So hopeless did tariff reform appear that Mr. Fraser pledged himself not to vote for any tariff reform proposals. Mr. Sherwell, the victor, was only seven days in the constituency before the election, and he was fighting two candidates, each of whom had been before the electorate for the past three years, and had been candidate at the last general election. The Conservative candidate was again at the bottom of the poll.

COL. PINAULT BURIED

An Imposing Military Funeral for the Deputy Minister of Militia.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The funeral of the late Col. Pinault, deputy minister of militia, took place this afternoon from his late residence, on Laurier avenue, to the Sacred Heart Church in Notre Dame cemetery. It was an imposing military funeral, and there was a very large attendance. Among those present were Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Frederick Borden, Hon. L. P. Brodeur, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Col. Tanbury Williams, representing the Governor-General; Hon. Mr. Turgeon, representing the Quebec Government, and many others. The headquarters staff was represented by General Lake and others. All the deputy ministers were in attendance, as well as many of the leading citizens of Ottawa, with whom the deceased was highly esteemed. Sir Henry Pellatt, Col. Roberts and Col. Buchanan were present.

GILLETTE TAKEN TO AUBURN.

Herkimer, N. Y., Dec. 12.—Chester E. Gillette, who was sentenced to be electrocuted during the week beginning Jan. 23, for the murder of Grace Brown, was taken to the Auburn prison today.

GOVT. BILL FOR FOOD INSPECTION

Hon. Mr. Fisher Introduces an Important Measure.

GERMAN SURTAX UNDER FIRE

The Intermediate Schedule Not To Be Used With Either Germany or Belgium.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—Two Government measures which engaged the attention of the House today served to demonstrate effectively the wide divergence of views which exists in the ranks of the Opposition in regard to the Government's policy. The first of these measures was Mr. Fisher's resolution providing for the supervision and inspection of canned food products, meats and fish. Complete and thorough inspection in all processes of manufacture and a certificate of the Government inspector on every can was proposed in regard to canned meats, with inspection of the canning of fruits and vegetables, penalties for false labeling, and power to close all factories in which sanitary and hygienic conditions are not observed or raw material not fit for human consumption is used. In regard to fish canneries similar inspection to that of fruit and vegetables was proposed.

Mr. Marshall (Conservative, East Elgin), a practical canner, cordially supported the bill, and even favored a stricter supervision of the fruit and vegetable canneries. Mr. Monk (Jacques Cartier) insisted there had been no demand for legislation from the trade or commercial organizations. Mr. Taylor (Conservative, Quebec) and Mr. Lancaster (Conservative, Lincoln), suggested that the matter be dealt with by an amendment to the criminal code.

Opposition Goes Both Roads

In committee of ways and means, Mr. Fielding's tariff resolutions again formed a rock upon which the Opposition split. Dr. Sproule, Mr. Armstrong (E. Lambton) and Mr. Monk vigorously attacked the Government for their policy regarding the German and Belgian treaties, claiming that by forcing the Imperial Government to choose between Canada and Germany an embarrassment had been caused to the mother country and Germany had made an enemy.

Mr. Lalor (Haldimand), who is engaged in the knitting business, on the other hand, commended the Government for its policy in this respect and expressed alarm lest Germany might by negotiations come under the intermediate tariff.

Mr. Fielding took advantage of the opportunity to make it clear that it was not the intention to extend the intermediate tariff to Germany, although the surtax might be removed in return for concession. He neatly countered on Dr. Sproule by quoting a resolution asking for the denunciation of the German and Belgian treaties for which Sproule had voted in 1892, and challenged the gentleman to move a resolution condemning the Government for having asserted the right of Canada to make tariff arrangements with the mother country, irrespective of foreign nations.

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ANOTHER YEAR FOR THOMPSON.

Kingston, Dec. 12.—A year has been added by Judge Price to the sentence of Robert Thompson, of Sarnia, who some months ago attempted to escape from Kingston Penitentiary. Thompson was serving ten years for burglary.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—MILD.

Very cold weather prevails in Ontario, Quebec and the greater portion of the Maritime Provinces. Elsewhere conditions have been more moderate. The disturbance which was in New England last night has now passed to the southward of Nova Scotia.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 46 below—40 below; Atlin, 10 below—4 below; Vancouver, 48—45; Edmonton, 16 below—4 below; Calgary, 2 below—30; Qu'Appelle, 4 below—32; Winnipeg, 6 below—22; Port Arthur, 2 below—32; Parry Sound, 10 below—14; Toronto, 6—16; Ottawa, 8—12; Montreal, 8—12; Quebec, 4—12; St. John, 14—26; Halifax, 8—32.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 3 p.m. Tuesday were: Highest, 27°; lowest, 12° above.

FORECASTS.

Wednesday, Dec. 12—8 a.m.

Today—Fresh to strong southerly winds; mild.

Thursday—Cloudy and comparatively mild, with light local snow.

Detroit, Dec. 11.—Lower Michigan: Snow furries in the north, fair in south portion; warmer on Wednesday, Thursday—Partly cloudy; fresh south winds.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary 4 6 Cloudy

Winnipeg 10 14 Cloudy

Port Arthur 30 36 Cloudy

Parry Sound 14 4 Cloudy

Toronto 26 4 Obdly

Ottawa 8 12 Cloudy

Montreal 2 2 Fair

Quebec 6 8 Cloudy

Father Point 8 10 Fair

WEATHER NOTES.

The weather has turned much milder in Western Ontario, and will do so today in Quebec. The temperature rose fairly high in the Western Provinces, but another cold wave is now settling in from the northward.

ALLEGED BLACKMAILER IN TOILS; MAY HAVE OPERATED IN LONDON

Toronto Police Round Up Woman Believed to Have Worked in Many Cities.

A dispatch from Toronto says:

In the person of Miss Winnifred McVey, alias Mrs. Gordon, who is under arrest at Galt, awaiting the arrival of a Toronto detective to take her to Toronto, the detective department here say that they may have a young woman who has been guilty of blackmail from London to Quebec in Canada, and in several of the nearer cities of the United States.

A couple of weeks ago a local paper told the story of the blackmailing woman, and how in the search of her room in this city the police found her trail in Toronto and elsewhere for five years.

The woman under arrest in Galt is charged with stealing a \$75 fur stole from a Toronto furrier, and Crown Attorney Corley told the newspapermen today that if they would guarantee to suppress the names of prominent men both here and in other places who were victimized he would lay charges of blackmail against her.

Tell-Tale Letters.

A large bundle of letters which are in the hands of the detective department may figure in the case. The letters are postmarked at Montreal, Haverrhill, Mass., New York, Covington, Ky., and several Ontario towns. There is still another woman wanted in the case, but she has not been located yet.

The woman arrested is said to have been known as Mrs. Joseph White, Miss A. Baxter, Mrs. A. Gamble, Mrs. H. W. Irwin, Mrs. Golden and Mrs. McGordon.

Sergeant Detective Duncan stated that a specific charge of blackmailing would be laid against the woman.

The Woman's Story.

A dispatch from Galt detailing the arrest of the woman says:

"A handsome blonde sat in a easy chair in the private room at police headquarters this morning and chatted affably with the reporters. She was a prisoner, arrested on a telegram from Chief of Police Grasset, Toronto. The wire did not particularize the charge, but merely ordered the apprehension of Winnifred McVey, aged 30, tall, fair woman, who goes also by the name of Mrs. Gordon, and is charged with larceny. Miss McVey was taken into custody at the Iroquois Hotel. She did not express any surprise to the officer who went for her, but quickly accompanied him to headquarters, and made herself at home. She appeared to be intelligent, refined, and educated, is well dressed, and carries herself like a thorough woman of the world.

A Woman Scorned.

"I am an American," she said. "I live in Boston, and have many influential relatives and friends there. In Canada I also have relatives and friends of some prominence. My uncle is the attorney-general of a Maritime Province. I know Toronto people of good family. In that city I've been staying for some time. I came to Galt on private business, the nature of which I shall not now disclose, but when I do speak up the silence of years will be broken, and certain people will know and feel what an injured woman's vengeance is like. More than that I cannot—I dare not—say at present. Yes, Toronto men shall be made to feel that hell hath no fury like a woman scorned." I am arrested on a charge of theft, but I am no thief. If I've stolen anything, I don't know it. The charge has been trumped up by my enemies, to try and get me out of their way. Mr. Curry, of Toronto, has my case, and I've every hope that he will vindicate my character, and help me to square accounts with those who are prosecuting me now, after having cruelly deceived and deserted me."

Miss McVey said she would go back with the officer who, she understood, was being sent up for her, and then would fight it out to the last ditch. "I have both the will and the means to defend myself," she declared.

MR. HYMAN TOO ILL TO READ LETTER

The Premier Makes a Statement in Regard to Resignation of London's Member.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—Responding to a question of the leader of the Opposition as to the Hon. Mr. Hyman's resignation, Premier Laurier today made the following statement:

"I am sorry to say that I have no information to give to my honorable friend today in regard to Mr. Hyman. At the opening of this session, some three weeks ago, you, Mr. Speaker, informed the House that you had received the resignation of Mr. Hyman as a member of this House. The reasons why Mr. Hyman thought it advisable to offer his resignation are well known. Since there had been aspirations as to the manner in which he had been elected in the last election in London, he thought it due to himself not to retain any longer a seat which might have been tainted with corruption. As far as that is concerned, for my part I think the action of Mr. Hyman was reasonable and satisfactory.

Why Action Was Not Taken.

"The reason that no action has been taken on the resignation is that unfortunately Mr. Hyman had not complied with the condition of the statute; as I understand, he had not taken the precaution of having his signature attested by two members of Parliament. At the same time that Mr. Hyman offered his resignation as a member of the House, he also placed his resignation in my hands as a member of the cabinet, and I informed the House that while I thought the reasons which had induced Mr. Hyman to resign his seat were quite adequate, the same reasons did not exist why he should resign as a member of the cabinet. Unfortunately it is a matter of notoriety that Mr. Hyman had to leave the country and go south to another climate in consequence of the condition of his health.

In Very Poor Health.

"I am sorry to have to say that Mr. Hyman is in a very poor condition of health, so poor that I know that the letter which I wrote to him, asking him to withdraw his resignation and allow me not to place it in the hands of his excellency, has not yet reached him. His physician has given absolute orders that he should receive no communications whatever; that he should be absolutely free from all kinds of trouble and not be allowed to transact any kind of business, and that is the reason why up to the present time I am not able to give my honorable friend the information he now seeks. I am sure that when my honorable friend and honorable members of the House know that Mr. Hyman is in such a condition of health that he is not permitted by his physician to attend to any kind of business, they will find no fault that no further action is taken upon the resignation, which he is intended to have accepted."

WHITE PLAGUE COMES VIA MILK

Von Behring Says It Commences During Infancy, and Claims He Has a Remedy.

Stuttgart, Germany, Dec. 12.—Professor Von Behring read a paper here last night before the Society for the Care of Sick in the Colonies, on his method of treating tuberculosis. According to his view, consumption is the "last verse of the song of which the first verse was sung in the infant's cradle."

In other words, he believes that the bacilli of tuberculosis find their way into the human system through milk. His theory directly contradicts Dr. Robert Koch's doctrine that tubercular milk is not dangerous, and that consumption in most cases is contracted as a result of breathing. Prof. Von Behring holds that the germs reach the lungs through the lymphatics and blood vessels. He contradicted Dr. Koch flatly in the matter of tubercular milk, which Dr. Koch considers to be most harmless. Professor Von Behring from a tuberculous cow are now more dangerous than the germs originating from another human being.

The professor intends to recommend his remedy called Tulazikitin, as a preventative of tuberculosis in infants.

It was expected that during his talk Professor Von Behring would communicate the secret of his remedial preparation, but he failed to do so.

A REAR-END COLLISION

Through and Way Freights Come Together—Slight Damage Done.

An accident, which was not attended with a serious property loss or injury to trainmen, occurred last evening at the junction of the Grand Trunk main line and the London, Huron and Bruce branch, at Hyde Park.

The wayfreight from Wingham for London had just taken the main line for London, when a fast freight from Sarnia Tunnel to Suspension Bridge, which was following closely, ran into it. The fast freight was going at a slow rate of speed at the time, hence the damage was not heavy. The van and a couple of box cars of the way freight were derailed, and will have to go to the repair shops.

Neither the locomotive nor the cars on the through freight suffered damage.

The derailling of the cars blocked the main line for two hours or more. The London auxiliary was called out to clear the track.

One of the trains delayed by the accident was an eastbound passenger, having on board Mrs. Walker, of Saginaw, Mich., who was to assist at the "Messiah" in the First Methodist Church. When word reached the city that the train was stalled, and that Mrs. Walker might not reach the city in time for the production, Mr. George McCormick went to Hyde Park and drove the vocalist to London.

TO TREAT CLERGY AS FOREIGNERS

Must Leave France or Submit to Secular Laws.

EXCITEMENT AT THE VATICAN

Expulsion of Papal Envoy Believed To Be an Attempt of Clemenceau to Humiliate Church.

Paris, Dec. 12.—The day of grace granted to local churches in the execution of the law providing for the separation of church and state, postpones until tomorrow the measures for its enforcement. The delay, however, has only served to increase the excitement caused by the expulsion from France of Mgr. Montagnin, secretary of the papal nunciature at Paris.

Prosecutions have been begun against the ultramontane abbes of the churches of St. Pierre Du Gros Caillou, St. Augustine and St. Roch, where the greatest resistance to the taking of the inventories occurred, and it has been decided to take over the buildings belonging to the ecclesiastics, stop the pensions of the clergy, compel aspirants to the priesthood to fulfill their military obligations, and if necessary, treat the clergy as subjects of a foreign power. This constitutes a sufficient demonstration of the spirit with which the Government intends to meet resistance. The reception of Premier Clemenceau's speech in the Chamber of Deputies last night also shows that he has Parliament at his back. Nevertheless, M. Clemenceau was careful to say that there still was time for the Catholics to conform with the law.

A Ray of Hope.

That the rank and file of the Liberal Catholics disapprove of the intransigent attitude of the authorities at Rome is evident by the fact that the editor of the Renaissance, Felix Roblin, has filed with Prefect of Police Lapiere application under the public meetings law of 1881 for permission to hold religious meetings in all the churches. This affords the single ray of hope in the situation. The Figaro today says that Cardinal Richier, Archbishop of Paris, at first declined to approve of M. Roblin's action, but that he later changed his mind. This application, if accepted, no matter whether it is approved by the clergy or not, will legalize the holding of religious services and render unnecessary any proceedings against parish priests or vicars tomorrow.

The Seized Documents

It turns out that the papers seized at the papal nunciature yesterday placed in the Government's hands important evidence which may prove embarrassing to the Vatican if open war ensues. They include the diplomatic records covering the correspondence before the rupture with the Vatican, recent instructions from Cardinal Merry Del Val, the papal secretary of state, a mass of letters from prelates all over the world, and letters in the handwriting of deputies of the right party. M. Jaures, the socialist leader, asserts in his paper that the seized documents even prove the existence of a conspiracy.

Cardinal Richier has accepted the temporary hospitality of M. Denys Cochin, a Conservative member of the Chamber of Deputies.

The Catholic seminaries at Bordeaux, Meande and Saint Brieux were evacuated today.

Can Worship Tomorrow.

The prefect of police during the afternoon announced that the Government had accepted the application of M. Marinier, editor of the Renaissance, and Felix Roblin, for permission, under the public meetings law of 1881, to hold religious meetings in all the churches, as being in compliance with the law. In other words, the step taken by them provides for the legalization of Catholic services in the churches of Paris tomorrow.

Latest From Vatican.

Rome, Dec. 12.—The Vatican authorities qualify the action of the French Government in having Mgr. Montagnin accompanied to the frontier by police, as being an action showing a desire to inflict humiliation upon those who because of their weakness cannot retaliate.

It is believed that even now, notwithstanding the gravity of the situation, France would not find it difficult to conciliate the Vatican if negotiations were opened. In the meanwhile the Vatican forces have been mobilized to take part in the campaign. Even Father Verme, the general of the Jesuits, has joined the helligerons.

The last instructions sent to the French clergy are, in substance, that they are to look upon the situation from its worst possible aspect, and organize private religious services.

Papal Courier Turned Back.

Paris, Dec. 11.—Immense quantities of documents found at the nunciature were seized and taken to police headquarters.

A courier from the papal secretary of state, Cardinal Merry Del Val, bearing dispatches from Rome, was turned back at the frontier today.

Madrid, Dec. 11.—The Premier, the Marquis de Armiño, ex-Premier Moret and ex-President of the Chamber of Deputies Canalejas, leader of the extreme liberals, are sounding the Vatican authorities as to whether they are intended to have accepted."

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