

THE HAMILTON TIMES

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ONTARIO REFORMERS.

The meeting of the Ontario Reform Association in Toronto yesterday was largely attended and was marked by hearty enthusiasm. Hon. Mr. Aylesworth and Hon. Mr. Graham were the principal speakers, and their addresses were naturally along the lines of party organization and welfare.

pose the order," as he says 50 per cent. of the workers could not pass the test. This man is quoted as saying "that the possibilities of a general strike were very remote. It would only be possible in the event of an amicable settlement being found impossible, by the Council's refusing to refer the question to arbitration; or in the tramway department endeavoring in the meanwhile to introduce an undue number of new motormen. The present drivers were determined that, pending the further consideration of the question they would refuse to instruct new employees unless those employees were prepared to join the association."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

For sending in a false alarm of fire at London the other day a young man was fined \$40. It was pretty costly fun, but will be a lesson to other fellows who like to see the firemen on the run.

Eighteen Chinese who were smuggled into Sydney from Newfoundland are in the hands of the customs officers, and it may be necessary to hold them till the law is amended to provide for deporting them.

But perhaps Whitney will be good when the Trolley Streeters of the Municipal Union get their legislative lobby at work. Wouldn't it be cheaper to abolish the Legislature, chosen by the people, and give the law-making over to this self-appointed gang of grafters?

Rev. Dr. Pilgion, of Toronto Junction, has refused a call to a London Church with a stipend of \$2,700 a year. While he receives only \$2,100 where he is. Now if his Toronto Junction congregation will do the decent thing, it will make his salary at least equal to the one offered him.

The situation in Morocco does not improve, and more troops may be needed to subdue the wild tribesmen. In the seventh-hour engagement of Tuesday about 800 of them were killed, but instead of dampening the fanatical ardor of Malai Hafig, it has decided him on proclaiming a holy war.

Now, one of the painters who worked on the Quebec bridge says he had known of a crack 20 inches long and 3/4 of an inch wide in one of the arches as long ago as May last, but said nothing about it, as he thought there was no danger; he is among the injured.

The aldermen are not making many friends by their action in the Herkimer street paving matter. The residents are naturally annoyed by the delay caused by the aldermanic effort to hold up the street railway and compel it to pay steeply for the right to widen the street strip. But for that the road would have been completed long ere this.

Most of the Tory organs hint that Hon. Mr. Pugsley and Hon. Mr. Graham will be allowed to take their seats unopposed. The Ottawa Journal, a professedly "Independent" paper, however, strongly urges the party to contest both seats. Queer, isn't it, how much more Tory some independent papers are than the openly Tory organs?

Mr. Borden having denounced the "All-Red Route" proposal, the St. John Board of Trade unanimously votes approval of it, and the conservative Victoria Colonist declares that "it is impossible to get Conservatives to withhold approval of a scheme so obviously in the interests of the country—and it would be folly to make any such attempt."

Geo. T. Hodge, engineer of the C. P. R. train that was wrecked at Caledon and who escaped with a badly injured hand, is to be commended for his presence of mind and promptitude. He lost no moment after being dashed from his engine, but seized a flag and ran back to stop the express, which was closely following the special, and nothing but his alertness saved it from crashing into the wreck.

Under present conditions bakers may produce a loaf of any size, so long as the weight is either stamped on the loaf or pasted on it with a label. This results in the public getting bread in all weights, and being in ignorance as to the relation of the price to the real value.—Kingston News.

We think the public would be glad to get back to the standard four-pound loaf, even with a corresponding increase in the price. The people knew what they were buying then, label or no label. There is nothing fancy about a loaf of bread because it has a paper label stuck upon it.

In the present telegraphers' strike the companies have been greatly aided by the use of an "automatic operator" in the shape of a typewriting machine that turns out copy similar to that made by an operator on a typewriter. It is said that machines working on circuits between points like Chicago and New York and Chicago and St. Louis are able to handle from 1,200 to 1,400 messages each way per day, making each machine equal in work to about that of three first-class operators. The operation and management of the machine does not require operators that are able to transmit and receive Morse, and while some of the

writing machine operators went on strike, their places were so quickly filled that the full service was in operation within three days after the strike was declared. These machines are an important factor in the telegraph strike at busy centres.

There is no question about the street railway's obligations as to the Herkimer street paving. Where a street has been once paved the company must keep up the pavement between its tracks and for two feet outside of them, the material to be supplied by the city. Where the street has not been paved before, the street railway must macadamize between the rails and put an oak plank along each side, the city to furnish said macadamizing material. These are the provisions of the by-law.

The Chicago Tribune declares that the American souvenir hunter is becoming a national disgrace. It says that the Duke of Abruzzi was reduced to absolute lack of the comforts of existence by the thievery of these kleptomaniacs, and it fears that Prince Wilhelm of Sweden will suffer a similar fate. His good ship, the Fylgia, is being despoiled of its trappings and treasures. We all remember how Prince Henry of Battenberg had to appeal to the authorities to drive a certain class off his vessels. The Tribune says "decent people are ashamed of them." It's just a weakness for things "royal."

There has been established in Vienna, Austria, a school for teamsters under the auspices of the Wagon Drivers' Association. In future all young men desirous of piloting wagons through the city streets must first pursue a practical and theoretical course of study in the art of driving, etc., in this school. For the theoretical branch a special lesson book has been compiled. Students will have to pass an examination, after which they will receive diplomas, entitling them to a driver's license. Teamsters who can produce a two months' testimonial from their present employers will be given licenses without examination. The new school is the outcome of a similar institution for cab drivers, which was started some months ago with very satisfactory results. In the "close combine" to be established in every occupation in life?

Gaynor and Greene, the U. S. defaulters, who spent so much time and money in Canada fighting extradition, must now look back upon that as a complete waste, for they are having a far better time than they had in this country! The Philadelphia Record says of them:

It would serve to assuage the fears of Trust magnates and of lesser grafters who have made themselves rich at the public expense when they read of the laxity shown by the Government to two distinguished criminals under sentence of five years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$3,000,000 for embezzlement. Pending an application for a rehearing, John F. Gaynor and Benjamin Greene, supposed to be in jail at Macon, Georgia, have had all sorts of privileges. Gaynor is at a pleasure resort for his health. Both culprits have gone hunting, attended ball games, walked the streets at will, and have taken their wives out driving. The only restraint on these pleasuring is the compulsory attendance of United States marshals, who must be paid for their extra services pending the determination of the courts.

The International Tuberculosis Conference opens in Vienna on Sept. 19. Among the questions to be discussed will be the compulsory industrial insurance system which is now in vogue in Germany. When the German Government first adopted the system the insurance was against illness, old age and death. Later on another law was passed compelling consumptives to go to a sanitarium. Their treatment was paid for out of the money they paid for insurance. Now all persons are compelled to be insured as soon as they are employed. Every employer pays one half of the employee's insurance and the Government acts as treasurer. The result has been that people with the least symptoms of the disease have been sent to a sanitarium. The disease has been checked in time, and the percentage of victims has been largely reduced. Here those afflicted put off going to a sanitarium until it is too late to save their lives. With the compulsory system in force in Germany there is no unnecessary delay in putting the patient in a way to recovery.

A wholesale coal dealer in New York gives the Tribune the following four reasons for the advance in the price of coal this early in the season: First—The enormous increase in demand for small sizes of coal, due to the recent erection, especially in New York city, of skyscraping office buildings and large hotels and apartment houses. Second—Inability of the coal producers in Pennsylvania to obtain an adequate supply of labor, this being due to the new law requiring all miners to have State certificates. Third—Insufficiency of transportation facilities, the building of coal railroads having practically ceased, while the consumption of coal has more than doubled. Fourth—The practical doubling within five years of the cost of labor, material and transportation, while the market price of coal has remained about stationary during the same period.

These reasons will do as well as any other, although they are slightly different from those given by the Hamilton dealers. Exception, however, may be taken to the statement in the fourth reason as to the price of coal. It has risen considerably since five years ago, to the consumer at least. The trouble is that the mine owners can raise the price with or without reason, the consumer having no say in the matter.

Chicago is going to try to give the death-blow to the "tipping system" it is proposed to organize the "bellhops," housemen, chambermaids and other hotel and club help into one great union for the purpose of demanding "living wages and decent food and lodging."

where such is a part of the pay of employees." A "captain of the bellhops of a downtown hotel, said:

"If we can get a union we will not be compelled to live off of the charity of a more or less generous public. Under the present system the hotel people pay us just enough to warrant keeping our names on the pay rolls. They do it more to have our names and addresses handy than because they look upon the stipend they give us as salaries. They know and we know that if we don't graft our pay off of the patron of the house we go hungry. Another thing we want to change is the manner of feeding hotel employees who are compelled to eat and sleep at the hotels by which they are employed. At some of the best hotels in the city the employees are compelled first to offer the food to their guests, and then to the dogs and pets of the guests, and if refused all around, the employees got to eat it. Their quarters are about as good. Such is generously turned over to the employees."

The Chicago hotels must be run differently from those in Hamilton in some respects. We never hear of such complaints from their help.

Our Exchanges

Charged to the Strike. (Montreal Herald.)

The bridge might have gone even if engineer Cooper's telegram had gone through in time, but it has been for the privilege of wearing a red, white and blue necktie, which goes with it, he values highly.

Likes the Necktie. (Toronto Star.)

Celest J. S. Hendrie is now a commander of the Royal Victorian Order. Titles the Ontario newspaper for the privilege of wearing a red, white and blue necktie, which goes with it, he values highly.

The Dago's Knife. (Grimsbay Independent.)

I have several times called on the attorney-general of Ontario and the County Crown Attorney, to demand that the Italian who is packing guns and knives around this country, in their hip pockets, waiting for somebody to use them, that they get the half a chance to draw and do execution.—Up-to-date not a dago has been disarmed.

Allan to Go One Better. (Toronto Telegram.)

Col. Hendrie is now Commander of the Royal Victorian Order. Pshaw! Wait till Col. Allan Stoddome gets his appointment as Governor of the Province of the Even More So Royal London Suffragettes.

It Makes His Hot. (Grimsbay Independent.)

As I have said before I don't mind when a man steals a watermelon, a few peaches or a pocket full of apples, but by Heaven when it comes down to digging potatoes out of the ground or cleaning up the fruit on two rows of pear trees it's time for the rope or the shot gun to get into play.

Labor Parade Doomed. (Toronto Telegram.)

As a holiday the first Monday of September may have come to stay. As an occasion for wearing out shoe leather by way of illustrating the needs and demonstrating the utility of labor the observance is doomed. A Labor Day parade cannot be said to fill a long hot want, when the might and majesty of organized labor in Toronto is represented by a procession of between 1,750 and 2,000 all told.

CANADA TO PAY HALF.

Strathcona Makes Announcement Concerning the All-Red Route.

London, Sept. 4.—Lord Strathcona states he is entirely coincident of the ultimate success of the all-red route. A steamship company has made a definite offer to undertake a last service on the Atlantic for a subsidy of £500,000, which the Canadian Government prepared to bear half. The scheme will make Halifax its chief port of entry for an express service between Europe and the North American continent. This will be good for Canada and an advantage to Britain.

It is now believed the new route will be confined to passenger and express service. Lord Strathcona added that he had a splendid voyage and the Oceanic was a fine boat.

"But we do want something a little faster."

The Chronicle, referring to the all-red route, says it can no longer be said that Canada is expecting the mother country to give her a benefit without making an equivalent contribution herself. Two hundred and fifty thousand pounds is a very large amount for a state whose revenue is only £15,000,000.

DAMAGED LOUVRE PICTURE.

Woman Wished to Draw Attention to State of Homeless.

Paris, Sept. 4.—For the third time since July a picture has been injured in the Louvre. First Pousin's "Beuge" suffered at the hands of a man who has since been confined as in sane. Last week a landscape of Benjamin had holes torn in it by mischievous boys, as believed. To-day the great picture of the Sistine Chapel by Ingres had the Pope's eye scratched out, and traces of the cardinal's fingers were ascertained. The culprit was a woman, Valentine Centrel, 24 years old, who went to the public station and gave information as to what she had done. She said she had come from Rouen with the determination to destroy a picture in the Louvre in order to draw attention to the homeless and their miserable state.

PRINCE FREDERICK DITCHED.

Kaiser's Second Son Thrown From His Automobile.

Hamburg, Sept. 4.—Prince Eitel Frederick, second son of Emperor William, while out driving in his auto to-day with Crown Prince George of Saxony, Count von Muenster and Baron von Oeling, was thrown into a ditch. Owing to the bursting of a tire while on the road between Langsberg and Flensberg, the chauffeur lost control of the machine, which turned over and threw all of its occupants out. Not one of them sustained any injuries, and they were all able to reach Hamburg in a borrowed auto.

Flour Up Again.

Winnipeg, Sept. 4.—Ogilvie's announced to-day that flour has gone up 10 cents a barrel, bringing the price up to \$2.80.

There was an advance of 20c per cwt. only a week ago.

Special Inducements Offered to Make Friday Your Purchasing Day This Week. \$6.50 Dress Skirts \$2.98. \$2.75 to \$4.00 White Lawn Waists \$1.99. 36-inch Heavy Floor Oilcloth 19c. Samples of Infants' and Children's Dresses. Our Great Sale of Men's Shoes. Two More Days to Buy Your Blankets. Extra Special Bargain Blankets for Friday. \$1.25 English Flannelette Blankets 79c. Two Lines of Crib Blankets Cheap. 396 Pairs of Flannelette Blankets to Be Sold During Our Great Blanket Sale. Big Show of New Jackets. THE T. H. PRATT CO. LIMITED.

COULD NOT PROVE CHARGE. Through Magistrate Said He Believed Man Guilty. Niagara Falls, Sept. 4.—A big surprise in the police court came this afternoon when the charge against Jacques Erlanger, accused of conspiracy to defraud the public and with using the mails for fraudulent purposes was withdrawn, and the prisoner released. Though the crown had evidence of a wholesale fraud, they could not prove that the prisoner was more than an agent of the real swindlers, nor that he had any guilty knowledge of the fraudulent operations. A FATAL MISTAKE. Stedevore Cornelius J. Ryan Falls and Breaks His Neck. Halifax, N. S., Sept. 4.—Cornelius J. Ryan, stedevore, while jumping from a barge to Pickford & Black's wharf last evening, made a mis-step and fell, striking his chin on the edge of the wharf in his descent, breaking his neck. His body dropped overboard and brought the lifeless form to the surface. He was the father of Police Officer Ryan of this city. ERIE CANAL AGAIN CLOSED. Big Leak in New Arch of Aqueduct at Syracuse. Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 4.—When the Syracuse level of the Erie Canal was filled six feet to-day a big leak developed in the new arch of the aqueduct over Onondaga Creek. It will be necessary to empty the level again, and the canal officers to-day are unable to make any prediction as to when navigation will be resumed. The leak is under the foundation of the new arch. Socked. We sell the best sock in the city for 25c; the best overall for 75c; the best shoe for \$1.20. M. Kennedy, 240 James north and 148 John south.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 6TH, 1907. SHEA'S May Manton Patterns Direct From New York. All 10c. Summer Goods Must Go. We have many broken lines of Summer Goods in every department, which we must clear to make room for Autumn Goods, and at the prices we have marked them they are sure to be quickly picked up. New Fall Goods. New Fall Skirts. Autumn Dress Goods. Cloth Skirts. New Dress Trimmings. Military Braids. Staple Department. Unbleached Damask. Bleached Cotton. NOTIONS. Perfect Hose Supporters. New Back Combs.

Friday Will Be a Navy Blue Day in Our Dress Dept. Habit Cloth 25c. Heavy 44-inch Habit Cloth, Friday... 25c. Navy Blue Lustrous 20, 50, 75c up to... \$1.00. Navy Blue Venetian... 50, 75c, \$1. Navy Blue Chiffon Broadcloth \$1.25 up to... \$2.00. Navy Blue Serge... 42c to \$1.00. Navy Blue Cashmere, special... 50c. Navy Blue Muscovite... \$1.00. Navy Blue Panama... 50, 75c. Navy Blue Voiles, in plain and fancy stripes... 50c to \$1. Navy Blue Cheviot \$1.19 to \$1.25. Navy Blue Nun's Veiling... 20, 50c. Navy Crepe de Chine, in plain and fancy spot... 75c, \$1.00.

Meet Me at Pratt's. Nice waiting room on second floor. Pen, ink and paper at your disposal. \$10.00 to \$15.00 Ladies' Suits \$3.95. Plain Cloth and Shirt Waist Suits, that sold at \$10.00 and \$15.00, now being cleared at... \$3.95. \$4.00 Rain Coats \$1.79. Ladies' 3/4 Length Rain Coats, that sold at \$4.00, Friday's sale price... \$1.79. \$6.00 Rain Coats \$2.47. Just a few left of our Full Length Rain Coats, regular \$6.00 value, on sale Friday... \$2.47.

Great Blanket Sale. You save at least 25 per cent. on today's price by buying your Blankets during our special Blanket sale this week.

BISHOP INGRAM'S VISIT. Extensive Programmes Arranged for Visit of British Prelate. Montreal, Sept. 4.—Great interest is being manifested in the approaching visit to Montreal of the distinguished churchman, Bishop Ingram, of London. Preparations are already well under way for his entertainment while here, and an extensive programme has been arranged. Bishop Ingram will arrive in Quebec on Friday. He will spend Saturday and Sunday in the ancient capital resting after his long trip, and visiting the different points of interest about the city and district. On Monday he will leave for this city, arriving here at 6.50 in the evening at the Place Viger station, where he will be met by a number of the clergy and laity, and accorded a formal reception. After this the distinguished visitor will proceed to the residence of the Bishop of Montreal, with whom he will dine. He will remain here until Wednesday afternoon when he will leave for Ottawa. Bishop Ingram will go from Ottawa to Toronto and then to London, spending in all about a week in Canada, after which he will turn into the United States, and travel there for about two weeks.

WATER IN THE MILK. Heavy Fines Imposed Upon Offenders at St. Thomas. St. Thomas, Sept. 4.—George Duval of Tiptonville, was today fined \$30 and costs by Magistrate Hunt on a charge of selling watered milk to the Payne's Mills chocolate factory, and W. J. Walker of Lawrenceburg, was fined \$100 and costs for supplying the West Magdala factory with the watered article. The government inspector laid the charges.