

PRESIDENT HAYS SAYS LONDON COMES AFTER OTHER CITIES MAYOR BEATTIE STRIKES BACK

Head of the Grand Trunk Railway Tells Londoners at Board of Trade Banquet That Montreal and Toronto Must Be Improved Before Forest City Can Be Considered.

LONDON MADE SERIOUS MISTAKE

Opportunity Offered by Mr. F. H. McGuigan Should Not Have Been Allowed to Pass—Mayor Hints That Patronage of Citizens May Be Directed to Other Lines.

If any member of the board of trade could extract comfort from the speech of Mr. Chas. M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk Railway, regarding the track elevation at the banquet last evening in the Tecumseh House, his composition must be different from the very large majority of the 150 members who were present. Very amiably and smoothly, the genial president intimated, in his blandest tones, that after the company had expended several millions of dollars in Toronto and Montreal, London might be considered, provided, of course, the city council were reasonable in their demands on the G. T. R. He declared the company would be fair when that time did come in their negotiations, and would make the very best offer consistent with good business.

City Made a Mistake. Mr. Hays intimated that, in his opinion, the city of London made a great mistake when they refused the offer made three years ago, a mistake that allowed Toronto and Montreal to step in ahead of this city, and claim the millions of money to be expended by the company in permanent improvements.

Dealing with transportation topics in general, Mr. Hays made a strong speech. He spoke particularly of the Grand Trunk Pacific, and referred to the unique position, both in construction and advantages, this road possessed above all others on the continent. The announcement that the president of the whole line between Montreal and Prince Rupert would be constructed this autumn, created much enthusiasm.

Mayor Strikes Back. Mayor Beattie in his address intimated that the citizens of London might deem it advantageous to transfer their business to the C. P. R., a company that looked after the interests of the city, rather than give the Grand Trunk the bulk of their business, especially when the latter company were slow to consider the best interests of London. This he did not wish to be construed as a threat, but the bald statement of a possibility, if not a probability.

A Brilliant Affair. The banquet was a brilliant affair. The dining-room of the Tecumseh House was beautifully decorated, and presented a most pleasing appearance. All the arrangements of the committee were carried out perfectly. The dinner itself was excellent, and reflected great credit on the management.

President's Address. The president, Mr. A. T. McMahon, presided. With him at the head table sat Mr. Chas. M. Hays, Prof. Adam Shortt, Joseph P. Downey, M. P. P. Guelph; J. M. Dwyer, president of the Sarnia board of trade; James Simon, president of the Chatham board of trade; P. H. Coate, chairman, vice-president of the board; J. C. Gibson, president of the Ingersoll board of trade; Gilbert Pitkin, vice-president of the Petrolia board of trade; Mayor Beattie, Dr. H. T. Reasor, Rev. Canon Hague and Arthur W. White.

The president, Mr. A. T. McMahon, presided, and at 8:30 o'clock, he called the gathering to order. He expressed his great pleasure in presiding at the banquet.

Table Decorations. A special letter of commendation on the part of the members of the board was the manner in which the table was decorated. The color scheme was of purple and gold, the Colgate colors. Daffodils in profusion and purple ribbons served to answer the purpose.

While down in the domestic science department the trustees took occasion to inspect the appliances and equipment. These proved to be generally satisfactory.

A number of pictures recently purchased, which have just arrived, were also viewed. There are about ten of these pictures, and they are fine specimens. The views are mainly historical.

THREE KILLED IN WRECK ON BIG FOUR Terra Haute, Ind., April 22.—Three persons were killed and eight injured in a wreck on the Big Four early today near Sanford, Indiana.

MOTHER ACQUITTED OF KILLING BABE Bracebridge, Ont., April 21.—Eva Suter, placed on trial at the assizes here this morning for the murder of her infant son Dola, was tonight acquitted by the jury after half an hour's deliberation. His lordship, in summing up, noted certain discrepancies in the evidence, and repeatedly warned the jury that if any doubt existed they must acquit the prisoner.

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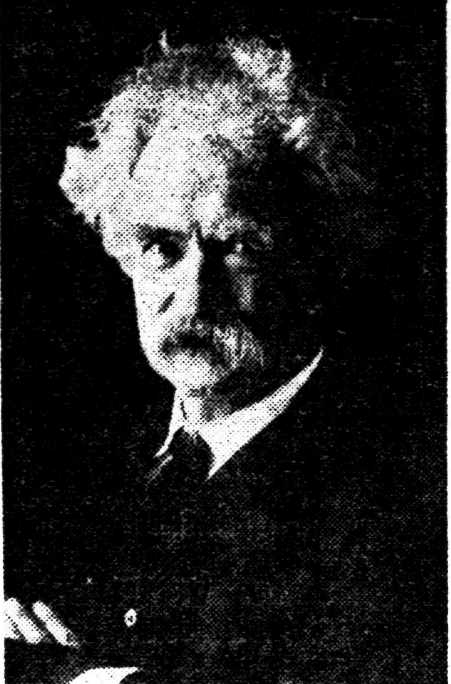
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LATE SAMUEL L. CLEMENS. Better Known as "Mark Twain," Who Died Last Night.

MARK TWAIN'S CAREER ENDED

Most Famous American Writer Passed Away Yesterday.

EXPIRES DURING COMA

Falls Into Reverie, Then Slips Into Unconsciousness, and Never Awakens.

Redding, Conn., April 21.—Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) died at his home, Stonedfield, near Redding, at 6:30 o'clock tonight. He became unconscious at about 3 o'clock and sank gradually until his death.

All hope of recovery was abandoned last night, when it was evident to the physicians attendant upon him that the patient was gradually losing ground. He had been conscious, through practically all of his illness, and had considerable knowledge of his condition, and of the light that was in progress.

His spirits kept up to the last, and until last night he tried to joke a little with those about him. The physicians scarcely expected that he would live through the night, but early this morning he dropped off to sleep. The early morning hours gave him the best sleep he had had since he returned home, and he awoke early this morning much refreshed.

Throughout the forenoon he was partially conscious, now and then realizing his surroundings, and occasionally speaking a few words to express some wish or to ask a question. His condition on matters about his place.

His Last Words. He recognized his daughter, Clara, Mrs. Olesip Gabrilowitch, spoke a rational word or two, and feeling (Continued on Page Ten.)

PLUMAGE FOR HATS IS ALL IMPORTED

Local Milliners State That There Is No Need for Bill Such as Passed by New York.

Local milliners state that the bill which has just been passed in New York, forbidding the killing of birds for the purpose of obtaining their plumage for millinery trimmings, need not be adopted here also, as none of our home birds are used for these purposes.

"All such plumage is imported," said one of the largest dealers in the city. Retail milliners say that the only feathers used that are home grown are roosters' feathers, and these are bought from people who kill the chickens for food products, and not specially to supply the market for plumes.

Forty-one Perished Not One Miner Escaped That Was Trapped in Mulga Pit.

Birmingham, Ala., April 21.—Not one of the 41 men imprisoned last night in the Mulga mine of the Birmingham Iron and Coal Company is alive. This became certain today, when, unconscious from the deadly gases of the shaft, Superintendent Johnson, of the mine, and a man named Bonds, who risked their lives for those already perished, were drawn up to fresh air. Long before the rescuers were revived, their condition told the fate of the miners.

The watchers knew that if the rescuers, helmeted and protected, had so narrowly escaped death, there was no hope for the miners, who had been entombed by an explosion of gas.

THE WEATHER TOMORROW—MOSTLY FAIR. FORECASTS.

Today—Winds, shifting to east and south; fair and mild. Saturday—Some local showers, but mostly fair.

TEMPERATURES. Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary..... 50 28 Fair
Winnipeg..... 48 16 Cloudy
Port Arthur..... 50 28 Cloudy
Toronto..... 50 28 Clear
Ottawa..... 52 42 Fair
Montreal..... 52 44 Cloudy
Quebec..... 48 38 Cloudy
Father Point..... 42 34 Rain

No reports from Victoria or Pelly Sound this morning.

WEATHER NOTES. Depressions exist over the Missouri Valley and the New England States, and the pressure is highest in the Western Provinces.

"CANNOT OVERLOOK SUCH MEN AS SUPERINTENDENT U. E. GILLEN"

President Hays Speaks of the Rumored Appointment of Mr. W. E. Mullins to the Position of Assistant General Manager of the Grand Trunk Railway.

There is not much likelihood, it is now said, of Mr. W. E. Mullins, who is at present manager of the railway in Costa Rica, becoming assistant to Mr. Fitzhugh, the coming general manager of the Grand Trunk.

Mr. Chas. M. Hays was interviewed by The Advertiser last evening on his arrival, and professed to know little or nothing of it.

"The first intimation we received of the appointment was from the London papers," he said. "I understand that Mr. Mullins is doing very well where he is. I do not see how we can overlook such men as Mr. Gillen and other superintendents in these promotions."

"Mr. Mullins, I understand, is a former Londoner, and you are very partial to your old citizens."

Mr. Hays had a good word for Mr. R. W. Scott, who was also connected with the Grand Trunk freight offices in this city years ago.

Mr. Hays left at 2:46 a.m. in his private car "Canada" for the east.

LONDON FIRMS ARE FEELING PINCH OF SOFT COAL STRIKE

Fear That They Will Be Tied Up Unless the Trouble Comes to an End Shortly—Some Concerns Have a Large Supply While Others Are at the Bottom of the Bin—Some Interviews.

Unless the soft coal miners' strike in Pennsylvania ends very shortly, manufacturing concerns of all kinds throughout the city are going to be very seriously interfered with, and many of them fear that they will have to close down.

Firms who buy large quantities of soft coal have been advised by the coal dealers that they cannot ship them any more for some time.

Coal dealers say they cannot get a pound from the supply houses in Buffalo and other places.

Several large local firms stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that they have been approached by representatives of coal supply houses to sell part of the stock they have on hand. In every instance local firms have refused to do this, as they wish to keep running as long as possible.

City Gas Company. The City Gas Company are perhaps the largest users of soft coal in the city, and inquiry there elicited the information that they cannot get any coal and anticipate using up their reserve stock very shortly unless the strike ends.

It was stated that the firm would not be able to keep up its supply of gas to other firms, as they have not more than enough on hand to run more than a few weeks. The company has been advised that the strike is not likely to last long, and depending on getting more supplies shortly.

"We were told ten days ago," said an official of the company, "that the strike would end in two weeks. It is still the same."

President M'Mahen Thinks Elevation Is Not Far Off Mayor Chats with C. M. Hays

President of the G. T. R. Told His Worship That He Had Not Been as Hard On Him as He Had Expected—Businessmen as a Whole Do Not Like the Prospect.

The speech of Mr. Charles M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk Railway, at the board of trade banquet does not seem reassuring to the businessmen of the city, and many of them are disapproving of the speech. In future disapproving consideration was not given the claims of this city. To all it is quite evident that the present station will continue to decorate the company's premises for a few years at least.

Mayor Beattie evinces no surprise at the announcement, and said today that he rather expected it.

The Mayor Speaks. "A year or so ago I met Mr. Hays in Montreal," said his worship, in discussing the speech. "We talked the problem over then, and he continually referred to the fact that the city had made a great mistake when they refused to accept the offer made some years ago. He declared that he had no objection to the city taking the question to the Dominion Railway Commission, and last night he hinted that the company were willing to have an independent tribunal adjust the difficulty. Of course, he wants the city to take the first steps towards bringing the matter before the commission, but so far we have not done so, and I do not know whether or not we will do so."

That is a question for the future to decide.

Puts Blame on Past Council. "After the banquet I had a chat with Mr. Hays, and he intimated that he had not been as hard on him as he expected. Of course, he insisted that the fault lay with the city council."

ONLY SIMPLE SERVICE AT TWIN'S FUNERAL Dr. Henry VanDyke Will Be the Preacher—Interment at Elmira, New York.

New York, April 22.—A simple funeral service over the body of Samuel L. Clemens will be held in this city tomorrow afternoon. The body will then be taken to Elmira, N. Y., where it will be buried beside those of his wife and children. Later a public memorial service will be held in large hall.

ORDERED EXTRADITED. London, April 22.—Frank Mathusie, alias Bates, who was identified by John O'Shea, of St. Louis, Missouri, as the man who escaped after having been sentenced for theft in that city, was ordered extradited by a Bow street magistrate today. Mathusie has been serving a three-months' sentence at Crews for robbery.

CITY WILL TRY TO FORCE TELEGRAPH WIRES UNDERGROUND

Great Northwestern Company Refuses to Meet Request of the Water Commissioners and the Hydro-Electric Commission Will Be Involved—New Bill Gives Commission Power to Rule in the Matter.

The water commissioners will make the first test of the new machinery of the hydro-electric commission shortly, it is expected.

It will be remembered that for some time the commissioners have been attempting to have the wires on Richmond and Dundas streets placed underground.

The businessmen in these districts have taken very kindly to the idea, and the petitions being circulated are being signed by practically all. This will insure the wires going underground.

G. N. W. Makes Trouble. The Great Northwestern Telegraph Company have not accepted the suggestion so far, in fact they have opposed it. Yesterday they began to string cables, making it quite evident that they would not have anything to do with the commission's scheme.

Company Notified. As soon as this was learned the latter got busy, and a letter was drafted to the local manager, Mr. Adams, asking if it was the intention of the company to continue stretching wires on poles, and definitely asked them if they intended coming into the scheme.

If the work was continued, the commissioners pointed out they would drag along and shows no signs of ending yet.

The Rolling Mills. Manager White, of the London rolling mills stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that the firm have enough coal on hand now to last until the middle of June.

"If we don't get any more then we will have to close down," he said. "Travellers through here advise me right along that they cannot get any more coal. One traveller yesterday wanted to make arrangements for buying some from us, but we will not sell."

Manager King of the London street railway stated that the company have enough coal on hand to last for at least a month. He thought supplies might be obtained from West Virginia if the Pennsylvania strike is not settled.

McClary Manufacturing Company. Col. Garthshore, of McClary's, stated that the firm have enough coal on hand to keep going for some weeks yet.

Mr. C. B. Hunt, of the London Electric Company, stated that the company have plenty of coal on hand, and can easily run for a couple of months.

"We use 40 tons a day," he said, "and that necessitates us keeping well supplied. We have a lot of coal on the way now, and are not at all anxious regarding future supplies."

The Railways. The railroads state that they have enough coal on hand to meet all demands for quite awhile. Large piles of soft coal are stored at different points along the line, and these can be drawn upon in case of emergency.

Archbishop McEvay Will Reach This City On Saturday Evening—Secretary of State Hon. Chas. Murphy Coming On Sunday Night—All Arrangements Completed.

Bishop Fallon will arrive in London this evening from Tewksbury, Mass., where he has been in retreat for some days, and will be taken at once to Mount St. Joseph, where he will remain until the consecration on Monday morning. He will be practically the first arrival for the ceremonies, and will be followed by a score of archbishops and bishops, and over a hundred clergy on Saturday and Sunday.

Archbishop McEvay, the consecrator, will arrive Saturday evening, and Mr. Shahan, of Washington, who is to preach the sermon, will arrive at noon on Sunday.

Hon. Charles Murphy will arrive on Sunday night, and will remain in their sleepers that night. It is expected that fully four hundred will come in on the special.

Rooms are being reserved in the Tecumseh House and the Grigg House for the consecration. Many priests are coming from the United States, and it is expected that 200 clergymen will attend the ecclesiastical dinner to be given in St. Peter's Hall on Monday noon.

Some visitors have already arrived, and more will follow tonight and tomorrow.

The Ceremonies. All the arrangements have been made for the ceremonies, which will be the most impressive ever witnessed in London, and among them are:

Prominent Catholics say that the number of ecclesiastics who will attend is the greatest in Canada, with the exception of the plenary council, recently held in Quebec.

James Parker Died of Injuries Aged Chelsea Green Man Succumbed to Hurts Received in Elevator Accident.

THIRD VIOLENT DEATH Wife Was Killed by a Fall—Son Met Death in a Street Car Accident—Funeral on Saturday.

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Some years ago his wife fell down stairs at her home in Glasgow, and died a short time afterwards from concussion of the brain. About two years ago a son of Mr. Parker's was killed by a street car.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Martha Noble, of Colborne street north; Mrs. Alice Strain, of Ada street, Chelsea Green, with whom he resided, and one son in Scotland. The funeral will be held on Saturday morning at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, and the services will be conducted by Mr. Stanley McDonnell, of Huron College.

WESTON'S PROGRESS. Syracuse, N. Y., April 22.—Edward Payson Weston, the veteran pedestrian, reached Syracuse at 10 a.m. today, after making the 24 miles from Port Byron without a rest. He was given a great ovation. He is feeling stronger and better, he says, than when he started on the long walk from the coast. He will leave Syracuse tonight.

CHARGED WITH FRAUD. New York, April 22.—George E. Bedy, who was chief clerk for James F. Valli, former deputy surveyor of the port, and who had charge of the weighing department, was arrested today by United States Marshal Henkel on an indictment charging conspiracy to defraud the Government out of custom duty on sugar, molasses, lard, cheese and other large merchandise.



MR. U. E. GILLEN, Superintendent of the G. T. R. at Toronto. "We cannot overlook such men as Mr. Gillen," Mr. Hays said to The Advertiser.

COL. HODGINS, D. O. C. IN HAMILTON TONIGHT

Will Meet the Officers of 91st and 13th to Talk Over Trip to London.

Hamilton, Ont., April 22.—The Highlanders are likely to get a good trip this year, after all. They have been considering several offers for a two or three days' trip over Victoria Day, and in all probability they will go to London. On Friday night the lieutenant-colonel commanding the London brigade will be in the city and will meet officers of the Ninety-first and Thirteenth Regiments to discuss the details of the trip. The local officers have agreed to pay for the transport of the regiments out of the regimental coffers, and expect that the London brigade will agree to pay for sustenance of the visiting troops.

The invitation extended to the local regiments by the St. Catharines officers will likely be declined as the local officers think it would be impracticable to go to St. Catharines, even if they do not go to London, owing to the lack of accommodation.

Lieut.-Col. Bruce briefly addressed the regiment on parade and thanked the officers and men for the good work they were doing this season. He commented briefly on the probability of a trip to London, and expressed the hope that the men would be able to arrange to get away if the regiment went to the western city.

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