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PERE MARQUETTE MEN IN TALK WITH CITY;
AFTER LONG LEASE; REPAIRS STARTED

L. AND P. S. BOARD HAVE IMPORTANT CONSULTATION WITH OFFICIALS

General Manager Cotter and Solicitor Stevens, of the Pere Marquette Railway, arrived in this city this morning from Detroit in their private car, and this afternoon at 2:30 met the mayor and the members of the London and Port Stanley Railway Board in the City Solicitor's office.

The meeting is the result of the city's peremptory order to the lessees of the L. and P. S. R. (the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railroad) to place the line in proper shape at once or to be prepared to have the lease canceled.

It was said at the city hall this afternoon that the Pere Marquette, to whom the lease of the L. and P. S. R. has never been transferred, is very anxious that the transfer should be completed at once and also that the term of the unexpired lease should be extended for a period of from ten to twenty years.

The meeting of the L. and P. S. R. board was hastily called by telephone, as no notice of the visit of the general manager was received until about 1 o'clock.

That the action of the city in demanding the repairs to the road has borne fruit is very apparent.

Today Pere Marquette gangs are at work distributing heavy rails and ties along the L. and P. S. R. a couple of miles south of the city, and all the way from St. Thomas the rails and ties have been laid down.

In fact, it is said that at the time the city was holding its indignation meetings the company was buying ties and rails, and was preparing in other ways to place the road in proper condition.

There will likely be a tug-of-war in the city solicitor's office this afternoon in regard to who shall make the repairs to the bridges, or who shall rebuild them.

The meeting will be one of the greatest importance to the city.

CLEAR AT LAST

Big Pond at Springbank Is Now Free of Algae.

It is announced that the big pond at Springbank, which was treated with sulphate of copper to free it of the scum which has covered it each summer, has been cleaned most satisfactorily.

Commissioner Saunders, who suggested that the sulphate be used, is quite elated over the result. The collection of algae does not affect the purity of the water, but to say the least it makes the ponds look very bad. All the other ponds will now be chemically treated.

TWENTY-MILL RATE POSSIBLE;
DEBENTURE ISSUE AGREED TO

Joint Meeting Between Council and Water Commissioners—Control of Rates May Be Sought by Council.

As the result of a meeting this morning between representatives of the city council and the board of water commissioners, it was decided to ask the Legislature to approve of the issue of debentures for the water works for the sum of \$11,000, which is to be spent on new mains and hydrants.

This means that the city will in all probability have a 20-mill tax rate this year.

Hon. Adam Beck was present by invitation, and he consented to use his influence to have the issue sanctioned by the Legislature. Others present were Mayor Judd, Alds. Gillean, Gerry, Parfitt, Chairman Darch, of the water commission, Commissioner Saunders, City Clerk Baker, Superintendent Moore, Auditor Jewell, and Secretary Ellwood.

Ald. Forsitt and Ald. Gillean pressed the point that the commission should reconsider its action in regard to the cut in water rates this year, but the others thought, inasmuch as the commissioners were not favorable to a reconsideration, that the matter might as well be allowed to drop for the present.

City to Control Rates.
Mr. Beck talked very plainly to the commissioners, and as a result of the points he raised, it is not improbable that the city council will at no distant date seek legislation which will place the control of the water rates in the hands of the city council.

Mayor Judd stated the position of the city council, figuring on the ten per cent cut in water rates decided upon by the commission, and also on

GAS EXPLOSION SINKS A TUG
AND BLOWS CAPTAIN TO BITS

Parry Sound, Ont., April 23. — By an explosion of acetylene gas at the ship channel, ten miles from here, Capt. Arthur Clark was killed and blown to pieces, last night. The cause of the

EARTHQUAKE AT
GRANT'S PASSOregon Town Severely Shaken
by Midnight Seismic Shock.

Grant's Pass, Ore., April 23. — An earthquake shock was felt here a few minutes past 1 o'clock this morning.

Portland, Ore., April 23. — A special to the Oregonian from Glendale, Oregon, says that an earthquake shock was felt there at 1:11 o'clock this morning. The shock was sufficiently severe to rock buildings and rattle china in the cottages.

Ottawa, Ont., April 23. — The earthquake shocks reported from Oregon as occurring about 1 o'clock this morning were registered on the seismograph at the Dominion observatory. The preliminary tremor arrived at 4 hours 16 minutes 45 seconds, eastern time. The principal wave traversed at 4 hours 23 minutes, and reached its maximum at 4 hours 31 minutes. The quakes then began to decrease and disappeared at 5:10 o'clock.

EXAMS BEGIN MAY 8

London Medical Students Not to Go to Toronto This Year.

Dr. Moorhouse, dean of the faculty of London Medical College, stated today that the graduates of the school will not have to go to Toronto this year to write the Medical Council examination.

Some doubt in the matter existed until a day or two ago, when Dr. Moorhouse received notice from Toronto that the old practice of going to that city for council exams had been discontinued, as far as students of the London school are concerned.

The examinations at the Medical School here will be concluded today, and the results announced about the end of the week.

GAPON HANGED
BY REVOLUTIONISTS

Said to Have Been Acting as a Spy for the Russian Secret Police.

London, April 23. — An extraordinary story is published by the Manchester Guardian today from a correspondent in Russia, asserting that Father Gapon was hanged secretly on April 10 by four revolutionists, who overheard him admit that he was spying on his former revolutionary colleagues in behalf of the Russian police.

ALL LONDONERS SAFE

Mr. Delos Smythe Wires from San Jose to That Effect.

Mr. Frank E. Smythe, of Richmond street, received a telegram this morning from his brother, Mr. Delos Smythe, of San Jose, Cal., stating that as far as he can learn all Londoners escaped injury in the earthquake, which wrecked San Francisco, and also wrought damage at other places.

Mr. John Fox, of King street, has also received a message from his son Samuel, who was in "Frisco" at the time of the shock. Mr. George Fox, jun., was employed in a clothing store there, and reaching here up in his arms started to carry her in the direction of a vacant lot.

SUING A DOCTOR

Farmer Hodgins Is Seeking \$2,000 Damages for Alleged Malpractice.

The assizes reassembled at noon today, and Chancellor Boyd dismissed the jury until 2 o'clock.

The case first to receive attention was the non-jury action of Hodgins vs. Banting. The plaintiff, a farmer near Lucan, had his leg broken and Dr. Banting set the limb. The result was not satisfactory, and the plaintiff claims \$2,000 damages for malpractice. The defense claims that plaintiff did not follow instructions, but removed the splints before being told to do so. The case is attracting considerable attention.

LONDONER GOT DEGREE

Miss Marion McLean Succeeds at Queen's University Exams.

The following degrees, medals and distinctions were announced at Queen's University, Kingston, on Saturday afternoon:

Medals—W. Malcolm, M.A., Woodstock, won the university medals for chemistry and mineralogy.

Ph. D. Degree—J. M. McEachern, M.A., Glenora.

M. A. Degree—W. Malcolm, Woodstock; Cora Miller, Aylmer.

B. A. Degree—W. J. Kerr, Sarnia; D. A. McGee, Tiverton; G. E. McElroy, Galt; Mary McEachern, Strathburg; Marion McLean, London; J. A. Osgood, St. Thomas; A. Voaden, St. Thomas; L. J. Williams, Watford.

Theology Testamum—J. A. Stewart, Kincaid; J. H. Woods, E.B.A., Leonard Junction.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached in the old convocation hall Sunday afternoon by Rev. W. J. Clark, of this city.

New N. Y. C. Vice.

Chicago, April 22. — Official announcement was made yesterday that W. C. Brown, vice-president of the New York Central lines, is to go to New York on June 1 as first vice-president of the same system, with a salary of \$75,000 a year.

Taken to Belleville.

Belleville, April 20. — Patrick Lawlor, who was yesterday acquitted of complicity in the recent burglaries in Toronto, will be brought to this city and tried for connection with the burglary of a store and postoffice in Shamonsville, near this city. County Constable Duffin left for Toronto today to bring Lawlor here.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

April 22. Reported at. From.
St. Louis, N.Y. City, Liverpool.
Camille, Boston, Liverpool.
Pamela, Gibraltar, New York.
Philadelphia, Southampton, New York.
Lake Erie, St. John, Liverpool.
Lafayette, Dover, New York.
New York, New York, Southampton.
Minneapolis, New York, Genoa.
Louisiana, New York, Genoa.
Prinz Wilhelm, Havre, New York.
Rhein, Bremen, New York.
Lucania, Liverpool, New York.
Postdam, Boulogne, New York.
Frankfort, Baltimore, Bremen.

SEVENTY TRAWLERS PERISH

Three Danish Fisher Boats Go Down Off Iceland Coast.

Copenhagen, April 23. — News reached here today that two Danish trawlers, with 40 men on board, foundered recently in a gale off the coast of Iceland. A third boat, with a crew of 20, is also believed to be lost.

OLDEST BRITISHER GONE

George Fletcher Passes Away at the Age of 118.

London, April 23. — The death was announced in County Tyrone, Ireland, today, of George Fletcher, the oldest British subject, so far as known. He was 118 years old. King Edward recently presented Fletcher with a gold snuff box.

CARRYING OFF 9-YEAR-OLD GIRL,
NAVIN WAS CAUGHT BY FATHER

Turned Over to Police and Fined the Maximum Amount for Assault.

For assaulting Clara Stanton, the 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanton, of 127 Maitland street, James Navin, in the police court this morning was assessed the maximum provided by law for the offense—a fine of \$20 and costs, or in default two months in the county jail at hard labor.

The charge originally preferred against Navin was indecent assault, but it was reduced to common assault when the case came to trial.

Navin pleaded that at the time of the offense he was drunk and did not know what he was doing.

On Saturday evening, Navin was paying a friendly visit at the home of the Stantons on Maitland street south. About 10 o'clock Mrs. Stanton sent Clara to a store a few doors away for a loaf of bread, and when Navin left a moment later, the mother of the girl decided to watch him. Navin was seen to seize the child on her return home, and pick her up in his arms.

Mr. John Fox, of King street, has also received a message from his son Samuel, who was in "Frisco" at the time of the shock. Mr. George Fox, jun., was employed in a clothing store there, and reaching here up in his arms started to carry her in the direction of a vacant lot.

Mrs. Stanton notified her husband, who started in pursuit of Navin. The latter ran all the way until he saw Stanton approaching, but he was soon overtaken and held until the arrival of the police.

Mrs. Stanton was the first witness called this morning and told of how Navin had come home about 8 o'clock, and picked her up in his arms. She said that Navin was drunk and that he was carrying her in his arms. Navin was found guilty and fined the full penalty of the law, \$20, or two months at hard labor.

CONNAUGHT AT TORONTO

His Royal Highness Heartily Cheered by a Large Gathering.

Toronto, April 23. — H. R. H. Prince Arthur of Connaught arrived this morning at 12:20 from Niagara Falls. He was met at the station by Lieutenant-Governor Charles Mackenzie, Mr. Whitney, Hon. Col. Matheson, Hon. J. D. Foy, Col. Lessard, Lieut.-Col. Davidson, Lieut.-Col. Septimus Denison. There was an escort from the Royal Canadian Dragoons, Major Major Brook. The large crowd at the station heartily cheered the prince when he made his appearance. At the city hall the prince was met at the entrance by the mayor, members of the city council and corporation officials, and conducted to the council chamber, where the address of welcome was read by the mayor.

Kitty D. Returned

Port Colborne, April 22. — The fishing tug Kitty D., of Dunkirk, N. Y., which was seized two or three years ago for illegal fishing, was today released by the customs. Some her crew members in the old canoe, and will be put in readiness to depart for American waters.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Fine and warmer.
Sun rises, 5:23 a.m. Moon rises, 5:41 a.m.
Sun sets, 8:09 p.m. Moon sets, 7:10 p.m.

From Ontario to the Maritime Provinces the weather today has been mostly fair and cooler than yesterday, with temperatures below 50°. In the Northwest Provinces it has been fine, with temperatures about 60° in Manitoba, and as high as 80° and 90° in parts of Southern Alberta. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 34-46; Atlin, 32-48; Victoria, 48-62; Vancouver, 46-52; Calgary, 38-78; Edmonton, 44-75; Prince Albert, 32-72; Winnipeg, 20-60; Port Arthur, 28-48; Harry Pickett, 22-50; Toronto, 30-44; Ottawa, 20-50; Montreal, 36-48; Quebec, 24-44; Halifax, 38-54.

FORECASTS.
Monday, April 23—8 a.m. Today—Fresh northerly and northwesterly winds; fine and cool.
Tuesday—Westerly winds; fine and a little warmer.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Calgary, 38 32 Clear
Winnipeg, 44 38 Clear
Port Arthur, 28 24 Clear
St. Louis, 44 36 Clear
Toronto, 30 24 Clear
Ottawa, 24 22 Clear
Quebec, 24 20 Fair
Father Point, 24 22 Snow

WEATHER NOTES.
The weather is quite cool this morning in both Ontario and Quebec. Yesterday the temperature was above 60° in Manitoba, and above 80° in parts of Southern Alberta and Saskatchewan.

HIGHEST AND LOWEST READINGS OF THE THERMOMETER AT FOUR OBSERVATORIES FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDED AT 8 P.M. SATURDAY WERE: Highest, 54°; lowest, 42°; above, Sunday: Highest, 44°; lowest, 29°.

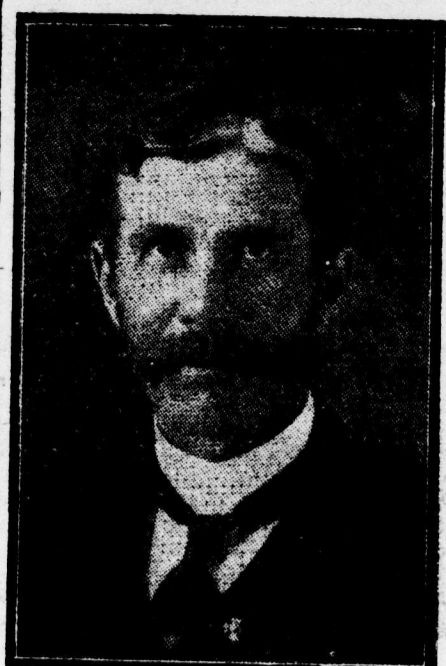


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MR. A. M. HUNT,
Newly-Appointed Secretary of the
Western Fair Association.

FLAMES BREAK OUT AFRESH,
BIG SHIP DOCKS IN PERIL

The Huge Coal Bunkers Are Afire and Flames Are Sweeping Toward Ferry Building.

THE GOLDEN GATE TO BE REBUILT AT ONCE

Impressive Church Services Held in the Open on Sunday—
Fire Chief Succumbs to Wounds—Odd, Comic and Tragic Incidents Told by Refugees.

Fire Breaks Out Afresh.

San Francisco, April 23.—The fire, which seemed to have died out yesterday, broke out with renewed vigor in the coal bunkers of the ferry building shortly after midnight. The fire reached these bunkers Saturday, but was apparently checked after a hard fight, although the blaze stubbornly resisted all efforts of the firemen to extinguish it.

Unless the flames can be subdued there is grave danger that they will eat their way across to the docks north of the ferry building and reach this great structure.

Early this morning the fire was burning fiercely.

San Francisco, April 23.—Property owners had an opportunity yesterday to inspect some of their holdings and in a measure what damage had been done. The new modern steel buildings were found to be almost intact. In every instance it seemed that the earthquake had not damaged them. The steel frames were in perfect plumb and apparently as strong as ever. Cornices and fancy trimmings fell, but that was all. Even when the fire swept through them only the woodwork was damaged.

The Fairmont Hotel on Nob Hill will be rushed to completion. The Spreckles building at Market and Third streets will be occupied in a few days; the Union Trust building at Montgomery and Market has lost only the interior woodwork, and the St. Francis Hotel is in the same category. An inspection of the Call building at Third and Market streets, disclosed the fact that several of the floors of the building were in good condition and could, after slight repairs be used as formerly.

The new Monadnock building on Market street, next to the Palace Hotel, was found to be in first-class condition, even the woodwork in the interior of the building was intact, and the owner, Herbert E. Law, announced that within ten days he would be renting offices in this building. The Monadnock is a large structure of steel and brick and was almost completed when the fire came.

San Francisco, April 23.—The area of the burnt district is seven square miles.

Fighting Epidemic Menace.

Oakland, Cal., April 23.—That the chances of an epidemic breaking out among the refugees may be lessened, Governor Parsons last night issued an order that all large camps be broken up into small communities as soon as possible. The governor has received a message from Secretary of Interior Hitchcock, offering to care for 300 of California's insane patients at the St. Elizabeth Hospital, at Washington, D. C. Gen. Funston has notified Governor Pardee that the prisoners who were taken from San Francisco to Alcatraz Island, a Government fortress in San Francisco Bay, at the outbreak of the fire, must be immediately removed from the island on account of the lack of water and crowded conditions.

New York, April 23.—According to a dispatch from Tokyo to the Times, seismographs in the Imperial University show that the San Francisco earthquake reached Japan in eleven minutes. The Red Cross Society of Japan is sending a hospital ship to San Francisco.

Funds from Australia.

Melbourne, April 23.—Funds have been started at the various Australian capitals in aid of the sufferers by the San Francisco earthquake. Premier Seddon, on behalf of New Zealand, has offered \$25,000. Mayor Schmitz of San Francisco cabled yesterday to the mayor of Sydney that there is urgent need of contributions for the relief of the distressed inhabitants.

Dead Amongst the Insane.

Oakland, Cal., April 23.—That the bodies of 86 patients and eleven attendants have been recovered from the ruins of the Agnews' Asylum for the Insane, near Santa Rosa, is the telegraphic information conveyed to Governor Pardee last night by Dr. Hatch, superintendent of state hospitals.

Repairing the Wires.

Oakland, Cal., April 23.—Three car-

loads of dynamo, telegraph instruments, etc., and a dozen Wheatstone operators arrived here last night from Chicago, consigned to the Western Union. A plant will be immediately established at West Oakland, and tomorrow night, it is believed, the congestion of messages will be greatly relieved. The Western Union cable, San Francisco, were tested last night and found to be in perfect condition.

The Postal Telegraph Company is rapidly installing its dynamo plant and instruments in this city. The officials state that the headquarters of the company will be at Oakland for a fortnight at least, possibly longer.

The Commercial Cable Company reports that its underground city lines in San Francisco suffered no damage from the earthquake shock.

San Francisco, Cal., April 22.—Roughly speaking, the burned district is five miles square. There are not less than 25 square miles of black ruins.

Today a smart breeze was blowing the smoke and ashes away, and for the first time the immensity of the disaster became apparent.

More than half of San Francisco's population has now abandoned the ruined city. Those who remain are camping in the parks and open spaces, with no immediate danger of suffering either a food or a water famine.

Their most serious menace now is the danger of pestilence, due to unsanitary conditions, and General Funston admits that, while all possible precautions are being taken by the civic and military authorities, much illness must be expected.

The condition of the homeless and shelterless persons camped throughout the city is remarkably good and offers of substantial financial assistance are being received from cities in all sections of the United States.

The grand total of all money subscribed to date is \$4,154,000.

South of Market street, the loss of life was mostly brought about by the collapse of cheap and crowded lodging houses.

To Rebuild at Once.

Hope has flowed back into the city. No one in San Francisco seems to doubt that it will be rebuilt at once. It is only a question of ways and means. Three office buildings, as yet over, but not seriously damaged by the fire, will be occupied tomorrow morning for the transaction of pressing business. The main thoroughfares, at least those which have cooled off after the fire, have been cleared for traffic.

The tenement district, where most of the lives were lost in the earthquake, has cooled off. Yesterday soldiers and volunteers went through the ruins taking out the bodies. It was impossible to take them to the cemeteries. They were buried fifteen feet in the public parks or even in unimproved streets.

There were found in small buildings that had escaped notice on the

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WHOLESALE ARRESTS

French Troops Adopt Strong Measures in the Mining Districts.

Lens, France, April 23.—The military authorities this morning began making wholesale arrests among the revolutionists, hoping thereby to crush the disorders. An army corps is now disposed throughout the mining region and maintains order. No serious incidents were reported today.

Ivens to Hang June 22.

Chicago, April 23.—Richard G. Ivens, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Bessie Hollister, was Saturday sentenced to be hanged on June 22.

COMBINE HUNTER CURRY RESIGNS;
TO HEAD A BIG CUBAN CONCERN

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Ont., April 23. — J. W. Curry, city crown attorney, handed in his resignation today to the Ontario Government. It is his intention to go to Cuba to manage the Cuba Government Land Company, at a large salary. Mr. Curry has been crown attorney for

seventeen years, but only became prominent since his prosecution of the plumbers' combine and through vigorous investigation into the York County Loan affairs. His energetic work in these cases won loudest praise in almost all quarters. Resignation is not affected by political influences.