

THE HAMILTON TIMES

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NO BRITISH STRIKE.

There will be no general strike of British railway employees, as has been dreaded. The efforts of Mr. Lloyd-George, President of the Board of Trade, have been successful in bringing the parties together and agreeing on a plan of settlement of the difficulties that is expected to result in improved relations.

WHO OWN THE RAILWAYS.

The unthinking are accustomed to view the great railway corporations as composed of, at the most, a very few rich men whose interests are always opposed to those of the public. That view is a very mistaken one. True, there has been much in the mismanagement of some of these corporations, which have been too little regulated by the public which grants them franchises and pays for their service, to arouse hostility; but it would be very foolish to assume that those are necessary conditions to the service.

POWER TALK TO-DAY.

As far as can be learned the announcement to be made by the Ontario Ministers to-day regarding the Hydro-Electric power situation will contain nothing new. The contract to be made with the Ontario Niagara Power Company will be for 8,000 horse-power at \$10.40 at the Falls, and 75 per cent. of the amount must be paid for whether used or not. If 25,000 horse-power be exceeded the price will be \$10. The cost of the transmission line, which it is contemplated the Government will build and charge back to the municipalities in addition to the price it pays for the power, is estimated at \$3,500,000.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

How eager the Tory organs are to retire Ayresworth!

John Barleycorn has sandbagged many a man in his time.

Toronto police may use motor cycles to catch automobile scoundrels. Speeding must be stopped.

Galt has a 20,000 population boom in progress. What has become of Hamilton's 100,000 boomlet?

Go up to the opening of the Liberal Club, Arcade Building, tomorrow night. You'll enjoy it.

Mayor Coatsworth, of Toronto, has had enough and will not seek a third term of office. Our Mayor is still hopeful.

There are said to be more houses to let in Toronto than at this time last year, but the rents remain high. Is the flush season for landlords over?

The Toronto Board of Control has recommended that the wages of the city scavengers be increased from \$2 to \$2.25 a day. Must be good grit times in Toronto.

GERRYMANDER TACTICS.

The Tories of Brantford are preparing for the forthcoming gerrymander, and an unsigned circular has been issued making a plea for separating Brantford from the county and getting rid of the rural vote. The Expositor says that "in the compilation which is made, for comparative purposes, between the population of North and South Brant, respectively, and between the city and county, the Indians are very conveniently omitted. This is not only contrary to law, but had the Indians been omitted from the count for the purposes of representation at Ottawa, Brant County would have had only one member, as the stipulation had been made that no county with a population of less than 35,000 with a population of 22,351, as against 19,896 in the city. Why should the latter, contrary to usage, be given the larger representation? If we include Tuscarora's population in that of North Brant, as we must do, the population of that riding is 14,591, and if we add to this population that of Burford, which is already in the north riding for Dominion election purposes, we have a population of about 19,103 for the north riding, as against 23,144 for the south riding, which is about as equitable and fair a division as could be made.

The clique behind the circular does not seem to regard Mr. J. H. Fisher, the Tory member for North Brant, as the proposed fermation of a city constituency would leave him out of the

reckoning. Perhaps that may to some extent explain the anonymity of the circular, which looks suspiciously like what some city cabal might have issued. Its appearance at this time is significant of the plotting now going on in the Tory ranks to make the most out of the redistribution contemplated. We may be sure that the Premier's advisers in the party will not make the path of the Opposition easier by their skill in gerrymandering Ontario.

There is an idea abroad that the traitors are at work again. This time the object in view is the supplanting of Leader Borden by Hibbert Tupper. History repeats itself. Was it not Sir Charles who was brought from England to supplant Mackenzie Bowell?

Street car traffic is an excellent civic barometer.—Victoria (B. C.) Colonist. What of Hamilton? What of London? Ottawa Citizen.

The street railway receipts here show that the city is growing at a healthy rate, and the city's share of the receipts are gratifyingly increased.

It appears that the Hydro-Electric Commission's arrangement to get current compels it to pay for an entire month the highest peak load carried for any 20 minutes of the month. And it is by that scale the price to the municipalities will be fixed.

Mr. William Randolph Hearst's newspapers are again printing page reports of his speeches. The first thing the American people know they will be carried off their feet and elect him pound-keeper or something equally responsible.—Toronto Star.

He seems to be a pretty good imitator of that buzzy politician, Mr. W. F. Maclean.

Canals are works which, probably next to waterworks, lend themselves best to public construction and operation. If that Georgian Bay scheme is a good one—and there is much to be said in its favor—it would be worth while for the Government to consider whether it should not be carried out as a public work by the country.

Rev. H. M. Manning, Methodist minister in Peterboro, on Sunday declared that play which was intended of God to be productive of enjoyment and a means of healthy recreation had been taken and commercialized and in many cases brutalized until it had become actually a curse. The language is strong, but in some cases, warranted.

Mr. James A. Blair, of London, has offered that city \$20,000 on certain conditions, to go towards the building of a tuberculosis hospital for that city. We think London would be wise to accept the offer. Philanthropists in Hamilton receive little encouragement to do anything for the poor and sick of the city, owing to the many obstacles thrown in the way of accepting such gifts.

The Canadian Courier, Toronto, which has won great favor in its brief career and is rapidly displacing some very un-Canadian literature, this week changes to a 10-cent paper. It is readable, patriotic, open-minded and well illustrated, and it is a pleasure to the Canadian press to see it growing into the weekly life of our people. It should profit by the "made-in-Canada" sentiment that rightly appeals so strongly to Canadians. We wish Mr. Cooper increasing success in its publication.

The Hamilton Times and the Liberal papers of the Dominion are giving unusual attention to the coming nomination of a Liberal candidate for the county. They are evidently afraid that the wrong man will stampede the convention.—Spectator.

Evidently our contemporary, accustomed to machine methods, wringing and pulling and tyled-doors, is quite unable to understand the course of the Times and its Liberal contemporaries in calling upon the liberal party at large to come out and select a candidate. But that is a matter of constitution, and we do not ask the Spec. to exceed its capacity.

The reports of the city officials on the improvements made by the company in compliance with the railway board's orders have apparently been chloroformed. They were decidedly favorable to the company, and it was thought that they would have been presented at the Board of Works meeting last evening. They were not produced, however, and now it is intimated that the reports to be submitted later will not be nearly so favorable to the company.—Hamilton Herald.

That is a very serious charge. Who in the City Hall held back the reports made by the inspecting officials and cooked them up, or compelled the officials making them to alter them? Either somebody should be brought to book for gross crookedness or those in authority are foully slandered by the Herald. Which is it?

HERE AND THERE.

Windsor Record: The Toronto Canadian Club may be a good judge of a salad or a ragout, but its musical sense is probably as yet dormant.

Montreal Herald: It will be in Labelle that we shall get the first indication of what the alliance between Mr. Bourassa and the Conservative party really amounts to.

Toronto Telegram: Talkative women are naturally open-faced.

Montreal Star: A Gotham judge decides that "a wife has no right to throw dishes at her husband." It seems a pity to have to use the bribe-axe in an ordinary family row.

Montreal Herald: It's best to start at the bottom. That's what the wise men tell. If you wish to get at the top, but how about digging a well?

Atchison Globe: We have noticed that the girl you are talking to about ages is always a year younger than the other girls in her crowd.

Ottawa Free Press: No, dear reader,

there were no Conservative estimates on Quebec election results.

St. Catharines Standard: Enthusiasm in civic life is diffident to whip up. Toronto News: Said Borden with infinite glee, "The whole of the West I did see, Everybody was kind, Not a Gril did I find, Oh, what shall the harvest be?"

Montreal Herald: To hear some people talk you would think that Longboat had gasoline in his tank.

Toronto Telegram: The worst feature of the whole Crawford episode is its inevitable tendency to bedevil the fire brigade with the doctrine that activity in the ward associations is the direct road to promotion in the brigade.

Toronto News: The defeat of Mr. Bourassa in Bellechasse will not improve his relations with the Liberal party. But he could not expect any other result.

Our Exchanges

Two Nobles. (Toronto News.) Col. Gibson says he is out of politics for keeps. He and Doctor Nobis should be quite friendly now.

It Was Great. (Dundas Banner.) Hamilton Liberals had a great meeting on Saturday night and Leader MacKay enthused them thoroughly.

A Horse on Us. (Oakville News.) Just think that the Mississauga Horse got to Hamilton first in the steam battle on Thanksgiving Day.

Like Anarchists. (Toronto Globe.) Hamilton bankers have declared a strike. This may cause the strollers in the Gore to resemble an assemblage of Russian anarchists.

Keep Sport Clean, Boys. (Stratford Beacon.) It is a perverted system of education that encourages boys to indulge in an impossible trial of speed, ending up in a bowling drunk in violation of the law and decency. Road racing has been going on since it was worked up an idol out of such low-grade stuff.

And More. (Kingston Whig.) Hon. A. G. McKay, when in Hamilton, said a kindly word of Hon. J. M. Gibson, and the world is displeased. It does not regard the exhortation as a bar. He is quite as much one, however, as the member for East York.

A Braggart. (Dundas Star.) There will be no sham battle when Col. Ptolemy goes up against the Grik convention committee in the County at the next election, when the ballots are counted. The Colonel will rout the enemy, horse, foot and artillery.

Solo Singing. (Toronto Star.) Bishop DuMoulin would have the congregation sing rather than the soloist. Without wishing to reflect on the musical efforts of the average congregation, one is bound to remark that the Bishop must have been more than usually unimpaired in his experience of solists.

A Grab Game. (Grimsby Independent.) It seems to me as if the men dealing in the every day necessities of life have said to the poor man, you are poor and we will keep you poor as long as you live. If your wages increase a dollar a week we want the dollar, if your wages increase two dollars a week we want the two dollars.

Equality is Demanded. (Windsor Record.) If it were demanded, as heid by some experts, that electrical energy can be profitably conveyed to Ontario's western and eastern boundary lines, it would alter the situation considerably. Until this is done, however, Ontario in the lump must look askance at any proposition to send public utility companies (which are not susceptible of general application).

Stratford and Hydro-Electric Power. (Stratford Beacon.) The city will have to buy the power at \$25 per horse power per annum, and it will have to pay for the same source. The street lighting and water works plant might use some of the power all night, but there are several other uses of power in the mill, that run all night to use it. If it is sold to printing offices, which work with a producer gas at even \$12 per horse-power.

For Instance. (London Advertiser.) The Free Press represents Hon. A. G. MacKay as a champion of monopoly, because Colonel Gibson, head of the Cataract Power Company, is president of the Ontario Electric Co. By the same logic, the appearance of Mr. Judd, on a Conservative platform in this city would constitute a "Free Press" because of the spokesmen of the corporations?

Don't Blame the Church. (Montreal Star.) That church members behave as badly as non-church members on occasion, will be no news to any one who keeps his eyes open. The real question of looking at the Church membership does not always mean a sincere Christian spirit. It is possible for a man to take "hell" in a church without being too good a Christian. Then a church is not a workaday exhibit of model people but a hospital where people who are ailing morally can be cured.

Worth Careful Consideration. (London Advertiser.) Neither are they reassured by the statement that the reports of the economical operation of producer gas plants are concocted by the "British" power project. The question is, are these reports accurate? Right on the eye of the possible introduction of producer power, London's greatest industry adopts another method. The experience of the producer gas plant at McClary's, and of the working of similar plants in other places, is worth consulting.

Roosevelt's Bashness. (Goldwin Smith.) The excellence of President Roosevelt's intentions nobody doubts; in his perfect prudence and self-control few believe. He hardly seems conscious of the fact that he is operating, not only amidst financial shenanigans and quackery, but in a political atmosphere charged with what is styled Socialism, but in reality is a movement of class consciousness, is worth consulting.

Not Ownership Grant. (Philadelphia Record.) Montreal is lit by electricity and gas supplied to the city and her people by public utility companies under contract. The contracts are about to expire. The municipal government are actually advertising the expiration of the lighting, heating and power franchises with a view to relating the same upon competitive terms to the best bidder.

Grouse for All. (Toronto News.) Ah Lee is a Chinese cook in one of the Vancouver hotels. Recently the manager of the hotel was summoned to the Police Court on a charge of serving grouse out of season. The chief witness against the manager was the same warden, who alleged he had eaten grouse and made less in the hotel dining-room on October 13th. He knew the taste of grouse. It could never be counterfeited by duck or chicken, and he knew the bird was or was not grouse, and the game warden had eaten grouse out of season. However it had been concocted on the hotel menu under the title of "salmon of salmon."

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CANT HANDLE TRAFFIC. Ten Times More Accommodation Needed at Owen Sound. Toronto, Nov. 7.—The delays in shipping grain from Owen Sound by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and charges of preference by the company for flour and other traffic from points west of Fort William were very fully discussed by the Railway Commission yesterday, with the result that Judge Kilham and Hon. M. E. Bernier agreed that the charges of preference for flour and other through freight had not been established, while Prof. Mills announced that he would require more time to consider the matter before deciding. All three commissioners agreed that a serious shortage of cars had prevailed, causing loss to shippers. The case for the Dominion Millers' Association was presented by Mr. C. B. Watts.

FRIDAY, NOV. 8th, 1907 SHEA'S May Manton Patterns Always Correct All 10c The Store for Thrifty People Ten Days' November Sale of Dress Goods, Linen and Mantle Cloths Dress Goods to Clear Melton Cloths, worth 29c, for 19c Tweed Effect Dress Goods, worth 40c, for 25c Beautiful Ombre Check Dress Goods, in correct shades, 69c value for 29c 44 to 54-in. Tweeds and Worsted Dress Goods, worth 75c to \$1.25, for 48c Beautiful Black and Fancy Dress Goods and Costume Lengths, \$1.25 to \$1.50 value for 75c Mantle Cloths to Clear Mantle Cloths, black and colors, \$3.00 for \$1.50 Mantle Cloths, black and colors, \$2.50 for \$1.25 Mantle Cloths, worth \$1.50 to \$2.00, for 98c Remnants and Useful Lengths of Mantle Cloths, worth \$2.00 and \$2.50, for 75c Table Linens to Clear A Table Linen Sale that should be a big benefit to boarding house and hotel keepers, as well as the thrifty housewife. Table Damask, worth 39c, for 25c Table Damask, worth 50c, for 29c Table Damask, pure flax, worth 65c, for 39c Fine Bleached Damask, worth 65c, for 45c Fine Bleached Damask, worth \$1.00, for 75c A Striking List of Values in Dress Skirts Dress Skirts, worth \$4.00, for \$1.95 Dress Skirts, worth \$5.00, for \$2.95 Dress Skirts, worth \$8.00, for \$4.95 Dress Skirts, worth \$6.00, for \$3.95 A lot of Oddments in Misses' and Women's Jackets, worth \$4.00 to \$7.50, are now on sale for (each) \$1.95