

RAILWAY COMMISSION ENGINEER SAYS CLOSE CLARENCE STREET

Mr. Mountain's Report Received by Mayor Graham—Subways Are Advised for Many Streets—Egerton Street Furnishes a Problem.

A second communication from the board of railway commissioners, suggesting that the time is ripe for reopening negotiations with the Grand Trunk regarding grade separation, was received this morning by Mayor Graham. Attached to the document were the findings of Chief Engineer Mountain, of the railway commission, who recently visited London in connection with the grade question.

After a general summary of crossing conditions in London, Mr. Mountain expressed his opinion that the grade of the tracks might better be left level and the street diverted into adjacent subways at the locations of the present crossings. Burwell and Talbot streets were especially mentioned as adaptable to this form of grade revision.

APPOINT AN ADVISORY BOARD TO HAVE CHARGE OF PARKS

Water Commissioners Have a Scheme in Mind and Will Announce It Shortly.

At the city hall today it was stated that the question of appointing an all-around man to supervise the work of beautifying all London parks and boulevards will be taken up shortly. An advisory board to be composed

of Commissioner John Marr, as chairman, and Messrs. W. W. Gamgane and W. E. Saunders, is to be appointed, and will take up the matter of dealing with improvements to the parks as soon as the city council puts its seal on the change in authority, which was included in the city of London bill.

Mr. W. E. Saunders is a well-known lover of nature, and Mr. W. W. Gamgane, president of the London Horticultural Society.

At Egerton street crossing, where there are from 20 to 30 tracks, the elevation problem was declared out of the question. The only two alternative plans would be the construction of a verandah bridge, an undertaking of considerable magnitude, or the closing of the street.

The street closed, a diagonal highway could be constructed from Egerton street to Rectory, where a subway would carry the traffic under the tracks. In the opinion of Mr. Mountain, all the traffic on these two streets could be easily accommodated by a single subway.

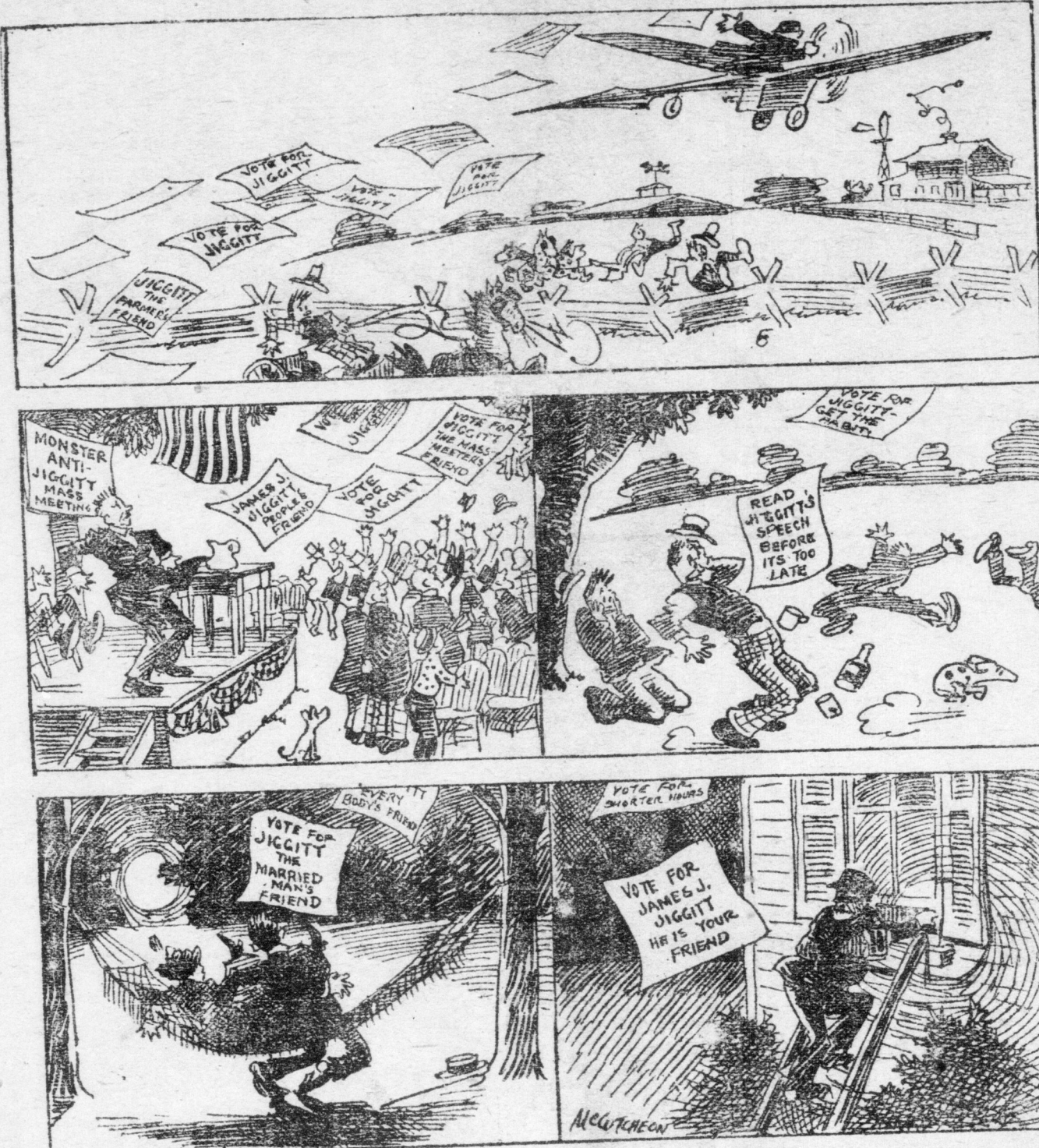
Must Be Subway. "I don't think we will ever get track elevation," said Mayor Graham, in commenting on the report. "It will have to be subways. We have a peculiar condition here in the fact that both the main lines and the switching tracks run directly through the centre of the town. The cost of elevation is therefore greatly increased."

Vice-President Wainwright's statement at Ottawa on Friday that if the Government held up the G. T. R. bill there would be no improvements at London this year, is taken to mean at the city hall that the company has in mind track elevation here at once, subject to the order of the railway commission.

THE AEROPLANE IN POLITICS.

By John T. McCutcheon.

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WEST IS STILL BUYING HORSES

150 Carloads Shipped From Western Ontario in Six Weeks.

PRICES HAVE GONE UP Ten Years Ago \$60 to \$75 Bought a Pretty Good Animal, the Dealers Say.

A railwayman stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that in the last six weeks more than one hundred and fifty carloads of horses have been shipped to the west from Southwestern Ontario, the district for 100 miles around London. Carload after carload has gone, he said, from the northern towns, as buyers have been scouring that district and have purchased many fine animals.

Prices Advance. Local dealers, when seen, stated that there has been a big advance in the prices of all grades of horses. "Animals that we could buy without any trouble ten years ago for from \$60 to \$75, we now have to pay from \$200 to \$225 for," he said, "and they are getting harder to get all the time. I have heard breeders make the prediction that there is no possible chance of horse prices going down any within the next five years. There is a tremendous demand from the west and from the cities, and the number of horse breeders is not anything like keeping pace with it."

TO CRUSH REBELS

Mexican Government Is Preparing for a More Vigorous Campaign.

Washington, March 30.—The Mexican Government is preparing for a formidable campaign against the rebels in Mexico, according to a telegram received here today by one of its representatives from Juan Azcona, the private secretary to President Madero. The message reads: "We are now sending new forces to the north, and you can expect a decisive victory soon. The rebels are almost out of ammunition."

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FINE AND COLD.

Forecast. Toronto, March 30.—8 a.m.

Today—Light winds and fine today.

Sunday—Easterly winds, with about the same temperature.

Temperature.

Following are the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock this morning.

Stations. High. Low. Weather. LONDON 44 19 Clear Victoria 54 36 Clear Calgary 58 12 Clear Winnipeg 28 14 Cloudy Port Arthur 28 19 Clear Parry Sound 28 19 Clear Toronto 47 20 Clear Ottawa 44 12 Clear Montreal 48 16 Clear Quebec 38 12 Clear Father Point 38 12 Clear

Weather Notes. The disturbance which was in the Middle States yesterday has passed very quickly to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and the high area, which was north of Lake Superior, has moved slowly southeastward across the Great Lakes.

The weather continues quite cold in the Western Provinces and has turned somewhat colder in Ontario and Quebec.

Hired Man to Thrash Husband

[Canadian Press.]

Seattle, Wash., March 30.—"Wanted: A man to thrash wife-beater. Ten dollars reward; easy work." In answer to this advertisement eight men applied for the job. One of them, a husky youth, said it would be a pleasure to do the work for \$5. Mrs. Gilles engaged him.

When Robert Bent Gilles, aged 53, formerly a waterfront broker, returned home late in the afternoon, Mrs. Gilles and the youth were waiting for him. Mrs. Gilles telling the story today, said the youth's work was so excellent that she compelled him to take the full \$10 fee.

The couple have been married ten years. Mrs. Gilles had complained to the mayor, chief of police, and prosecuting attorney without satisfactory results, she said.

ICE IN THE RIVER MOVES OUT; DANGER OF FLOOD DECREASED

Slight Jam Reported at Clark's Bridge and North of Blackfriars Bridge.

The ice in the river has disappeared, so far as the city is concerned, and those who have been fearing a flood in the suburbs have had their minds greatly relieved. Yesterday afternoon a break-up occurred on both the north and south branches, and soon there was no more ice down the river. For a while there was a slight jam at Clark's bridge, on Wellington street, but this soon disappeared. Though the ice first gave signs of going away in the afternoon, few people saw it move out, as this occurred sometime during the night. At the Springfield pump-house, it was stated that the river is clear as can be seen both ways. The ice made no trouble at all, Engineer McCormick said, that it was not nearly as thick as had been expected, the thaw of the past week or more having worn it away. About six inches to a foot in thickness appeared to be the rule.

MAY BE SOME ROUGH SAILING BEFORE ARCHITECT IS "FIRED"

No. 1 Committee's Action Regarding A. E. Nutter Must Go to Council.

The finance committee of the council yesterday decided to disburse with the services of City Architect Nutter, following the application of that official that his salary be increased to \$2,000 per year, with the right to accept such remuneration as might be granted him by the school board and other bodies not associated with the council.

Ald. Bennett thought that the city was not in need of the services of an architect, and that a resolution to the effect that the office be abolished, and a bylaw governing it revised to provide for the appointment of a building inspector who need not necessarily be an architect.

Ald. Bennett's resolution, and it will be recommended to the council for adoption. No Reflection. "In taking this step the committee is casting no reflection on Mr. Nutter's ability as an architect," said Mayor Graham. "We are simply dispensing services of a city architect, which we believe to be unnecessary. If the school board or any other body

wish to employ Mr. Nutter's services they are of course free to do so." Ald. Bennett's idea is that the city will save a considerable sum of money by employing a building inspector who can also act as draughtsman. As to architectural work, he believes the city has not enough of this at present to justify the employment of a salaried official.

Mr. Nutter does not seem greatly worried over the action of the committee. He contemplates setting up in business for himself. As to the rumor that he is to be employed by the school board he had no statement to make.

Rough Sailing. Friends of the architect say that the committee will find some rough sailing when their recommendation comes before the council. There is some sympathy for Mr. Nutter, who, it is not denied, has always done his duty.

A PAPER BY MR. KING. Philadelphia, March 30.—The policy of Canada, Great Britain and Germany as compared with that of the United States with reference to industrial combinations, was the main subject of discussion today at the fourth session of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. Among those who prepared papers on the subject were W. L. MacKenzie King, former minister of labor for Canada.

SOFT COAL STRIKE AVERTED; NEW HARD COAL CONFERENCE

Agreement Reached Which Prevents Walk-Out in Bituminous Field, and Anthracite Operators Have Agreed to Reopen Negotiations With Miners.

Cleveland, March 30.—The soft coal miners and operators reached an amicable agreement last night, and differences will be adjusted without a strike.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, March 30.—Another meeting of the anthracite operators and the committee of miners the fate for which may probably be set today, has given rise to hopes that a settlement of wage and other questions will be amicably reached, and that the suspension of work in the hard coal region that commences on April 1, will be of a short duration.

An adjustment of difficulties in the hard coal region was indicated in a statement by a representative of a leading railroad operator who gave the information that the operators were willing to grant a small increase in wages. This declaration in New York was soon followed by a dispatch of a telegram to President Baer, of the Reading Company, at Philadelphia, from Cleveland, signed by the three anthracite district presidents, regarding another conference. President Baer replied that the operators were agreeable to a further conference. Operators here today were unable to say whether the miners would submit a new proposition or not. It was suggested that the first conference might take the form of a general discussion of conditions in the anthracite region and that as a result of that discussion the miners would draft a new set of demands.

The settlement of the difficulties in the bituminous region, it was said here today, will strengthen the position of the hard coal miners in case of a strike, as they would receive financial support from the soft coal men who would be at work.

To Meet April 10.

Philadelphia, March 30.—As the result of telegrams exchanged today between George F. Baer, representing the operators, and John P. White, representing the miners, a conference will be held in this city on April 10 to discuss the demands of the anthracite men for higher wages and better working conditions.

President Baer declined to give out the text of the telegram received last night from the presidents of the three anthracite coal districts, asking if the

MINERS' LEADERS URGE ACCEPTANCE

British Colliers Told Nothing To Be Gained by Remaining Out.

MORE FACTORIES CLOSE

Another Gloomy Week-End for the Industrial Centres of United Kingdom.

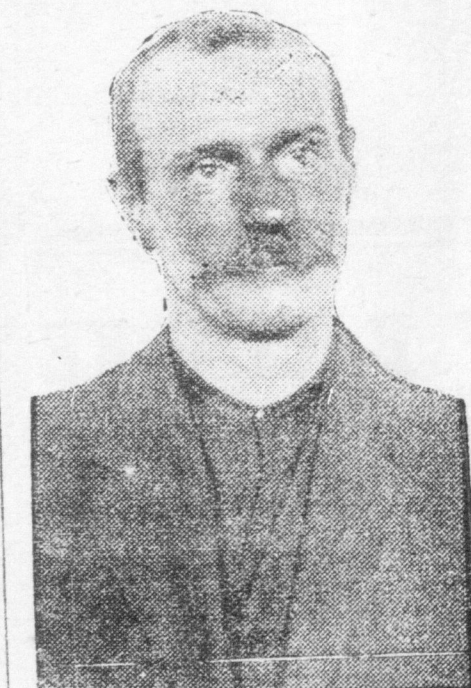
[Canadian Press.]

London, March 30.—Although the first votes taken among the miners of Lancashire on the question: "Are you in favor of resuming work pending the settlement of the minimum rates of wages in the various grades by the district boards to be appointed under the collieries minimum wage act" show that a majority of the men are opposed to returning to work until the district boards have fixed the minimum wages, there are indications throughout the rest of the country which show an increasing desire of the miners to return to the pits.

There is considerable reluctance, however, among the colliers to take any definite steps until the result of the ballot of the whole of the miners, about which there seems to be little doubt, is definitely known. Practical doubt, it is believed, of the men are as to the leaders of the trade unionists back in the mines. Even then, on the part of the leaders must have an effect on the result of the ballot in the collieries, where some of the men are already working, there have been additions to their numbers at almost every shift, and Monday next will probably see all the non-unionists back in the mines. Even then, however, these will be but a small portion of the total of the miners employed in all the coal fields, and the industrial centres will not be able to get the supplies of fuel they so badly require.

There has been today a further closing down of factories, while the public utilities companies and municipalities have been asked to keep their plants going for over a month and are beginning to feel the pinch, and are restricting the supplies of gas and electricity to their consumers. The industrial centres are doing their best to keep the homes of hundreds of thousands of workers, who are now without necessities, supplied with the barest necessities of life.

STEAMERS ARRIVED. Plymouth, March 30.—Arrived: Steamer George Washington, from New York. Southampton, March 30.—Arrived: Steamer Olympic, from New York.



JOHN MURPHY. Alias John Murray, who was arrested by the city police charged with vagrancy and held in connection with the blowings of the safe at the Army police station by George A. Henry, at the Carling street station, after his arrest.

COMMONS PROROGUES EARLY IN THE WEEK

Expected That Parliament Will Be Wound Up on Monday.

[Canadian Press.]

Ottawa, March 30.—Prorogation of Parliament will take place on Monday at 2 o'clock, or possibly at an earlier hour. An all night sitting of the House of Commons, and today is being devoted to concurrence. Many members left for home this morning.

NEW ARMORY FOR GALT.

Galt, March 30.—Galt is to have a new armory. Col. A. L. Oliver, of the Twenty-ninth Regiment, received the news from George H. Clare, M. P. for South Waterloo. Col. Sam. Hughes, the minister of militia, will come here after the session ends, to pick out a site.

SHOT AT PRACTICE.

Niagara Falls, Ont., March 30.—Night Sovolyn, a foreigner, who was shot while at target practice, by Avid Avdisian, is in a serious condition, the hospital surgeons say, from blood-poisoning. Avdisian is being held pending the outcome.

LARGE MAJORITIES VOTING TO RETURN TO THE COLLIERIES

British Miners Overwhelmingly In Favor of Resuming Work.

[Canadian Press.]

London, March 30.—Returns, which have come in today from the scattered coal districts of Great Britain, show that large majorities of the miners desire to resume work.

MANY LONDONERS BUY CARS; A BIG LIST OF NEW ONES

Several Citizens Are Going In for the Larger Types of Motors.

The strongest evidence that the automobile is developing in favor in this part of the country is furnished in a list of some of the new owners obtained by The Advertiser today. Cars of all classes, sizes, styles and prices are coming into London this season, and while a number of the finest motors built in America, the prices ranging up to \$5,000 and more.

The auto has proven its reliability, and the public is now readily convinced that the car is the thing. The

CAPTAIN COLES WILL LOOK AFTER CAMP

Commissariat Department, It Is Said, Will Be in His Charge.

It was stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that Capt. W. Coles, who is an alderman of London, and who last year was quartermaster of the Seventh Regiment and while holding that office looked after commissariat matter very carefully, has been selected to look after the commissariat department of the camp which is to be held next summer for the 10,000 men, who will be housed on the whole force. The commissariat department has been completed on Carling's Heights, and will be the first of its kind ever held in Canada. About 600 members of the various ambulance corps, with their officers and full equipment, will go into training.

MYSTERY BAFFLES WINNIPEG POLICE

Pretty Girl Disappears and the Authorities Fear Foul Play.

[Canadian Press.]

Winnipeg, March 30.—Miss Grace Price, the pretty 18-year-old pianist of the Maryland Methodist Church, has disappeared, and the police at noon admit the mystery is baffling. Yesterday morning she left her home in the centre of the city to pay an electric light bill. She was seen to enter a car, but she never arrived at the power company's office. The girl had no intimates, and was devoted to her mother. She is locally noted as a musician. The police fear she has committed suicide, or is the victim of a serious crime.

BREAD WAS SEIZED.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Sarnia, March 30.—The bread in the wagon of a local baker was seized today, and it is stated that as some of it was found to be under weight a charge will be laid.