TWENTY-MILL RATE AND NO INCREASES.

These Two Points Decided by Aldermen.

1907 Overdraft of \$42, 000 Provided For.

Revenue of \$1,151,400 For the Year.

A tax rate of 20 mills, the same as for the last fifteen years. Provision for the payment of the \$42,000 overdraft contracted last year. Not a salary increase of any kind for any city official.

These three important decisions were arrived at by the aldermanic caucus which discussed civic finances behind closed doors in the Mayor's office yesterday afternoon. The result was a prise to no one.

The city officials who were clamoring for increases long ago lost hope when Mayor Stewart took a firm stand and announced that drastic action was recessary if the tax rate was to remain at twenty mills. It was Mayor Stewart wno proposed cutting out the salary increases and the aldermen fell in line.

There is little danger of the arrange-ments being upset. Nineteen aldermen attended the caucus and it is said they were practically unanimous in endorsing what was done, Ald. Crerar and Ald. A J. Wright were the only ones who show a desire to support any increases ed a desire to support any increases of salary. The former held that some of the officials who were applying were deserving of an increase and should not be expected to work for less than they were worth because the city was in straightened circumstances financially. Some of the Board of Works adde men seade a stiff fight for a larger appropriation for that committee, but it was agreed that the most it could get was \$50,000.

caucus got down to business was pay-ing off last year's overdraft. The ver-dict was unanimous in favor of this. Mayor Stewart then insisted on the cau-

cus deciding what the tax rate should be first, although some of the aldermen favored threshing out the matter of the appropriations first. The vote was likesprioriations first. The vote was like-wise unanimous for keeping the tax rate at twenty mills.

The rest was easy, it was impossible to increase any salaries and pay off the overdraft without increasing the tax rate.

mittee passed a resolution last night that there should be no salary increases

The following resolution was also passed:

"That the Mayor, the chairman, the City Treasurer and City Clerk prepare the estimates on the basis on 20 mills on the dollar, and that the committee meet to consider same and that the committee recommend that the several departments recast their estimates on the amount appropriated and that the expenditure for the year by each department be limited to the amount of the (Continued on page 3.) (Continued on page 3.)

Government Will Not Prevent

have a right to interfere, and, more than improper for us to interfere. I don't

This was the concluding sentence of the reply made yesterday morning by Premier Whitney to a deputation representing the Toronto hotelmen asking that the Government should pass legislation staying the operation of the by-law passed by the City Council reducing the number of licenses until the by-law has been submitted to the electors.

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The deputation was headed by Mr.

James Haverson, K. C.

ularity. All sizes and sh and out of cases, are sold a store, 107 king street east.

Before Their Eyes.

Hotchkiss, Col., Feb. 22.-Insane with rage because his wife objected to his scolding one of their children, I. D. Stoneburner, aged farmer living near this city, last night shot and fatally wounded the woman, and then placed the smoking revolver against his own heart and committed suicide before his little children, seated around the supper table.

MORE TROUBLE

Over the Bogus Story About John Nevills.

Mrs. Rogers, Robert street, went to the police office this morning to enquire if she could get a photograph of the man who was killed near Mimico on the G. T. R. some time ago while he was walking the tracks with James Powers. A local paper was filled up with a tale that the dead man was John Nevills, a local man, and this story has caused a lot of trouble already. People in Cass City, Mich., who had lost a relative of the name of John Nevills, were caused some worry and the latest is Mrs. Rogers. She has friends of the name of Nevills who live in the country. The young man of this family was in this country, and his name was John Nevills. Sie was unable to find him, and was sick with worry and the fright. This week she was able to get news, however, that brought her round. John Nevills, son of her friends, has been living in this country in good health and with a good position. was walking the tracks with James Pow

The police say this bogus identification story is causing them all kinds of trou

GAVE A BANQUET.

Gore Street Church People Had a Pleasant Time.

A unique banquet was held last even ing in the school room of Gore Street Methodist Church, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society. It was tendered by the Canadian Shredded Wheat Company, which supplied the entire bill of pan, which supplied the eftire bill of the church as its preparation. The ladies of the church assisted in serving. About 400 people atsisted in serving atsisted in serving atsisted in serving atsisted in serving atsisted in serving

BOY PERJURED HIMSELF TO

Says He Was Compelled to Lie as He Was

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Eighteen-year-old Jerry M. Vzral, whose testimony more than other persons, served to convict the Bohemian fortuneteller, Herman Billik, of the murder of six members of the Vzral family, has, it is announced today, recanted, and in an affidavit, declares that the testimony was simply perjury.

Billik is under sentence to be hanged, March 20. The Supreme Court has af-



The youthful King and Queen of Spain are now, perhaps, the most charming royal personalities in Europe. This year two interesting events will take place in the life of the latter. In July she expects to become a mother again, and on October 24 she celebrates her majority. She was married at 19, became the mother of the future King of Spain before she was 20. This portrait, which was recently taken by Dalton Kaulak, of Madrid, is a speaking likeness of her

INGERSOLL'S AGENT. WAS FORMERLY

Mr. Geo. H. Holcomb, of Pittsburg, Is In the City To-day.

Mr. George H. Holcomb, of Pittsburg, epresenting Col. Ingersoll, the amuse ent park owner and proprietor, is in the city to-day, registered at the Walthe city to-day, registered at the condorf Hotel. This morning he had a conference with Mr. John Patterson, of the Cataract Co., and Mr. R. A. Robertson, champions of the Military Indoor League, was formed to establish a park at the Beach. Mr. Holcomb said he was anxious to keep the options on the Beach ious to keep the options of the Whola ious to keep the options of the World Mr. A. Robertson, champions of the Military Indoor League, San Francisco, Feb. 22. Harold Machine Mr. John Patterson, of the Cataract Co., and Mr. R. A. Robertson, champions of the Military Indoor League, San Francisco, Feb. 22. Harold Machine Mr. John Patterson, of the Cataract Co., and Mr. R. A. Robertson, champions of the Military Indoor League, San Francisco, Feb. 22. Harold Machine Mr. John Patterson, of the Cataract Co., and Mr. R. A. Robertson, champions of the Military Indoor League, San Francisco, Feb. 22. Harold Machine Mr. John Patterson, of the Military Indoor League, San Francisco, Feb. 22. Harold Machine Mr. John Patterson, of the Military Indoor League, San Francisco, Feb. 22. Harold Machine Mr. John Patterson, of the Military Indoor League, San Francisco, Feb. 22. Harold Machine Mr. John Patterson, of the Military Indoor League, San Francisco, Feb. 22. Harold Machine Mr. John Patterson, of the Military Indoor League, San Francisco, Feb. 22. Harold Machine Mr. John Patterson, of the Military Indoor League, San Francisco, Feb. 22. Harold Machine Mr. John Patterson, of the Military Indoor League, San Francisco, Feb. 22. Harold Machine Mr. John Patterson, of the Military Indoor League, San Francisco, Feb. 22. Harold Machine Mr. John Patterson, of the Military Indoor League, Ind nel's estate is in the hands of a receiver

Bain & Adams' List.

WHITNEY SAYS NO.

Government Will Not Prevent Toronto License Reduction.

Toronto License Reduction.

Toronto, Feb. 22.—"This is not a case in which my collengues and I think we have a right to interfere, and, more than that, we think it would be distinctly improper for us to interfere, and, more than that, we think it would be distinctly improper for us to interfere, and, more than that, we think it would be distinctly improper for us to interfere. I don't think there is anything more to add."

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CONVICT INNOCENT MAN.

Says He Was Compelled to Lie as He Was

Threatened by Officials.

Bain & Adams' List.

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CHIEF OF POLICE.

ALLEGED SWINDLER COLLAPSES WHEN IDENTITY MADE KNOWN.

Charged With Uttering Fictitious Cheques—A Clever Dodge—Adver-tised for Refined Woman— Then

ious to keep the options on the Beach property alive, as well as the whole scheme, till such time as Col. Ingersol's affairs are straightened out. The colopie of Saratoga N N baying filled police of Saratoga, N. Y., having filled that position from 1888 to 1898. He price of the company, and the following programme was contributed:

Speech, Rev. I. Couch, chairman; solo, Miss Dressel; reading, Miss Salisbury; solo, Mr. F. Gayfer; duet, Mrs. Howell: reading, Miss Salisbury; solo, Mr. F. Gayfer; duet, Mrs. Howell and Miss Dressel. Howell and Miss Dressel. Attractive selections on the gramophone were furnished by Mr. J. E. Berryman.

Bain & Adams' List.

Ripe strawberries, rige tomatoes, mushrooms, Boston head lettuce, spinach, rhubarb, cucumbers, radishes, green onions, Bermuda onions, grape fruit, marmaiade oranges, sweet seedless oranges, Malaga grapes, chickens, turkeys, ducks, smelts, haddie, kippers, bloaters, Neufchatel and square cream cheese, Camen bert, English Stilton, Swiss, Raquefort, Limburger, old and mild Canadian cheese, strictive me laid eggs, bacon, hams, cur, the work of the cold-fashioned kind, with a cheese, strictive me laid eggs, bacon, hams, cur, the work of the cold-fashioned kind, with a cheese, strictive me laid eggs, bacon, hams, cur, the work of the cold-fashioned kind, with a cheese, strictive me laid eggs, bacon, hams, cur, the work of the cold-fashioned kind, with a cheese, strictive me laid eggs, bacon, hams, cur, the cold of the cold-fashioned kind, with a cheese, strictive me laid eggs, bacon, hams, cur, the cold of the cold-fashioned kind, with a cheese, strictive me laid eggs, bacon, hams, cur, the cold of the cold-fashioned kind, with a cheese, strictive me laid eggs, bacon, hams, cur, the cold of the cold-fashioned kind, with a cheese, strictive me laid eggs, bacon, hams, cur, the cold of the cold-fashioned kind, with a cheese, strictive me laid eggs, bacon, hams, cur, the cold of the cold-fashioned kind, with a cheese, strictive was laid eggs, bacon, hams, cur, the cold of the cold-fashioned kind, with a cheese, the cold of the cold-fashioned kind, with a cheese, the cold of the cold-fashioned kind, with a cheese cold of the cold-fashioned kind, with a cheese cold of the cold-fashioned kind, with a cheese cold of the cold-fashioned kin Mr. Holcomb evidently had not heard nearly collapsed in court when his former

EIGHT TO DIE.

Turks Raided Village and Captured Ascension Laymen Will Support Armenians.

Tiflis, Feb. 22.-News was received raided the frontier village of Carina, in of the mission movement was held in the Province of Van, Adriatic Turkey, school room last night. Alfred Powis, and captured fifty-one Armenians, whom | chairman of the committee, presided, and they accused of being members of a re-

The despatch says that great exertement prevails in the villages in the vienity of Carina, and that it is feared that the population will rise and interfere with the carrying out of the sentence. The Turks have taken advantage of the situation to push their reinfornearer the frontier.

THE MILK MEN.

EMPLOYEES BANQUETED.

A most enjoyable evening was spent by the employees of the Queen City Oil Co.'s Hamilton branch, who were banqueted by their manager, Mr. E. Healey, at his residence, Herkimer street. After put this residence, Herkimer street. After put this residence, Herkimer street. After put this remainder of the good things provided by the kind hostess, toasts were proposed and responded to in fitting manner, the remainder of the evening being taken up with games and music. The party broke up after thanking the host and hostess for the good time provided.

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The annual banquet of the dueers and dealers of Wentworth win dueers and dealers of W

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

The Times' new story, "Sweet Norine,' is short and sweet.

I suppose we will have another Radial deputation down at Ottawa. Why should St. Catharines butt in?

The Times is essentially a family paper—honest, interesting, truthful and clean. Tell your neighbors.

Is the City Solictor also an alder-Gen. Stoessel made the mistake of not dying in the trenches.

That million dollar technical college Dr. Carr says we are to get would provide employment for idle men were the Government to begin building now.

We are getting along first rate. No body drowned this season yet.

They say that speech of my friend Studholme cost the province \$400-\$100 an hour. That money would have bought dinners for a whole lot of hun-

The Hamilton Herald should quit making an ass of itself gassing about that secret clause sneaked into the street lighting by-law.

There is a feeling coming over me that I can't shake off—that is that Mayor Stewart is not to take that trip around the world if he can get a political nomination instead. His gallery play on the street railway question is designed, to my mind, to make himself solid with the boys. But the people are getting tired of that sort of thing, and he may just be playing into the hands of his enemies.

The question now arises whether Mr. The question now arises whether Mr. Studholme is a professional or an amateur. He made a new amateur record on Monday night in long distance talking, and if he is not a pro. it would be a good act to send him over to the Olympian games the coming summer. The same syndicate that is handling Longboat could take him in hand, and work him out. They say he is a glutton for work.

What makes the License Commissioners mad is to think that the Citizens' eague should think that they need watching.

Desperate as the financial situation of the City Council is, Mayor Stewart still refuses to cough up that extra \$500. They tell me that "Sweet Norine" is

ANCASTER 'PHONES

Small Attendance at the Meeting Last Night.

A public meeting, called for the pur pose of starting a campaign in favor of an independent telephone system in Ancaster Township, was held in the Town Hall at Ancaster last evening, but it was poorly attended. Mr. Fox and another speaker from Toronto were pres ent, and Mr. Fox answered a number of questions. He said he was prepared to install a system that would cost about \$35 a mile, not including wire. The wire he proposed to use would be iron. The telephones would cost subscribers \$15 a

year.

On account of the small attendance no action was taken, but another meeting will be held, when the roads are not blocked by snow drifts.

Caretaker Harry Walls, of the Town Hall, has put in a lot of new chairs, and a piano has been provided, and the hall is now very popular for entertainments. etc.

WILL DOUBLE UP.

Missionary Movemen

A meeting of the laymen of th here yesterday that the Turks recently Church of the Ascension in the interes they accused of being members of a revolutionary society. A court-martial was formed on the spot, and after a speedy trial eight of the men were sentenced to death, and forty-three to life imprisonment.

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FATAL FALL.

London Boy Dies of Injuries in Elevator Accident.

GREAT THINGS ARE WORKING THIS WAY.

Jug Monument.

Columbia, Mo., Feb. 22.-James W. Turner, a hermit farmer, living six miles from here, who had frequently declared he wanted a monument built of whiskey jugs, died last night. On his farm is an abandoned corn crib, which is almost filled with empty whiskey jugs, which Turner is said to have emptied himself during twenty years, and which he saved for his drank not less than a quart of whiskey a day for twenty years. He was 45 years old, and owned a which he lived the life of a hermit. His only companion was a dog.

DOGS DID IT.

Killed a Lot of Chickens In West End.

Constables Savers and Robson arrestd three white bull terriers last night, and conveyed them to the pound. They were caught in the act of worrying some chickens, and are suspected of being the had every reason to hope, and believe, perpetrators of a like deed a little distance from where they were caught. Mrs. Robb, 210 Hess street south, com-Mrs. Robb, 210 Hess street south, complained that her chicken coop had been raided by "three white dogs," who had killed one chicken and injured four more. A short time after this Mrs. Cline, 161 Markland street, stated that three white dogs had entered her chicken coop and killed nine chickens; she caught them doing this just as they were finishing off the last chicken, and locked them in the coop with their ill-gottnegains. The two policemen went up and took charge of the three and took them to the pound, where they are now awaiting an owner. The owner will probably be asked to pay for the chickens and the pound charges.

MACKAYS WIN

What They Payed Dr. Gibson Declared to be Right.

The Divisional Court at Toronto ves erday dismissed the appeal of Dr. Gibson, of Sault Ste, Marie, against the yudgment of Mr. Justice Anglin, reducing the amount of the doctor's bill against R. O. and A. B. Mackay. of Hamilton, the owners of the Golspie, for services rendered to a number of sailors of that unfortunate craft, who were so badly frozen over a year ago on their trip through the woods from the scene of the wreck to the Sault.

HAS ACCEPTED.

Dr. Smith Will Come to Centenary Methodist Church.

ly Official Board of Centenary Church, has received the answer of Rev. J. V.

Harvester Co. Expects Great Increase.

But Cannot Make Announcement Just Yet.

May Capture French Trade for Hamilton. The statement made by Mr. Adam Zimmerman in Parliament at Ottawa

yesterday to the effect that the International Harvester Company, of this city, would reap an immense benefit by reason of the operation of the new treaty with France was the subject of much discussion everywhere in Hamilton today. A few people on the inside had heard of the probable result before, but to the citizens generally the announcenews. Mr Zimmerman, in his speech at Ottawa, placed the increase of business to the Harvester Company at probably

\$2,000,000 a year. Interviewed by the Times this morning the officials of the Harvester Company intimated that, while Mr. Zimmerman's statement somewhat surprised them, they that what he said would be found to be true. They were surprised because Mr. Zimmerman had had no conversation

Zimmerman had had no conversation with them on the subject.

"We are not in a position to say just now what it will mean to us," the Times was told, "but it is working out, and we expect to capture for the Hamilton works a large-trade that we have never before enjoyed, and which will necessitate extension of the works and give employment to a largely increased staff. It will take time to work out, but the prospects are very bright."

FOUR DAYS LEFT.

Empire Limerick Competition Closes Next Tuesday.

The Empire Limerick competition loses next Tuesday, and great interest has been worked up in this "test of skill." The limerick appears on anskill." The limerick appears on another page of this paper, and it is not too late to send in your answer, which may take one of the valuable prizes. Buy a package of Empire tea, coffee, jelly powder, baking powder or any of the other first class Empire articles, fill in the limerick and enclose a label from the Empire package, tin or bottle, and mail at once to "Empire department, P. O. drawer 290, Hamilton." Seventy-five dollars will be distributed in prizes and this is a rare chance to make money. Send in your limerick to-day.

FRENCH TRAITOR.

Toulon, Feb. 22.—Charles B. Ullmo, an ensign in the French navy, has been found guilty by a court-martial of a meeting to sell naval secrets to a foreign power, and sentenced to life imprisonment in a fortress and to be degraded from his rank.

\$100 FOR A NAME.

has received the answer of Rev. J. V. Smith, D. D., of Toronto, to the invitation extended to him by the board to become pastor of the church upon the conclusion of Rev. R. Whiting's term, in June, 1909. Dr. Smith accepts, subject, of course, to the action of the transfer and stationing committee of the church.

Canon Almon Abbott, M. A., will preach at the evening service at Christ's Church Cathedral to-morrow.

ABOLISH WEIGH SCALES AND APPOINT INSPECTOR.

Aldermen Favor This Course--- Anvil Chorn at City Hall To-day.

depression. Most of those who had applied to have their pay envelopes fattened looked like the chief mourners at a funeral, and some of them had things to say about the Mayor and allows. to say about the Mayor and aldermen expecting them to pay off the over-draft that would have made the ears London, Ont., Feb. 22.—(Special)—
Wilbur Reid, 16 years old, employed at the stationery factory of George M. Reid, died this morning as a result of falling four storeys with the elevator last night. His skull was fractured, and he was internally injured.

Here of that would have made the ears draft that would have made the ears of the civic statesmen tingle. Alderman Farmer moved the resolution last night at the Finance Committee that there should be no salary increases, and they declared they were quite prepared to take served than other persons, served to convict the Bohemian fortuncteller, Herman Billik, of the murber of six members of the Verzal family, has, it is amounced to day, recarted, and in an affaidavit, declares that the testimony was simply perjury.

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