

C. N. R. HAS FILED PLANS.

City Wants Swing Bridge Over Desjardins Canal.

Fifty New Arc Lamps For the New Annex District.

Beams Pieced Together Caused Dock to Collapse.

The Canadian Northern Railway has filed plans for the entrance of its road into Hamilton. That was the information City Engineer Macallum received from an authoritative source last night.

Nearly all the City Hall officials and aldermen of the Harbor Committee, which had charge of the work at the city dock when it was being re-built, have been summoned to appear at the inquest to-night into the death of Leo Barry, who was killed last Saturday by the collapse of a portion of the structure.

The \$1,200 salary attached to the controllers seems to be a very powerful magnet for all those who aspire to municipal honors, and the greatest difficulty is being experienced all over the city to get men to run for aldermen.

The Fire and Water Committee tomorrow night will make temporary provision for fire protection for the east end mountain top people.

It is believed that the action of the sub-committee in recommending that township people, west of Garth street, be permitted to send their children to the city schools for \$1 per family per month will be endorsed by the Board of Education in view of the fact that the territory will likely be annexed shortly.

The city now has 750 arc lamps installed under the Cataract contract. At the Board of Works meeting to-night a plan will be submitted for installing fifty arc lamps in the new annex district.

The sub-committee appointed to revise the building-by-law is meeting this afternoon.

John F. Shuart was granted a permit today for a brick house on Bold street, between Bay and Caroline streets, 40 cost \$4,000.

A. L. McAllister, of Toronto, who will report on the new Erie-Ontario canal route for Hamilton, arrived here this morning and will begin work at once.

Ald. Ryan was acting Mayor to-day.

CORTO FREE.

Judge Convinced That He Did Not Steal Money.

John Corto was tried in the Criminal Court before Judge Snider this morning on a charge of stealing \$100 from Mrs. Mary Ann Taglerino.

Mrs. Taglerino said Corto had visited one of her boarders named Rafoni. Not long after Corto had gone upstairs to Rafoni's room she had occasion to go upstairs, and as she did so Corto stepped out of her room. She asked him what he was doing, and he only replied that it was a nice room. Not long afterward she went back and discovered that \$100 she had hidden in a trunk was gone.

Rafoni, the boarder, said he heard Mrs. Taglerino ask Corto what he was doing in her room.

His Honor said he did not think Corto took the money, and dismissed the case.

Through his counsel, G. S. Kerr, L. Franks asked that the time for his appearance be extended until February 15, of appeal, and had not been heard. His Honor extended the time until February 15.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables.

TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

Blackhanders Coming

Geneva, Dec. 7.—The police today confirmed the report of a wholesale exodus of members of the Black Hand, who mean to find a new field of operation in America. It developed also that no less than sixty of the characters, of whom forty have been expelled from Switzerland, are making their way by circuitous routes to the United States.

These men were formerly part of the gang of 2,000 Italians employed in the construction of the Loetschberg tunnel through the Bernese Alps. This scene of industry became a hotbed of Black Handers, forty of whom are now in custody there awaiting trial on charges of blackmail, assault and murder.

A HOT TILT IN COUNCIL.

Councillors Hills and Binkley Went at it Vigorously.

Over Settlement of Suits Against County.

Judge Snider Arbitrator Over Beach Tax Trouble.

At this morning's session of the County Council some of the Councillors had some lively tilts, in which charges were made of the Legislative Committee having been improperly formed, as some of the townships were not represented, while others had more than one representative. Councillor Binkley and Councillor Hills were the main participants, but the air was finally cleared to the satisfaction of both.

The report of the Legislative Committee showed the settlements which had been made in the damage actions against the county, and the different steps that had been taken to recover the Beach taxes. The Beach Commissioners had requested the committee to leave the matter of the taxes for 1907 to Judge Snider as sole arbitrator, but the committee went one better and passed the following resolution:

"That the question of Beach taxes for 1907 and 1908 be left to Judge Snider as sole arbitrator, and if the Beach Commissioners do not agree to it, Solicitor Council be instructed to collect it through the courts."

Councillor Binkley challenged the right of the committee to make damage settlements when only a few of the townships were represented on the committee. He did not think the members of the committee had earned their money.

Councillor Hills said he was surprised that Councillor Binkley should speak as he did, as the question had been dealt with fairly by the committee.

"Councillor Binkley is impertinent to stand up and speak against the committee before such an intelligent Council. I remind Mr. Binkley he was a member of the caucus which drafted the committee," said Mr. Hills.

"No, no!" broke in Councillor Binkley. "You know it is perfectly a, b, c, practical politics, and, Mr. Binkley, you are a past master in that art. The committee has done its very best, and no intelligent person in the county of Wentworth will regret the settlements the committee has made," concluded Mr. Hills.

Councillor Milne did not see how a protest could be made against the committee, as the Council had approved of all the committees.

Councillor Binkley, in reply to Mr. Hills, said: "I would like to reply to Mr. Hills who charges me with impertinence, but he failed to give one word of information. As far as the objection goes, I have no fault to find with them, as I believe they have done their best, but in the cases of damages taken up by the committee, I claim they exceeded their powers for they had no more power to act in such a way than the other committees. It is all very well for Mr. Hills to get up and make such charges, but he must have something to back them up. I claim I have the right at any time, to raise objections. I wasn't impertinent to him and I throw it back in his face. As far as the formation of the committee is concerned, I voted against it and I think the statements of Mr. Hills should be retracted by him. I think in the damage cases they didn't earn their fees. I think they made a mistake. Still I'd be willing to say they

A SCARE.

Visitor Left Valuables on Street Car Yesterday.

A Mr. Booth, who is visiting friends on Aberdeen avenue, from Northern Ontario, had a trying experience yesterday. When he got on a street car he had a grip, which contained, besides two valuable pieces of gold ore, some important papers relating to mining stock, etc. He valued the contents of the bag at several thousand dollars. When he got off the car, at the corner of Herkimer and Locke streets, he left the bag behind. Post haste he went to the City Hall police office and reported his trouble. He was assured his valuables would turn up again. They did, for a man in the car knew where the visitor was staying and knowing the bag belonged to him, obligingly took it to the house.

PRESIDENT TAFT'S MESSAGE.

He Does Not Expect a Tariff War With Canada—Other Negotiations With Great Britain and Dominion.

Washington, Dec. 7.—It was expected that to-day's session in both Houses of Congress would be devoted almost exclusively to the reading of the President's message, which it had been known for some days would be forwarded to-day.

President Taft's first annual message to Congress was read in the House of Representatives and the Senate at noon to-day.

THE MESSAGE.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—President Taft to-day sent his first annual message to Congress. The Anti-Trust and Inter-State Commerce laws are not dealt with at this time, the President stating that he preferred to embody them in a special message, and would avail himself of the first opportunity to bring these subjects to the attention of Congress. In the interest of immediate economy and because of the prospect of a deficit, the President says he has required a reduction in the estimates of the war department for the coming fiscal year, which brings the total estimates down to an amount forty-five millions less than the corresponding estimates for last year, and that he has directed the curtailment of recommendations for naval appropriations so that they are thirty-eight millions less than the corresponding estimates of last year.

Regarding the Nicaragua situation and the execution of two Americans by order of President Zelaya, the United States Government, at the date when this message is printed, "is proceeding with deliberate circumspection to determine the exact truth in relation to these reports, and upon the course in the premises most consistent with its dignity, its duty to American interests and its moral obligations to Central America and to civilization." The American claim of Alsop & Company against the Government of Chile, which the governments of the United States and Chile have agreed to submit to King Edward for mediation, is touched upon, and among the other subjects referred to by the President are the fisheries conventions between Great Britain, Canada and the United States; the treaty concerning the Canadian international boundary; and the settlement of other international affairs between Canada and the United States; protection of seals; the tariff act; international maritime law; pan-American conference; Monroe doctrine; the Far East; reor-



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ganization of the Department of State; Government expenditures and revenues; expedition in legal procedure; injunctions without notice; ship subsidy; Alaska; conservation of national resources; and the white slave trade. In conclusion, the President says, "Generally speaking, the country is in a high state of prosperity, and there is every reason to believe that we are on the eve of a substantial business expansion."

Pursuant to the provisions of the general treaty of arbitration concluded between the United States and Great

Britain, April 4, 1908, a special agreement was entered into between the two countries on January 27, 1909, for the submission of questions relating to the fisheries on the North Atlantic coast to a tribunal to be formed from members of the permanent court of arbitration at The Hague.

The treaty between the United States and Great Britain concerning the Canadian international boundary, concluded April 11, 1908, authorizes the appointment of two commissioners to define

KILLED HER.

Detroit Woman Murdered in a Doorway Last Night.

Husband Dying From Self-Inflicted Wounds.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 7.—Mrs. Frank M. Dickerson, aged 49 years, was found stabbed to death last night in the doorway of a combined store and flat building at 494 Baker street, and her husband, charged with her death, is in Grace Hospital, probably dying from self-inflicted knife wounds. About four months ago Mrs. Dickerson left her husband on account of his alleged cruelty, and secured employment in a bakery at a Baker street address. Late last night a neighbor returning home discovered the woman's body in the doorway. She had been stabbed twice in the neck and once in the breast. Later the police found Dickerson in bed at his home. According to the police he had stabbed himself in the abdomen and also swallowed carbolic acid. The officers say that he admitted killing his wife.

Now, girls, you must turn in and help mother. There is a lot of work that must be done before Christmas.

The longer you put off your purchases the harder the job will be.

New story soon.

The Mayor, I suppose, can stand opposition, but it would be funny if he didn't get a second term.

The farmers say that the high level bridge is a bad place to be on in a high wind. They generally have a high old time.

But the City Hall reporters are not particular as to where they get the news so long as they get it. But all the same I wouldn't like to see myself contradicted by my own clerks in the public press.

Venus has been so brilliant the last week or two that I sometimes thought it was one of the Cataract's new electric lights. No, I haven't tasted a drop.

If plays such as that at the G. O. H. last evening were more common, there would be less said against the stage by the church.

DR. TOVELL

Will Return to Trinity Church, Toronto, Next June.

The quarterly board of Trinity Methodist Church, Toronto, has extended to Rev. Dr. Tovell an invitation to become the associated pastor along with Dr. Cleaver, of their church. As this is one of the largest and most promising fields of labor, and was a former charge of Dr. Tovell's the invitation is likely to be accepted.

Dr. Tovell has been at Central (West) Church for four years next June, and was pastor of First Methodist Church for a full period of a few years ago.

PICTURES OF INDIA.

Mr. D. McKee, missionary from India on furlough, and a former resident of this city and teacher in First Methodist Sunday school, gave an illustrated lecture last evening under the auspices of the missionary section of First Church Federation. There was a good attendance. Rev. E. B. Laneley presided. The pictures shown were excellent.

Elastic Stockings.

Kneecaps, anklets, leggings, etc. We always keep a complete and fresh stock of these goods on hand. They will be found much more effective and far handier than the roller bandage for varicose veins, sprains and wherever a tight bandage is required. Special orders made up at short notice.—Parke & Parke.

Not So Sick.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 7.—Alarming reports concerning the condition of the Empress originate daily in irresponsible sources. There is no truth whatever in these exaggerations. It is well known that the Empress has suffered for two years from the effects of a nervous breakdown and inflammation of the veins of the lower limbs. However, there has been no marked change in her condition, which is in no sense critical.

Telegrams received daily from Livadia show that the Empress is attending the usual dinners and ceremonies of the season. The royal family is expected here about Dec. 12.

RACY STORY IN OLD COURT.

Freeman Case Had Flavor of Divorce Proceedings.

Fine of \$10 on Man Who Sold Gun to Boy.

Defendant Did Not Appear in Non-Support Case.

In Police Court this morning some evidence submitted in a case in which Charles Freeman sought to secure the annulment of an order made about six years ago to pay his wife a weekly sum after separation, had a divorce court flavor. The ground taken by Freeman in support of his application was the alleged questionable conduct of his wife since the separation.

Freeman said he had, on different occasions, seen his wife, who is a cripple, out driving with a man named Sullivan. He had also, he swore, seen the two together in a room on King street, she encircled by the said Sullivan's arms in an apparent fond embrace. On another occasion the two had occupied one chair on a certain veranda.

J. G. Gauld, for complainant, called Morris Walters, and he swore that about three months ago he delivered a trunk to Mrs. Freeman's house, 28 Park street south, and it was taken in and paid for by Sullivan.

Owing to the absence of witnesses Mr. Gauld asked for an adjournment till Saturday, which was granted, in spite of objection taken by G. W. Bell, who appeared for Mrs. Freeman.

Bullets fell fast on Saturday in the district around the foot of Bay street. One witness said so close did they come that he could hear them hum. Little children who were playing on doorsteps and in front of houses in that district were hastily taken inside, said witnesses.

When several residents felt safe behind barred doors, they peered out, and what they saw was two boys firing with rifles. One boy was Thomas Dunkerby, 77 Ferrie street; the other unknown.

Telephone complaints were hurried over the wires to Chief Smith, and P. C.'s Cameron and Barrett were despatched to find out who the local William Tells were. Dunkerby said he was merely having a little target practise, as he is in the 91st Highlanders, and has aspirations. The officers said some living objects had been shot, namely, three sparrows.

One woman said her boy had a fortunate escape from being riddled with bullets.

The strength of the rifle was tested in No. 3 police station back yard, and the bullet went through a plank. Dunkerby's desire to be a good marksman cost him \$10, with the further displeasure of having his shooting piece confiscated.

John Wright, 45 King William street, sold an antiquated rifle to a youth of 14 years. The sale price was 75 cents, but the profit was taken off that this morning when Mr. Wright was fined \$10 for selling a firearm to a minor. Mr. Wright explained that he thought the boy was one who had called with a man just a short time before.

Joseph Miller, 130 Park street north, will have one more chance to send his boy to school, failing, the boy will be sent away to a house of correction, as he, Mr. Miller, said he has thrashed his boy, but the youngster has a love for the country and goes away for days.

Anthony Krismiski, 76 Locomotive street, was down for non-support of his wife. He did not appear, and the case stands.

The Police Court proceedings would lack completeness without a Mulholland. This morning William of that ilk carried evidence of a recent battle, for there was a sore looking abrasion over his right eye. Mr. Mulholland was asked to pay \$2 for being drunk.

Two Hundred Pairs.

Plump pigeons, at 30c the pair; nothing nicer than pigeon pot pie; nothing cheaper; don't delay ordering, as they won't last long. We are as busy as bees filling orders for raisins, currants, peels, etc. Store open evenings for the convenience of those who cannot find it convenient to shop during the day.—Bain & Adams.

JAGGARD-PORTER.

A quiet wedding took place at the parsonage of First Methodist Church at 9 o'clock last evening, when the pastor, Rev. E. B. Laneley, united Mr. David Russell Jaggard and Miss Edith Evelyn Porter, both of Sidney, Muskoka. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. Fenton. Mr. and Mrs. Jaggard will live in Muskoka.

WOULD CLIP THEIR WINGS.

Attempt to Curtail Freedom of Reporters.

Censorship Over City Hall News Is Established.

A Move That Does Not Tend to Inspire Confidence.

The last hope of the reporters that their freedom in gathering news in the City Hall was not to be curtailed perished this morning, when City Engineer Macallum set forth the policy of his department. Reporters hereafter are not to cross the sacred threshold of the general office or of the secretary of the department. If they wish to see the officials there they must interview them before Mr. Macallum or his subordinates at the counter of the general office. Even then the engineer intimated that there was little chance of them getting any news. The inference was that they had been forbidden to talk. Mr. Macallum denied this, although he admitted that the clerks might read between the lines. "If they give out anything that they should not there will be trouble," he added.

The rule he explained, as put into force when he first arrived on the job. If it was never explained to the press and no attempt was made to enforce it until certain reports appeared in the papers, that did not meet with the approval of some of the aldermen. Of course, this may only be a co-incident. Mr. Macallum declared to-day that some of the clerks complained about being annoyed by reporters. Every day in the two departments, without exception, positively denied making any complaints.

This is the first time an attempt has ever been made by the powers that be to choke off information in the City Hall, and it is likely to prove about as successful as a similar effort made two or three years ago, when any person in another civic department was threatened with dismissal if found talking to a reporter. That rule was a dead letter from the first. The censorship proved a failure, and it is safe to say that the censoring of city hall news will be a joke before the end of the week.

The ratifiers who, according to the best information obtainable, own the City Hall and employ the City Engineer and other people who work there, are entitled to know everything that is going on in the building, and as usual the newspapers will supply them with the information in spite of the censorship.

Efforts to bottle up news in any of the civic departments do not tend to inspire confidence any more than secret meetings of committees.

It is only fair to the Board of Works secretary to explain that he is in no way responsible for the censorship.

GHRISTMAS RUSH OF MAIL.

Postmaster Adam Brown Has Things In Good Shape For It.

Postmaster Adam Brown and the sub-postmasters of the various departments at the post-office are making preparations for the handling of an extra large amount of business during the holiday season. No time is being lost in completing the arrangements as the usual December rush is about due to begin.

Christmas is no holiday for these civic servants—it is their busy season. On December 20 the extra help, always secured at this time of the year, will be engaged. It is the intention to engage eleven men this year, who, with the forty-nine regular carriers, and the large number of clerks inside, are expected to fill all requirements. These men will be retained until December 31st. Some extra teams will also help in the work. There will be two extra clerks in the vestibule of the post-office, who will have charge of the weighing, and it is the wish of the postal authorities that the senders of parcels will have them weighed by these clerks so as to prevent delay in the purchasing of stamps.

The fact that mail is posted at different times to different places, lightens the work of sending, but with the receiving it is different. Everyone wishes their parcels to arrive on December 24th, if possible. And so into the office comes mail from British Columbia, from India, from the British Isles, from China, and from nearby stations in Ontario at the same time. This makes the rush in the post office as all this mail has to be sorted and delivered in a few hours.

Already Christmas mail has been sent to China and other far-off countries, and those wishing to remember their friends in the Old Country have until Thursday, December 9 in which to send parcels. The Christmas letter mail closes on Tuesday, the 14th.

STRIKE BREAKERS.

Three carloads of strike breakers passed through this city early this morning, bound from Buffalo to Chicago. There were about 175 in the party and all were said to be men with more or less railroad experience. They go west to work on the railways while the strike is on. They did not stop in the city at all.

A Smoker's Christmas Gift.

A genuine Calabash pipe is the best Christmas present for a smoker. South African Calabash pipes of the first quality, with amber mouthpieces, in handsome cases, are sold at peace's pipe store, 107 King street east.

BROKE HER ARM.

Little Frances Cooper, the four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Cooper, tripped on a high joint in the cement walk on King street yesterday and, in the fall, broke both bones of her right arm between the wrist and elbow.