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## Hon. Adam Beck Announces Plans to Prevent Breakdown in Hydro System

Fire in Montreal Causes \$250,000 Damage—Highways Bill Will Be Revised—Diaz Plot Fails in Mexico—Unrest in India

### MONTREAL FIRE LOSS QUARTER OF MILLION

Flames Broke Out in Clothing Factory, Deaf and Dumb Institute and Waterfront Warehouse Within Hour Sunday Morning—No Lives Were Lost.

MONTREAL, Feb. 1.—(Can. Press)—Three fires that broke out within an hour this morning kept Montreal firefighters on the jump a large part of the day, and did damage of about \$250,000. The most serious was that which destroyed the premises used by the Merchants' Clothing Company and other firms at 26 West Notre Dame street, in the heart of the downtown business district.

About the same time in the forenoon the Deaf and Dumb Institute, in the north end of the city, was in flames, and then another occurred in the Canadian Pacific Atlantic Line shed on King Edward pier.

Three workmen on the third floor of the downtown building when the fire broke out were unable to say how the fire started. They escaped over the roof to an adjoining building.

Where Loss Was Heavy.  
The loss is estimated at about \$200,000. The building in which the fire originated, with the stock and machinery of the Merchants' Clothing Company, as well as the stocks of S. A. Desjardins and Samuel May & Co., adjoining, are a total loss.

The fire at the Deaf and Dumb Institute lasted for a couple of hours. The occupants were got out safely, and without much excitement, but the damage to the building was about \$20,000.

The blaze on the river front was confined to the grain elevator of the C.P.R. Atlantic Line, between fifty and sixty feet of the conveyors being badly damaged.

### BEACHEY INJURED WHEN AEROPLANE STRUCK TREE

Mishap to Propeller Caused Accident—Aviator Narrowly Escaped Death.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31.—(Can. Press)—Lincoln Beachey was severely injured late today. The propeller of his biplane flew to pieces while the aviator was flying at an altitude of about 300 feet. He started to veer, but fouled a tall tree. The machine alighted on its rudder. This broke the fall and probably saved Beachey's life. He emerged from the wreckage with a cut face and severely bruised about the legs and body, but was able to walk.

### BORN IN A HOUSE AT YONGE-RICHMOND

John Lowther, for Thirty Years Weight Inspector in Toronto, Died on Sunday.

The death occurred yesterday of John Lowther, who seventy-nine years ago was born in a house on the corner of Richmond and Yonge street, the site on which now stands the Robert Simpson Co. store. His death took place at the residence of his son-in-law, Arthur W. Williams, 107 Glen road, manager of the Bell Electric Co.

### HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER WAS CRIPPLED

Two Cables Were Broken Twenty-Five Miles From Niagara Falls by Wind and Sleet, and for Six Hours Toronto and Western Ontario Towns and Cities Were Partly in Darkness.

Under the stress of a driving hurricane of wind and sleet, two hydro-electric cables parted 25 miles from Niagara Falls on Saturday and plunged the streets of Toronto in darkness for six hours. As soon as the break occurred, the emergency gang of repair men started out to find it, and were successful in repairing the break after several hours of grueling work. The task of fixing it was made the more difficult by the terrific gale which was blowing at the rate of 55 miles an hour, and which swept the two broken cables over others strung on the towers.

F. A. Gaby, chief engineer of the Hydro-Electric Commission, stated last night that this was the first time in three years and a half of operation that such a serious break had occurred, and that it could not be determined whether it was due to flaws in the cables or to the force of the storm. Several of the local theatres found themselves with no lights when the time came for their performances to begin. At both the Alexandra and Princess, connections with the Toronto Electric Light Company's system were made and their curtains went up a few minutes after 9 o'clock. Gas was used to illuminate both houses while the audience were being seated. The street lights did not come into commission until shortly after 2 a.m., and hundreds of stores and residences had to use the gas for the whole evening.

### HIGHWAYS BILL MAY BE SENT TO SENATE

Clamor for Good Roads Has Awakened Both Parties and Reintroduction of Measure Would Probably Result in Its Passage—Compromise is Suggested.

OTTAWA, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—There is said to be some difference of opinion among supporters of the government as to the wisdom of dropping the highways bill. Undoubtedly the Liberals suffered under the oft-repeated charge that the senate had prevented a generous appropriation for the improvement of the highways throughout the Dominion. The Liberal speakers found it difficult to arouse much interest in or sympathy with the constitutional point involved in the dispute between the two houses. The ordinary farmer with a bad piece of road between him and his market only knew that the senate had killed the highways bill.

So unpopular did the senate's action prove to be that the Liberal politicians would have insisted upon the highways bill being concurred in had it been reintroduced and passed by the house at this session of parliament, and they were frankly disconcerted by the official announcement that no such measure would be sent to the senate.

Conservatives Uneasy.  
But now it is said that many Conservative members fear that it is not good politics for the house to do nothing. They say that the bill should be again sent to the senate if it passes. They argue that the government will get the credit, and if it is again thrown out by the upper chamber the Liberals will be in the hole deeper than ever. Some of them even go so far as to say that it would be better to distribute a big vote for better roads among the provinces on a per capita basis than not appropriate any money at all.

The suggestion by Mr. Rainville, government member for Chambly and Verchères, that an appropriation for the improvement of highways be incorporated in the supply bill without delaying matters by insisting upon any particular legislation has been received with considerable favor, and there is no doubt that pressure will be brought upon the government to move at this session in the direction of better roads without regard to what position the senate may take on the subject.

### THE Hero of the Sinking of the Monroe— Wireless Operator F. J. Kuehne, Who Gave His Life to Save a Woman.



### Wireless Operator Gave Life To Save a Woman Passenger

The heroism and death of Chief Wireless Operator Kuehne was described to President Walker by Captain Johnson of the Monroe in the following words:  
"Kuehne was standing by lifeboat No. 3," said Captain Johnson, "and was about to leave the sinking ship. He had a life preserver on. I saw him in the preserver, place it about the waist of a woman, and after seeing her safely away, miss his footing and fall overboard. He swam for a while in the cold, troubled waters, but before we could reach him he sank and was gone. He had stuck to the last."

### CIVIC SURVEY REPORT WRONG

Mayor Hocken Says Arrangements Were Made With T. E. L. Co. for Emergency Connection.

When The World called up Mayor Hocken last night to inquire if the suspension of hydro-electric power on Saturday night had caused any delay or inconvenience to any of the civic authorities which use it, his worship called attention to a mistake in the recent civic survey report which found fault with the combined use of hydro power and steam power in the water works department, the latter being connected up only during "peak-load" hours. The experts of the bureau of municipal research contended that the use of the steam necessitated waste as it meant that the water works boilers had to be kept under pressure continuously for only partial use during each day.

The experts further declared that a connection should be made with some other power system, preferably that of the Toronto Electric Light Company, and expressed surprise that such an arrangement had not been made.

Mayor Hocken stated last night that an understanding was made with the Toronto Electric Light Company last summer covering this very contingency and that The Telegram had criticised him severely for being a party to it.

"We can connect the water works pumping engines with the Toronto Electric Light system in from fifteen to twenty minutes," said his worship, "and Mr. Fleming stipulated that we could use his power only in cases of emergency."

### FIVE SAVED BY HEROIC OFFICER

Blew Whistle Until Breath Failed, Then Dropped Dead—Nineteen on German Barque Perished.

FALMOUTH, Eng., Feb. 1.—(Can. Press.)—Capt. Lorenz, the first officer, and 17 of the crew of the German barque Hera, from Pissagay, Chile, for Falmouth, lost their lives today when the vessel striking a rock as she had almost concluded her voyage. The remaining five men were saved through the gallantry of the first officer, who, realizing his own end, was near, handed his whistle to a comrade with orders to blow it.

This attracted the attention of the crew of a lifeboat, who rescued the men from the rigging.

The Hera encountered a gale at the entrance to the English channel. She lost her course and struck on the rocks near Pissagay. The vessel immediately lifted and the men took to the boats, which capsized. Eight succeeded in getting back to the ship, but three of them were washed off before the lifeboat arrived. The first officer, who was lashed to the rigging, blew his whistle until the rising tide had almost engulfed him. Then he passed it over with the remark: "Here, chum, you can do better with that than I can," and fell back dead.

### GALT MERCHANTS USED LAMPS AND CANDLES

Hydro Power Off Nearly Seven Hours on Saturday Night.

GALT, Feb. 1.—(Can. Press.)—Galt suffered somewhat by the break in the hydro power system last evening. The power was off here from 6.35 p.m. until 1.05 a.m. today. The merchants were the greatest sufferers in Galt and although some were fortunate in still having gas on their premises, others were forced to resort to the use of old-fashioned lamps and candles for illumination.

### HYDRO COMMISSION TO BUILD NEW LINE FROM THE FALLS TO END ALL WIRE TROUBLES

Duplicate Transmission Cables of Reinforced Steel and Aluminum Will Be Carried to Dundas Six Miles Shorter Than Present Line, and Eventually Will Be Carried All Thru the System, When All Wire Troubles Will End.

Special to The Toronto World.  
LONDON, Ont., Feb. 1.—Announcement was made here by the Hon. Adam Beck, late tonight, that in a few days work will commence on a scheme which will make a repetition of Saturday night's breakdown on the hydro system out of the question. Hydro engineers have surveyed a new line from Niagara Falls to Dundas, which will be six miles shorter than the existing power line, and work on this will commence at an early date. Two cables of aluminum wire, reinforced with steel, will be strung on the new line. It is the intention to carry this new steel-reinforced cable all thru the hydro service. With the completion of the new cables over the new right-of-way, a repetition of Saturday's breakdown will not occur, and all trouble will be ended.

### CANADA'S PROBLEMS MUCH LIKE THOSE OF UNCLE SAM

Detectives to Testify  
QUEBEC, Feb. 1.—(Can. Press.)—The detectives who are to give evidence in the Montreal Mall charges against certain members of the Quebec Legislature, will be present at the investigation tomorrow. The illness of Mr. Mousassa, which is reported from Montreal, will not interfere with the investigation.

Taft Points Out Dominion's Advantage Thru Experience of United States in Meeting Strains to Which the Political and Social Structure is Subjected—Danger of Plutocracy.

### FRANCE PLANS TO EQUIP BIG AERIAL WAR FLEET

Every Part of Country Will Be Made Known to Navigators.

PARIS, Jan. 31.—(Can. Press.)—The national subscription for the French aerial war fleet amounts to \$1,200,000, according to announcement made by Senator Raymond, president of the national aviation committee at a fete at the Sorbonne today, presided over by M. Poincare, president of the republic. The lists are now closed and the fund, Senator Raymond added, would enable the committee to present to the army 210 aeroplanes, pay for the training of 75 expert pilots and erect 70 aeroplane sheds at ports of call. It is intended to establish a complete system of military air ports throughout the country so that military aeroplanes pilots will be able to acquire an intimate knowledge of every part of France, without ever being out of reach of shelter and needful supplies.

(Special to The Toronto World)  
OTTAWA, Feb. 1.—Speaking before the Canadian Club here on Saturday evening, William H. Taft, spoke reminiscences of the growth of Canada and the "United States," and explained the problems that have confronted the American people and those with which the Canadians have had to deal.  
"No one," he said, "who has the responsibility of government, and who has been really interested in the subject matter of his work, comes into another country without instituting comparison and looking for parallels and contrasts. Your conditions are in many respects quite different from ours. Your problems in the past have been less like ours than they are likely to be in the future. And yet even in the past we have had many things in common. We are the older country, in sense of an older development and expansion. You have had before" (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

### HINDUS URGING MOHAMMEDANS TO BREAK WITH BRITISH RULE

Alarming State of Affairs in India Revealed in Letter to Baptist Mission Board—Native Regiments at Burisal Involved in Plot.

Critical conditions in India are disclosed in a letter received by the Baptist mission board from Rev. R. E. Smith, Canadian missionary at Coonabad. While stating that "unrest and discontent are not excessively evident," he quotes two incidents to show that "all is not smooth sailing." One was "the recent unparliamentary system of an extensive plot to corrupt the native regiments in the army, and so bring about the overthrow of the British Raj."

The other is in the declaration that "the Hindu leaders have patiently and insidiously tried to estrange the Mohammedans from their loyalty to the British government." Rev. Mr. Smith says that a number of events have helped this effort of the Hindus which have led to "clashes between the government and the Mohammedans, such as the demolition of a mosque."

"Mohammedans as a body have not yet declared themselves in sympathy with the political aspirations of the Hindu, but a very large section of the Mohammedans have come out in favor of the idea of throwing in their lot with the Hindus."  
Rev. Dr. Brown, secretary of the Baptist mission board, calls the foregoing letter "a revelation."

### CAB WAS HIT BY MOTOR CAR

Mrs. P. W. Ellis and Party Had Narrow Escape When Their Hack Was Overturned.

In the darkness occasioned by the absence of hydro-electric power on Saturday night, a motor car speeding down Church street struck and overturned a hack containing Mrs. P. W. Ellis, her daughter and two friends. The vehicle turned completely over, but fortunately neither Mrs. Ellis nor any of her party were injured, and they continued their journey to the theatre in another cab which was sent to the scene by the Townsend Livery. The auto struck the rear wheels of the cab, which had not cleared the car tracks as it crossed Isabella street, and Driver Glen was thrown to the ground. The tongue of the hack was broken off. Glen, assisted by two Everist of the Yorkville firehall, ran for the assistance of the ladies and opened the door, thru which they were able to emerge. The number of the motor car was taken, but Mr. Townsend had mislaid it last night.



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