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IS ALL VERY MUCH TANGLED

Crossing Question Further Confused By Incomprehensible Communication From Railway Commission

WORK IS SUSPENDED UNTIL WRITTEN ORDER IS RECEIVED

Ald. Hughes Blocks Purchase Of Library Site. More Charges Of Graft

The various communications received from the railway commission on the Teah street crossing dispute have left the city council in a greater muddle than ever. The latest communication is a telegram in reply to a query by City Clerk Brown. The first part of the telegram confirms the order, but does not state which order it confirms. The second part of the telegram states definitely that the street railway must cross at Thirteenth street, which appears to be quite plain. At a special meeting held yesterday afternoon the city council decided, on a motion by Alderman Hughes and Alderman Coleman, to suspend the construction of the street railway along College avenue and Thirteenth street, pending the receipt of a written order stating definitely and finally what was the decision of the commission.

The Library Site.

When the street railway crossing was first discussed, the city council took up the question of the purchase of the Parker terrace property on Seventh street. At a previous council meeting this property had been recommended by the library committee and approved by the council. The by-law came before the special meeting yesterday. Alderman Hughes objected to the by-law being passed at that time owing to certain rumors which he declared were in circulation that Mayor Fleming was receiving a commission on the sale of this property to the city. A number of aldermen expressed the same opinion. Mr. McKee, the owner of the property, spoke and stated that the property was being sold to the city for less than any man in the city could buy it.

Gave an Option.

He had given the mayor an option on the property a year ago for \$12,500, and when the option expired a short time ago, he refused to place it on the market at less than \$15,000. The mayor had pressed him to let the city have it for the same price he had been willing to take a year ago and he had refused. Alderman Hughes moved that the committee of the council, instead of recommending the passing of the by-law, report progress and ask leave to sit again. The motion carried. Alderman Hughes, Curran, Koester, Geddings and McMahon voting for it, and Alderman Coleman, O'Hara and Clarke against it. Mayor Fleming having vacated it in anticipation of the personal question which entered the discussion. He did not vote on the question at all.

Postpone Action.

The result of the passing of the motion will be that the purchase of a library site is postponed until the new council sits in January. Alderman Koester moved that the aldermen for the year 1912 be paid the sum of \$300 for their services. The mayor ruled the motion out of order. On motion of Alderman Hughes and Coleman a telegram will be sent to the Dominion Securities of Toronto asking them to re-submit their offer for waterworks bonds and asking them if they object to the city negotiating with other firms for the sale of bonds.

Promised Protection.

The reason for the latter request was that some six months ago the city had promised the Dominion Securities protection in that they would not throw other bonds on the market in competition with those which had been sold to them. This protection was to last five months. It expired a month ago. Alderman Hughes stated that the Imperial bank, he understood, was going to make an offer for these waterworks on Tuesday. The meeting then adjourned after the aldermen retiring from the council had made short speeches. Alderman Hughes congratulated the mayor on the efficient manner in which he had presided over the meetings of the council. He also congratulated the other members of the council on their work.

OPENING OF CURLING RINK MARKED BY ENTHUSIASM

Club Decides To Throw Rink Open To Visitors On New Year's Day—Three Sheets of Ice Available.

The members of the Brandon Curling Club evinced great interest in the opening of the new temporary curling rink last night, when many games were played on the three sheets of ice which were then available for use. The club will be "at home" to all curlers in the city to-morrow, New Year's Day, at 10 a.m., 2, and 7 p.m. Games will be played at these hours, and all non-members are invited to be present, and if possible to take a hand in the games.

DISTRICT HOCKEY LEAGUE ORGANISED LAST NIGHT

Wawanesa, Hartney, and Brandon Will Have Team in Compact League.

What is apparently the best that will be provided in hockey for this district this winter will be by the three team district league comprising Brandon, Wawanesa and Hartney, which drew up their season's schedule at the Empire Hotel last night.

The games to come off in Brandon will be played in the Caledonian rink, the same as last year, and as the players will include the best talent that the district can provide, some excellent exhibitions of the game may be expected. The schedule arranged is as follows: January 6, Hartney at Wawanesa; January 10, Wawanesa at Brandon; January 14, Brandon at Hartney; January 21, Wawanesa at Hartney; January 27, Hartney at Brandon; February 7, Brandon at Wawanesa; February 11, Wawanesa at Hartney; February 18, Brandon at Hartney; February 26, Wawanesa at Hartney; February 28, Hartney at Brandon; March 4, Brandon at Wawanesa.

Was Buried With His Faithful Dog

Noted Character In England Makes Provision That His Ashes Be Not Disturbed

London, Dec. 31.—The Will was proved yesterday of James Griffith Dearden, who directed that his ashes be buried at the grave of his dog. Mr. Dearden, who was 72 years old, was a descendant of the Lord of the Manor of Rochdale and former High Sheriff of Northants. Mr. Dearden directed that if his burial were disturbed or removed within one hundred years, £2,500 be given to Standard Insurance, Mr. Dearden left a total estate of over \$100,000.

MAJOR FEUCHEN PROMOTED.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 31.—Word has been received from the Military Department Ottawa, of the promotion of Major Arthur Feuchen, to Lieutenant Colonel.

Standard Oil Is Richer Than Ever

Ex-subsidiary Companies Are Earning 100 Per Cent More Than The Old Oil Trust

New York, Dec. 31.—That the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and the 33 corporations that formerly were its subsidiaries have made in the past year from 50 to 100 per cent more money than the old Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, the old oil trust, ever made in its most prosperous years, became generally known in Wall street today. There have been most sensational advances in oil stock prices since the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey has advanced 100 points and the New Jersey company has shown an increase of 30 points.

A "TOM BROWN SCHOOL DAYS" CHARACTER IS DEAD.

London, Dec. 31.—John George Holloway, who was at rugby with Tom Hughes, and figures in "Tom Brown's School Days," died at Worthing yesterday in his ninetieth year. Holloway was one of the seconds in the famous fight between "Tom Brown" and "Sluggo" Williams.

C.N. Is Now Near City Of Calgary

Canadian Northern Line Has Only Two Bridges To Build To Reach City Limits

Calgary, Alta., Dec. 31.—The puffing of C.N.R. construction engines and the hammering of iron sledges on steel may now be heard within eight miles of the Calgary city limits. Further west a steel laying gang is at work and the head of the steel rails have reached within half a mile of Lake Chestermore. There will be two more steel bridges to construct between the lake and Calgary. The one now being constructed will be the largest. Next summer three trestles will be replaced by concrete piers, and steel girders. The longest trestle now being completed spans an irrigation ditch about 100 feet wide. The two remaining ditches to be crossed are about 60 feet wide. When the three are built the steel can be laid right into the city of Calgary with no further difficulty. The arrival of the C.N.R. should take place in January. But for the bridges the line would be in the city in five days.

STEAD SPEAKS FROM GRAVE

Daughter Of Famous Journalist And Spiritualist Says She Has Received Many Messages

SAYS HE IS WORKING IN SPIRIT WORLD FOR PEACE

His Last Message Was That The Turk Has Not Yet Left Europe

London, Dec. 31.—Miss Estelle W. Stead, daughter of the late William Stead, who perished in the Titanic disaster, declares that she has received many spirit messages from her father within the last few weeks. "My father tells me," Miss Stead said today, "that he is working where he is now, just as he always worked here, for world peace. Being untrammelled by the physical body, and at liberty to go here, there and everywhere at will, he is working and influencing for peace by impression. His last message to me was, 'There is heavy work in front. Do not imagine that the Turk has left Europe yet.'"

Sang At Asylum And Hospital

St. Matthew's Church Choir Delighted Patients At Institutions With Fine Rendering Of Carols

Last night the choir of St. Matthew's church visited the hospital and the asylum, giving concerts at both places during the evening. They went to the hospital at 7:30 o'clock, singing eight carols, and then to the asylum, where they were greeted by the patients, who expressed the hope that they would come again. They arrived at the asylum shortly before nine o'clock, rendering about dozen carols, while there the inmates of the asylum were highly pleased with the entertainment. The solo parts in the carols were taken by Miss Higgins, Miss Pincus, Mrs. Lisle, Messrs. T. J. Lewis, Walter and Ernest Hicks, F. Saunders and D. Wilmont. Miss Pincus sang "Sleep Holy Babe," Messrs. R. J. Johnson, T. W. Downing and J. Forman also sang solos. The concerts were much appreciated by the patients who hope they will receive another visit of this sort.

Largest Apartment House In World

Toronto Capitalists To Erect Ten Story Apartment Block Costing \$2,000,000

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 31.—A ten story apartment house to contain 3,000 rooms and to cost \$2,000,000, will be built in Toronto. The apartment will be the largest in the world, and will be started within a year by local capitalists on a site already purchased near Spadina and College.

ALL IS NOW READY FOR FIREMAN'S ANNUAL BALL

Popular Annual Event To Be Held This Evening In Auditorium of City Hall

Preparations for the Fireman's Ball which is to be held to-night in the auditorium of the city hall have been completed. Arrangements have been busily engaged decorating the hall to-day and when it has been completed there is no doubt it will be beautiful. Bunting of all kinds has been used lavishly and the room will be brilliantly lighted with many colored lights. A large number of invitations have been issued and it is anticipated that the floor will be comfortably filled. Music will be furnished by a full orchestra.

MISS VIOLET ASQUITH MAY VISIT DOMINION

New York, Dec. 31.—Miss Violet Asquith, daughter of the British Premier, who is now in New York at the Fifth avenue residence of Mr. Henry Phillips, this morning stated that she hopes very much to be able to pay a visit to Canada before returning home. But she is not certain yet whether he plans will permit it. If it can possibly be arranged she will come.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

The Daily News desires to extend to all its readers good wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

DYNAMITE CONSPIRACY JUDGMENT IS FEEBLE

London, Dec. 31.—Commenting upon the sentences of the Labor dynamites in the United States, the "Standard" this morning says: "We see with amazement a gang of flagrant malefactors subject to no more severe punishment than seven years' imprisonment for one, six years for eight, and the majority for shorter terms."

Brandon College Opens Thursday

To Have Enrolment Of 300. Many Improvements To Building And Additions To Staff

The classes at Brandon College open on Thursday with an enrolment of over 300 students. Some alterations have been made on the building itself so that when the class rooms are thrown open they will present an entirely new appearance. A number of new teachers have been added to the staff. They are E. W. Parsons, who recently took his Ph. D. degree at Chicago University with highest honor; he will assist in the theological and arts department; C. W. New, M.A., who will take over the work in history, and Prof. W. K. Miller, who will carry on the work formerly conducted by Prof. Armstrong who has lately moved to Moose Jaw.

AUSTRALIA WILL HAVE A WELL EQUIPPED TEAM.

Melbourne, Victoria, Dec. 31.—To compete in the next rifle shooting competition at Bisley, an Australian team of riflemen is being selected. The Government is taking an interest in the actual shooting, and has granted \$10,000 towards the expenses in connection with the trip.

To Merge C.N.W. And C.N. Telegraphs

Election Of Z. A. Lash C.N. Director To Presidency Of G.N.W. Gives Currency To Rumor

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 31.—The election of Z. A. Lash, K. C., a Canadian Northern Railway director to the presidency of the great Northwest Telegraph Company, has given currency to a rumor that the G.N.W. will soon be absorbed by the C.N.R. Telegraph lines, which now do a large business in the West. The report is that as soon as the C.N.R. lines are linked up west of Winnipeg the merger will go through.

BIG PICTURE PORTRAYS CITY'S BUSINESS CENTRE

Will Be Exhibited in a Rosser Avenue Store, and Later in Winnipeg Industrial Hall.

"A bit of business" if the title of a magnificent enlargement of a photo of the business section of the city were set in the office of the Commercial Bureau, which will be placed on exhibition at one of the stores on Rosser avenue in a day or two. The picture is 8 ft. x 3 ft. 6 in., and was enlarged in Brandon by the firm of Gowan and Davidson. It is intended to locate it in the Brandon booth of the Winnipeg Industrial hall.

Street Cars in Violent Collision

Passengers Had Miraculous Escape From Death. Seventeen Were Injured

Sydney, N.S.W., Dec. 31.—Two crowded street cars came in violent collision today, the passengers having a most marvellous escape. A car standing in Elizabeth street suddenly ran backwards down a crossing street, gaining terrific speed. Crossing Castle and Pitt streets it smashed into an oncoming car loaded with passengers. The motorman was powerless to gain control as the brakes refused to act. Seventeen passengers were injured and both street cars were smashed. In view of the dense crowd that was in the street at the time it is marvellous that no one was killed.

The annual New Year's Day shoot of all the city corps will take place in the Armoury tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

PROPOSAL WAS NOT DISCUSSED

Allies Insist Suggestion To Submit Terms To Powers Must Be In Writing

TURKISH PRESS ADOPTS A CONCILIATORY TONE

Greeks Suffer Severely In Naval Battle With Turks Near Isle Of Lemnos

London, Dec. 31.—There was an informal conference of the Turkish and Balkan delegates today, although the peace negotiations were in adjournment until tomorrow afternoon. It was said that the opponents were no nearer an agreement than when they first met. Today's talk dealt with Reschad Pasha's guarded proposal for Ambassadorial mediation. Balkan delegates refused to discuss such a proposal unless it was formally presented in writing, and it was said that this might be done at tomorrow's meeting of the conference.

The Probable Basis.

Constantinople, Dec. 31.—The belief is growing stronger here that peace will be concluded on the basis of the retention by Turkey of a portion of Thrace, the allies foregoing an indemnity and several of the Aegean islands. Likewise, if the police are on to their job and grab all the canines without tags there will doubtless be an equally exciting time in the police court next day. Preparations are being made by every dog owner in the city to have his animal entered in the dog races to-morrow. It looks to-day as though there would be more canines competing than ever before, even in the old days when farmers for miles around brought their dogs to town to run.

Naval Battle.

London, Dec. 31.—A naval battle between Turkish and Greek forces ended today off the island of Lemnos in which the Greeks all suffered severely, according to a news agency dispatch received here today from Constantinople.

Reschad's Instructions.

Constantinople, Dec. 31.—The instructions which were sent to Reschad Pasha to be presented at yesterday's session of the Peace Conference in London, and which the head of the Ottoman delegates represented were in part undecipherable, were to propose the submission of all matters at issue between Turkey and the Balkan States to the decision of the powers, with the exception of the questions of the future possession of the Adriatic and the Aegean. The official view is that this proposal of the Porte affords the most practical, and at the same time the most expeditious means of reaching a solution of all difficulties.

Insists on Sovereign Rights.

So far as the Adrianople Vilayet is concerned the Turkish Government insists upon the absolute maintenance of its sovereign rights. With this exception the Porte is ready to place itself unreservedly in the hands of the powers for the settlement of all matters affecting the political organizations of Albania and Macedonia, the limits of the new frontiers and the question of the Cretan islands. The Turkish contention is that the powers in any case eventually must supervise whatever arrangements are made, and the conflicting interests of the allies are calculated to cause indefinite delay and possible disagreements. Therefore the project of placing the case immediately in the hands of the power is likely to put an end more quickly to the present equivocal situation.

Got Away With \$14,500 From Bank

Bank Robbers Made Complete "Get Away" With Money From Bank Of New South Wales

Sydney, N.S.W., Dec. 31.—Burglars last night entered the premises of the Bank of New South Wales, at Surrey Hills, and got away with \$14,500, chiefly in gold and silver. The loot weighed several hundred weight, and must have taken two men to carry it away.

The affair is shrouded in mystery, and except for the fact that the strong room door was exposed to the public for several weeks, while the building was being occupied, and that burglars then tampered with the locks, no clue has been discovered to show how the thieves managed to open the door. The police consider that an expert gang has been on the job, with previous experience in the United States.

NO PAPER TOMORROW.

In view of the fact that to-morrow will be New Year's Day and a public holiday there will be no issue of The Daily News.

WILL HAND SHOPS OVER WHEN AGREEMENT SIGNED

Transcontinental Shops Should be Handed Over to G. T. F. Shortly After New Year.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Duncan MacPherson, assistant to Chairman Leonard of the Transcontinental Commission, stated this morning as a certainty that the transcontinental shops were to be handed over to the Grand Trunk Pacific, as soon as the agreement had been executed, while with respect to which Sir William Whyte is to arbitrate as to the terms of lease etc.

Mr. MacPherson stated that he had reason to believe that this agreement had been executed on Saturday last by the Minister of Railways, the Chairman of the commission and the Grand Trunk Pacific officials at Montreal, and that it was probable that the shops would be handed over at the earliest possible date. It was stated that the handing over of the shops might be postponed until after New Year's Day.

Great Interest In Annual Dog Races

Record Number Of Entries At Popular Annual Event Held New Year's Day

If the number of dog fights which will occur on New Year's Day equals the number of prizes which are to be distributed among the prize-winners in the annual dog races, there is bound to be an exciting time on Rosser Avenue. Likewise, if the police are on to their job and grab all the canines without tags there will doubtless be an equally exciting time in the police court next day. Preparations are being made by every dog owner in the city to have his animal entered in the dog races to-morrow. It looks to-day as though there would be more canines competing than ever before, even in the old days when farmers for miles around brought their dogs to town to run.

Hundreds of dogs will race: poodles, terriers, spaniels, St. Bernards, hounds, and mongrels will be in the races. Boys and girls and men will be the drivers. The races start shortly after ten o'clock to-morrow morning, and continue until four o'clock.

Prepare for Active Work

Newly Organized St. John's Ambulance Association Preparing For Active Work

A branch of the St. John's Ambulance Association having been formed in the city, the hearty co-operation of every citizen interested in the work of rendering first aid to the injured is earnestly solicited to make the undertaking a success. Already the support of the Hon. G. R. Caldwell, Hon. J. A. M. Atkins, K.C., M.P., Lieutenant Col. Clark, treasurer, Mayor Fleming and others, has been given to the association and with the assistance of Chief Berry and Chief Melhuish it is hoped to have classes formed in a very short time among the police and firemen respectively. Any organizations desiring of forming classes can receive all information and assistance on making applications to the secretary, Dr. Templeton, 315 Twelfth street, or to Arthur Howell, Assistant Secretary, 825 Eighth street. This is a work that appeals to all true citizens who are desirous of rendering first aid to the injured in times of accident and may be the means more of saving life as has often been the case. It is hoped to add many more influential citizens to the list of patrons in the near future.

CLAY PRODUCTS CONCERN WOULD LOCATE IN CITY

Commercial Bureau Seeks Samples of Suitable Clay to be Found in District

The Commissioner of the Commercial Bureau has received a letter from the manager of an Eastern Canadian Company, that manufactures clay products, including sewer pipes and connections, culvert pipes, lime linings, stove linings, fire bricks, locomotive blocks, gully traps, range bricks, hollow vitrified building blocks, cupola linings and wall coping, in which he says that if suitable clay could be found around Brandon they might locate a branch here. He says: "All the pottery clays are full of alkali and won't stand the heat we require nor take salt glaze." A communication from another source asks if there is good pottery clay near Brandon. If anyone near Brandon has clay which he thinks would be suitable for manufacturing purposes he should send samples of it to the Commissioner of the Brandon Commercial Bureau who will arrange to have it tested.

ALL READY FOR BIG GATHERING

Interesting Program Has Been Prepared For Grain Growers Annual Convention

WILL OPEN WEDNESDAY IN BRANDON CITY HALL

Directors Have Arranged To Hold Big Banquet On Thursday Evening

The tenth annual convention of the Grain Growers' Association of Manitoba will open in Brandon city hall Wednesday, January 8th. A large attendance is expected from every part of the province, and a number of interesting discussions will take place. The organization of a woman's auxiliary is one of the questions which will be taken up, while other matters to be considered will be the sample market, the grading of wheat, direct legislation, enlarged markets, and lower tariffs. The convention will open for the registration of members on Wednesday morning at 9:30 and Thursday will start at 10:30.

President's Address.

The president of the association, R. C. Henderson, will deliver his address, and reports will be presented by the various committee and directors. In the evening an address will be delivered on "Political Equality and Women's Auxiliary organization," by Mrs. Thomas or Mrs. Nellie McClung. A separate meeting will be held on Thursday morning for the purpose of forming a Woman's Auxiliary. An address will also be given by the Rev. A. G. Sinclair on "Some Principles of Serious Problems." On Thursday the convention will take up the question of a sample market and the grading of wheat.

Wheat Grading.

"Mr. Massie, of the Grain Growers' Grain Company," will speak and lead a round table discussion on wheat grading, and he will also give a demonstration of testing wheat for moisture, which will draw of great interest to the grain growers.

In the afternoon the election of officers will be held and there will be a discussion on the British preference, enlarged markets and lower tariffs.

Co-operative Buying.

On Friday F. A. Cramer, president of the Grain Growers' Grain Company, will give an address on "Co-operative Buying," and F. J. Dixon will speak on direct legislation and the single tax. It is the intention of the directors to hold a Grain Growers' banquet on Thursday evening, at which representatives of other interests will speak. The toast list will be an exhaustive one and will include the city council, the boards of trade, commercial and manufacturing, agriculture and sister organizations. It is expected that the representatives of the transportation companies will also be present. Among those who will speak will be delegates from the Trades and Labor council.

Money to Burn In New Year

New York Herald Makes This Prediction. Financial Situation In England

New York, Dec. 31.—The Herald says unless all precedents fail, the New Year will bring relaxation of the strain on credits abroad and there will be money to burn at this centre.

The British Outlook.

London, Dec. 31.—The international situation is such in view of the probable renewal of the Balkan War, that the London papers show an extreme hesitancy in predicting the financial outlook for the coming year. Nearly all confine themselves to reviewing the last year, and emphasize the conclusion to be drawn that great caution is necessary in financial affairs. The Financial News says: "When the political conditions in the Balkans are again normal, the powers which have built up heavy liabilities of a temporary character to provide the shewers of war, will doubtless bestir themselves to place their liabilities on a permanent basis, and this and a large number of other loans and new companies are known to be in preparation to accomplish the liquidation of heavy indebtedness to the banks estimated at nearly \$125,000,000, contracted with nearly \$10,000,000, at this time last year. This will prevent ease or anything like it in the money market for some time."

FAMOUS SHEFFIELD CHOR.

IN VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.

London, Dec. 31.—Dr. Coward's Sheffield choir, which twice toured Canada, is appearing at the Coliseum, the largest vaudeville house in London. This is an innovation at a Vaudeville house which has been very warmly welcomed.