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MAYOR HOCKEN AND THE PEOPLE.

It appears that Mayor Hocken may have to fight for his succession to the mayoralty. Ald. McBrien and Ald. Burgess have signified their intention to divide the honors of defeat with Mr. Birks, who is running on principle, quite unsupported by interest.

It should be quite clear at the outset that the issue of the election is Mayor Hocken's public career. The Telegram, which bears him a twenty years' grudge, because he then exposed its present editor, has taken a vow to eat no meat and drink no drink until Mayor Hocken's public life is ended. The Assassins have been in business since the eleventh century as visitors to "Omar" this week will remember. The principle is the same however the methods differ.

For various reasons The Telegram has been able to line up a number of members of the city council against Mayor Hocken's policy, and in several cases this attitude has been adopted by the aldermen, not from any hostility to Mayor Hocken, but from a misunderstanding of his position. The Telegram realizes that Mayor Hocken's proposals are so good that if they ever get before the people he will be quite clearly the biggest man in Toronto. The Telegram will therefore move heaven and earth to prevent the agreement being drawn up, to prevent it going before Hon. Adam Beck and the Ontario commission; to prevent it being passed on by the city council, and to prevent the people getting a chance to vote on it. It is difficult to believe that the ten aldermen who voted against submitting the agreement to the people, have not yet seen the agreement. Yet such is the case. The Telegram held the strings. They had to vote against an agreement they have not even seen.

A great deal has been made of the price asked for the clean-up of the city—$30,000,000. How many of these ten aldermen, or including Ald. McBride eleven—understand that the citizens must pay out $72,000,000 to the Street Railway Company in the next eight years whether they purchase the railway or not? All that Mayor Hocken proposes is that the city make an advance payment and take over the property. Yet he is not tied up to that, and is willing to accept any solution of the traffic problem.

Everyone on the council knows that Mayor Hocken is absolutely honest, straight and unpurchasable. Only The Telegram is capable of even suggesting that Mayor Hocken is not one of the straightest men in Toronto.

The attack is not only on Mayor Hocken, but on every man who has supported him or his policy, and especially on Controller McCarthy, who has been such a tower of strength to the Hocken administration.

The whole story is familiar to those who follow city hall history, but every ratepayer in Toronto should know how the mayor and Controller McCarthy have handled the finances of the city since they took control fifteen months ago. Some aldermen are scared at the $22,000,000 asked for the street railway. Is it generally realized that Mayor Hocken has handled $26,000,000 of debentures since he came into office. There were $18,000,000 of "undigested securities" in the city treasury when he and Controller McCarthy took hold. There was no money. The city pay rolls were on the point of being suspended. Last January another $13,000,000 were issued. And the city today is doing business like a bank. The Telegram is trying to convince its readers that Mayor Hocken could not finance the purchase he proposes. It was The Telegram who said the city could not pay $200,000 for the Queen-Bay-Richmond-James street square, for the corners of which the city is now paying $600,000. What The Telegram knows about finance is a poor guide to aldermanic capacity.

The issue is whether The Telegram can destroy an honest mayor like Horatio Hocken, and put one of its own tools in his place. In another way it is The Telegram or the people. Mayor Hocken has been for the people ever since he came into public life, and he will never be for anything else, if his record is a standard. The Telegram is out against the people, while professing to be their friend; out against labor, while professing to be its friend; out against public ownership, while professing to be its friend; out against the progress of Toronto, while supporting every measure that would circumscribe and limit its growth—except one, the development of the Humber Valley estates. This is the platform The Telegram will support with Ald. McBrien or Ald. Burgess as its representative.

The people cannot fail to see the reluctance of The Telegram to leave anything to popular judgment, especially in connection with the strap-hanging proposals. But Mayor Hocken will be sustained, and the board of control should be such a one as will give him support in bringing before the people the measure that is being prepared for their judgment. Controller McCarthy should have such men as Messrs. Joseph Thompson and James Simpson to assist him in his reorganization work and other policies and in holding up the hands of Mayor Hocken.

CONTROLLER FOSTER.

Controller Foster is as stingy of the truth as he is reported to be in other directions. He tried to convey the impression and said in so many words that The World, having failed to receive business accommodation from him, had gone to the railway company for the same, and at the same time published the story of his lot assessed at fifty cents a foot. Controller Foster is certainly some prevaricator. He knows he has had no business dealings with The World for two years, and he is aware that all the terms of his dealing with The World were on exactly similar terms to his similar dealings with other newspapers. There was no question of railway purchase two years ago, and we do not suppose that even Controller Foster will say that he was ever constrained by The World on the Bloor street viaduct issue or on any other question to take The World's view. The World has over and over again laid down the principle that it is no part of the duty of a newspaper to make up the aldermen's minds for them. When Controller Foster announced his platform The World was able to say whether it agreed or not, but no alderman in the council can say that The World exercises the third degree and black hand methods which The Telegram is seeking to impose upon the city's representatives.

Two years ago we gave Controller Foster a qualified support, partly based on his platform of economy. But several things developed in the course of the year. Controller Foster's picnic began to appear in its true light. It had been regarded by The World as an innocent and generous tribute on the part of a very wealthy man to the children of the city. But The World learned that Controller Foster was all the time relying on the street railway company, and on the ferry company and on we know not what other companies for the cheap treat with which he expected, not so much to afford pleasure to the children, as to catch the votes of their parents. We said nothing about it at the time, for The World has no jealous eye, but we can all imagine what The Telegram would say had Controller McCarthy sponged on the street railway company for free rides for a picnic.

Whether The Telegram was aware of Controller Foster's obligation to the street railway company and the ferry company, we can only guess, but The Telegram evidently makes it a practice to get strings on the men in council, and to pull them when it thinks necessary. At any rate, it got a string on Controller Foster. Perhaps is was thru the sanitation department.

The big issue of the city council in the latter part of last year was the vacancy in the corporation counselship. The World was convinced that Mayor Geary was the last man in the city who should have been chosen for the position. All it had to say about Mayor Geary was said openly in the paper. The World did no lobbying, and Controller Foster was never asked by The World what his views were. There was no need, for Controller Foster stated them publicly and without reservation. If there was not a man left in council to oppose the appointment of Mayor Geary but himself, Controller Foster was resolved to continue to oppose it. The World actually counted on Controller Foster's possession of some principle at this time, in spite of the picnics, and in spite of his desire to be known as the "watchdog of the treasury," and in spite of some unsavory stories about the condition of his tenants' houses; and we believed that he was not to be changed in his opposition to the Geary appointment. Up till the last moment he stood out, the only obstacle between Mayor Geary and his $8000 a year job. Ten minutes before the vote was taken Controller Foster was called up on the telephone, and after a conversation thereat with The Telegram, he came back, recanted all he had fought for during the year, and voted for the Geary job.

After that The World has had no use for Controller Foster. No wonder he would like to be relieved of the odium of that ratting. No wonder he would like to conceal the fact that The Telegram has a string or strings on him. No wonder that he would like people to think that The World fell out with him over a business deal, but he knows there is no truth in this, and that our relations ended with him when he voted Mayor Geary into the position of corporation counsel. Controller Foster denies the story that he went around the city a year ago bragging that he could buy The World any day. He couldn't, and he didn't. Perhaps he got The Telegram.

Controller Foster would like to cloud the facts about his lots on Marjory street, but they cannot be hid. Property for which he has refused $20,000 or more is assessed at fifty cents a foot. And he declares now that if there has been a mistake made some of the assessment officials should be dismissed!

Controller Foster is certainly a nice old party.

FACING THE THIRD DEGREE.

Ald. Burgess was seized with the mayoralty bug and had himself nominated yesterday. The Telegram seized Ald. McBrien with the mayoralty bug and had him nominated yesterday.

Ald. Burgess acted in good faith and with all the xylocephalous honesty of which he is possessed. He did not know about Freddy, and apparently The Telegram did not know about Ald. Burgess' mayoralty bug, or perhaps they thought that he did not look as swift as the three-year-old.

At any rate Ald. Burgess was put thru the third degree in order to convince him that he was too dark a horse altogether for the mayoralty race. It was Ald. McBrien who was to be the banner-bearer of the Melinda street stable. The fact is that Ald. Burgess could not be pulled. He is too hard in the mouth and would take the bit in his teeth, while Freddy would eat out of the owner's hand. Hocken would not bear pulling either. He runs straight and won't stand for any jockeying.

There was a great pretence last night in The Telegram of considering whether Ald. McBrien or Ald. Burgess "could be more useful to the anti-purchase as an aldermanic candidate." It is refreshing to get the truth baldly stated in this way by The Telegram. Will Ald. Burgess "be more useful to the anti-purchase" Telegram than Ald. McBrien? Ald. Burgess does not know, but he does know something of the methods of the men with whom he must now realize he has to deal. Mr. Burgess is not a brilliant man or he would not be bamboozled with the absurd arguments he used on Monday night. But he is not unprincipled, and we shall be surprised if he submits to the domination of a newspaper whose only aim is not so much to defeat the railway purchase proposals as to defeat Mayor Hocken, turn out the men who support him, and elect enough men to re-establish its influence in the city hall.

Ald. McBrien would lend himself to that plan of campaign. He has already started on a career of nepotism, and thus given a hostage to The Telegram, which does not want any man elected to the city council on whom it does not hold some string.

NO STRING ON TWELVE.

Controller McCarthy, in his speech in council on Monday night, put the whole case in a nutshell. The ten aldermen who were afraid to trust the people, afraid to trust the Provincial Hydro Commission and Hon. Adam Beck, afraid to trust the government or the experts, or even themselves, and who feared the people also, have absolutely refused to wait to see whether the agreement provides for a clean-up or not. Ald. Hubbard did not believe the agreement provided for a clean-up, and he has not seen it yet, for it is not ready, and other aldermen, following The Telegram lead, took the same foolish stand.

If there is no clean-up provided, it is time enough to condemn the agreement when that is shown, but everyone knows that the clean-up is an essential and The World has all along regarded it as the strongest part of the bargain that Mayor Hocken has secured during his prolonged negotiations. The Telegram would prefer to give Mayor Hocken no credit for the negotiations, nor for the supplemental concessions obtained at the suggestion of the experts. It speaks of Sir Willam Mackenzie's offer, knowing well that Mayor Hocken made the advances with the avowed object of settling the transportation problem, cleaning up the franchises, removing double fares and giving the city complete control of the streets.

Ten aldermen, when they saw Mayor Hocken getting within sight of his goal, under the direction and in fear of the black-hand methods of The Telegram, tried to defeat Mayor Hocken's chance of completing the negotiation he has carried so far. But there were twelve men in the council upon whom The Telegram had no string, and they stood for fair play for Mayor Hocken.

It appears that The Telegram has no string on the Municipal Improvement Association, for it has started to abuse it. This is the best recommendation the association has had yet.

Mayor Hocken scored a touch-down and The Telegram wanted to prevent him kicking the goal. Can he put it thru? Just watch!

The News wants to know what Controller O'Neill thinks now. He has not been told yet how he thinks now, but no doubt he will let The News know as soon as he hears.

Nearly everywhere you go shopping today you will have a chance to buy the Christmas stamps of the National Sanitarium Association, the proceeds of which go to support the 460 patients in the Muskoka Free Hospital and the Weston Sanitarium. Of these patients 311 are relying on the Christmas spirit of Ontario people for their free treatment, and the others only pay half the cost of their maintenance. Get a package of stamps and stick them on your parcels.

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HOUSEWIVES' LEAGUE SOLD MANY BARGAINS

Two Hundred Turkeys and Three Dozen Chickens Went Cheap at Y. W. C. A.

A pronounced success met the initial efforts of the Household Economic Association Housewives' League at their inauguration of a market in the basement of the Y.W.C.A. yesterday. In fact the number of would-be purchasers was so great that the aid of a policeman to keep order was necessary, and a scene more like that of a departmental store bargain sale was witnessed than that of a market.

The day's sales included the following: Two hundred turkeys at 22c a pound, a dozen geese at 16c a pound, three dozen chickens at 17c a pound, three crates of eggs at 40c a dozen and sixty pounds of butter at 29c a pound.

Owing to a mistake in announcing the time at which the sale was to open some confusion occurred, the crowds assembling at 9 o'clock instead of at 10.30.

At the close of the day the executive were tired but satisfied. There are still about thirty large turkeys, weighing from 17 to 20 pounds, which will be on sale this morning at 10.30.

BUY YOUR SEALS TODAY.

This Will Be the Last Opportunity to Take Part in the Christmas Crusade.

Today is afforded the last chance to secure Christmas seals for use on packages or parcels and to participate in this phase of the great campaign against consumption. When one contemplates that the purchase of five hundred seals will only provide for the maintenance of one patient at the Muskoka Free Hospital for one week, and that there are 311 such patients now under treatment, some idea of the immensity of the financial burden entailed may be grasped. Those who are not downtown, and any others who are not in a potition to get a supply of seals from the saleladies, will be supplied on application to the head office at 347 West King street.

STUDENTS WILL HELP.

One hundred students at the University of Toronto will take part in the distribution of Christmas cheer this evening under the supervision of F. T. Graham, secretary of social service at the University Y.M.C.A. The young men will report for duty at a number of missions, churches, settlements and other institutions thruout the city, and will carry baskets to the homes of poor people. A number of citizens have loaned automobiles to render the work more efficient.

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DEATH MAY BE LURKING IN HEADACHE POWDERS

Government Analyst Gives Warning Against Indiscriminate Use of Drugs.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—A. McGill, chief analyst of the inland revenue department, issues a warning today against the indiscriminate use of headache powders.

"The drugs," he says, "to which the efficiency of most of these headache powders is due, are powerful heart depressants and are capable under certain conditions of producing fatal results, while under most conditions they must do harm. A little reflection should convince the consumer of these powders that he is taking great liberties with his health and life."

HON. "BOB" ROGERS MAY SOON BECOME KNIGHT

(Special to The Toronto World).

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—A London cable to The Ottawa Journal says the Hon. Robert Rogers may be included in the New Year's honors.

COURT YORK I.O.F.

The following list of officers was elected last night at a meeting of Court York No. 120, I.O.F., held in Snell's Hall, corner of Gerrard and Main streets:

Court deputy, James Henderson; C. R. James Johnston; V.C.R., Clifford Veredenburg; recording secretary, Noel Drummond; financial secretary, Joseph Trebelcock; treasurer, R. Nimmo; orator, John McKenzie; S.W., Samuel Steel; J.W., Percy Rainger; S. B., George Cathcart; J.B., Geo. Rust; hospital board, Bros. Nimmo and Johnston; finance committe, Bros. Drummond and Patton; physician, Dr. Demary; P.C. R., Clarence Plaxton.

DISORDERLY BAR ROOM.

STRATFORD, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—John Johnston, proprietor of the Royal Hotel, was found guilty of keeping a disorderly bar room, sentence being deferred. The charge arose from a brawl which occurred on Dec. 20.

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SCHMIDT A PARANOIAC SO ALIENISTS DECLARE

Looks Upon Murder as a Glorious Sacrifice Made Under Command.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(Can. Press.)—Alienists called by the defence testified today at the trial of Hans Schmidt for the murder of Anna Aumuller that the prisoner is a paranoic. Examination of alienists will be continued when the trial is resumed tomorrow.

Dr. Wm. A. White of the U. S. Hospital for the Insane, Washington, D.C., said he was convinced the defendant's insanity was of the paranoic type. Schmidt, he believed, had a perverted knowledge of the nature of his act, but looked upon it as a glorious sacrifice, which he had been commanded to make.

CARRANZA GAVE FORMAL WARNING TO POWERS

Will Sink Ships Carrying Munitions of War to Huerta.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—(Can. Press.)—Armed with General Carranza's threat to sink foreign ships carrying munitions of war intended for the provisional government of General Huerta, Miguel Covarrubias, formerly Mexican Minister to Russia, and now confidential agent in London of the Mexican constitutionalists, appeared at the office of the secretary of Lloyd's Maritime Insurance Agency this evening and formally deposited the pronounciamento of the Mexican constitutionalist leader. The secretary of Lloyds duly posted the warning on the notice boards, where it attracted the utmost attention of the underwriters.

Last Appeals for Consumptiv
Please Act Quickly!

In your last-minute thoughts for those whom you have overlooked will you include the needy consumptive? With "him" and "her" it is not a mere question of "hurting their feelings." They may never know whether YOU have remembered them or not. But they WILL know either hopeless days of suffering and despair, or comfort, nourishing treatment, and hope. If it came to a choice, wouldn't you rather "hurt" some healthy friend's "feelings" than deny a chance for life to a consumptive sufferer who is without friends and without money?

"There is a very poor family here in this town, who have a young girl who is not quite seventeen years of age, and who is very sick with lung trouble. Her mother goes out washing. Her father is half the time at home, too tired to work. There are six children in the home, and the house is small. Dr. Hunter has tried to get her in a hospital, but has not so far been successful. Can you tell me how I can get her into the Free Hospital? Her mother works for me when she can, and I feel interested in her. The girl is willing to go to a consumptive hospital for the sake of the rest of the family. They have no means, but friends here would manage to get enough to pay her railway fare."

NOTE:
This appeal was written by an ex-patient of the Muskoka Cottage Sanatorium, now returned to active work.

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