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# CIVIC AND COUNTY OFFICIALS ARE ACCUSED OF MALFEASANCE IN GUELPH CITIZENS' PETITION

### Charges Many, and of Serious Nature, Leveled Against Chief of Police, Medical Health Officer, Sanitary Inspector and Wellington County Crown Officers—Falsification of Accounts, Unlawful Exaction of Money and Maladministration of Law Among the Accusations.

GUELPH, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the city council held tonight sensational charges were made by a number of citizens against the chief of police, the medical health officer and sanitary inspector of the city and against the officials of the County of Wellington who have charge of the administration of justice.

The charges against Chief Randall are of a serious nature, including drunkenness, falsification of accounts and absence of proper records, failure to deliver over property to rightful owners, release of prisoners without authority, unlawful exaction of money, absence of discipline in his department and want of respect for his authority, favoritism, general inefficiency and petty graft.

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## Women's Meetings

All men and women voters who have the welfare of Toronto at heart should attend one or other of the public meetings to be held on Saturday at 3 p.m. in the Low Beach School, the Winchester Street School and the King Edward School. These have been arranged by five of the equal franchise societies in the city and will be addressed in the first instance by ladies prominently associated with the various movements for social betterment. Their special object is to urge all voters to exercise their privilege on election day and to promote a spirit of civic patriotism. Questions and discussion will be welcomed and the object should elicit the support of all who desire a high standard of public service.

## RUNAWAY HORSE HURT DRIVER AND SON

### Aged Pedestrian Also Was Knocked Down and Injured Before the Frightened Animal Was Captured by Mounted Policeman Raney After a Thrilling Race.

Thrilling work by a mounted constable says little John Graham, aged 6 years, from almost certain death in a runaway yesterday afternoon on Jarvis street. The boy was lying in the rear of a Farlean Laundry wagon which threatened at any moment to crash into a pole or another vehicle.

Hugh Graham, the driver, and father of the boy, sustained a fracture of his jaw while trying to stop the frightened horse. Robert Waldron, aged 74, 28 Mercer street, was knocked down and received injuries to his head and body.

The horse took fright when Graham was delivering a parcel in a house just above Carlton on Jarvis. Just as he left the house again, the horse started away. In an attempt to save his son, he clung to the hooded side of the wagon. When the wheels swung around he was thrown to the pavement. His jaw was fractured by the fall. At Carlton street crossing, Mr. Waldron was hurled into the air and landed on his back. Just above Wilton avenue, Mounted Constables Raney and Carson were entering along, and heard the screams of the child.

As the horse plunged along the street, Constable Raney swung toward it. The wheels barely missed his horse's side, but he did not falter. The street was also very greasy, consequently it was a very difficult matter to effect a rescue.

A Thrilling Race. Then a thrilling race began. The constable put the spurs to his horse and the animal shot forward. The horses raced neck and neck while the officer attempted to grasp the check line of the other horse. After they had galloped about a block, Raney seized the line. Knowing the condition of the road, he allowed the horse to run until near the corner of Queen and Jarvis street.

Here something had to be done. Many people were crossing the street and their lives were endangered. Raising his own mount to its haunches, Raney clung to the runaway and succeeded in stopping it.

A generous round of applause greeted the constable's rescue. Both Graham and Waldron were taken to St. Michael's Hospital, but are not seriously injured.

## BIG RAILWAY STRIKE IN MEXICO.

LAREDO, Texas, Dec. 26.—(Can. Press.)—Two thousand shop employees of the National Railway of Mexico went on strike today because of the refusal of the management to grant an eight-hour day and an increase in wages. The strike was called simultaneously at Nuevo Laredo, San Luis Potosi, Mexico City and Aguas Calientes.

## Poincare a Presidential Candidate

PARIS, Dec. 26.—(Can. Press.)—Premier Raymond Poincare, yielding to the insistence of his friends in the senate and chamber, has consented to be a candidate for the presidency of the republic.

The members of the senate and of the chamber of deputies, meeting as the national assembly at Versailles, Jan. 17, will choose a successor to President Fallieres. The Republicans have recently been bringing pressure to bear on Leon Bourgeois, the former premier, to stand as a candidate, and only a week ago Premier Poincare made a last effort to overcome the objections of M. Bourgeois, but the latter declined because of ill-health.

## LABOR OFFICERS' FATE RESTING WITH JURY

### Verdict May Be Returned When Court Reopens This Morning, But Quick Decision Is Not Expected—Judge Anderson Emphasizes That Labor Is Not on Trial.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 26.—(Can. Press.)—Whatever is to be the outcome of the three months' "dynamic conspiracy" trial, in which labor union officials are accused of complicity in the McNamara plots to destroy property, including the wrecking of the Los Angeles Times building, where 27 persons were killed, now rests with the jury.

Federal Judge Albert B. Anderson, a few minutes after 6 o'clock tonight, instructed the jury and ordered it to retire. The court then adjourned until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, thus precluding the return of the verdicts before that time should they be found. All the verdicts, while separate as to each defendant, are to be returned at one time.

"How long will the jury be out?" was the question asked as the jurors filed out. A hint for a belief that verdicts would not be reached when court opens tomorrow, and that the jurors may require a much longer time was found in the court's instruction to "carefully weigh" all the evidence in the case.

It has required almost 12 weeks to introduce the evidence. Prominent Officials Accused. The defendants who await the outcome include Frank M. Ryan, president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Ironworkers, of which John J. McNamara, the confessed dynamiter, was once secretary; various executive board members of that union; Herbert S. Hookin, accused

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The delegation had a list of questions which they requested the finance minister to answer. Hon. Mr. White suggested that such questions could be better answered by the royal commission, Sir Wm. Meredith. The session held in Osgoode Hall yesterday was for the purpose of repeating the request in that quarter.

### Questions Submitted.

The questions submitted to the commissioners are:

1. On the evidence adduced, does your lordship find that the department of finance issued the certificates of Mr. Travers after having received notice that fraud was being practiced on the department?

2. Were \$3000, or any sum or sums paid to anyone by Mr. Travers to induce the issuance of the certificate?

3. After having received notice of the fraud being practiced by Mr. Travers to obtain the certificate, could not the finance department have recalled, or taken proceedings restraining the use of the certificates or give notice to the public that fraud had been practiced and warning the people not to deal with the bank?

4. After having received Mr. Leighton McCarthy's letter pointing out the fraud that was being perpetrated by Mr. Travers on the department of finance, did the department take necessary and sufficient steps to protect the stock subscribers? If so, what steps were taken and by whom? thus encourage reckless speculation?

5. In the opinion of your lordship, did the fact that the amount of capital required by the Bank Act was not fully paid up when the certificate was issued by the department of finance, cripple or hamper the operations of the Farmers' Bank from the date of the issue of the said certificate and thus encourage reckless speculation?

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## PEACE HANGING IN BALANCE CONFERENCE IS AT DEADLOCK BOTH SIDES ARE DETERMINED

### Most Optimistic View Is That Probabilities of Conclusion of Peace Are Greater Than of Resuming War—Turks Are Vehement in Declaring They Cannot Surrender Territories Where Invasion Is Still Resisted.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—(Can. Press.)—Both the Turks and the Balkan allies are standing by their guns on the peace terms. Both declare that it is impossible to recede from their positions.

Nevertheless, those who think they know what is going on behind the scenes still believe that the probabilities of the conclusion of peace are greater than of the resumption of the conflict.

The exchange of cipher despatches between the administration at Constantinople and Rehad Pasha continues, but the chief of the Turkish plenipotentiaries declines to divulge the nature of the reply which he will present to the allies on Saturday when the conference reassembles at St. James' Palace.

It is understood that this will be as already outlined, with the additional promise that Turkey will apply to the European territories remaining to her the reforms which Count Von Berchtold, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, proposed before the war.

Terms "Simply Absurd." "While I cannot discuss the reply of the Ottoman Government," says Rehad Pasha tonight, "nothing prevents me from saying that the terms the allies have proposed are simply absurd. They have produced this impression wherever heard, even outside of Turkish circles. It was never known that after the conclusion of an armistice

one belligerent party could ask the other to cede territories bravely defended and still resisting with heroism.

"Why should we do this, especially when the Bulgarians had three reverses at our hands just before the armistice, while the Greeks, who continued to fight, were defeated both on land around Janina and at sea off the Dardanelles?"

Turks were induced to accept an armistice only on the advice of the powers, in order to avoid useless carnage on both sides. The same humanitarian considerations led the Ottoman Government to ask for the revivification of the besieged towns, and might induce the government to yield certain conditions for the sake of peace, but there is a limit which the allies have far surpassed."

Turkish Talk Laughable. The allies, on the other hand, assert that the armistice was arranged to give Turkey an opportunity of making peace terms without suffering further losses in the field, and they characterize Turkey's talk of keeping Adrianople, Janina and Souda and regaining Saloniki as simply laughable. General Dangijs, the Greek chief of general staff, said:

"Let them come and take Saloniki if they can. Even the dust of our ancient heroes would rise up to defend our rights."

The most optimistic of the Turkish military party profess confidence that the Bulgarians will never be able to force the Techaia lines, but that, on the contrary, with her present powerful army Turkey will free Adrianople in a fortnight, and adding that Garrison to the main body, will take the offensive toward Philippopolis and Saloniki.

## SPECIFIC FINDINGS ASKED IN FARMERS' BANK REPORT

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MONTREAL, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—The annual report for 1912 of the chief engineer of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway has been issued in Winnipeg by B. B. Kelliber, and covers the work of the past 12 months up to Dec. 20.

This report runs in part as follows: Construction has been undertaken on 568 miles of main line and on 688 miles of branch lines, making a total of 1256 miles of line on which clearing, grading and track-laying has been done.

Track has been laid on 128 miles of main line and on 331 miles of branch lines, making a total of 459 miles of railway completed, exclusive of second tracks and sidings.

On the section known as "Min line Winnipeg west," grade is now completed to mile 1124. Eau Claire crossing, and track should be laid to that point before the close of the year. The line is in operation from Winnipeg to Tete Jaune Cache, mile 1056, from the Eau Claire crossing at mile 1124, westerly to mile 1462.

Active Grading Work. The right of way is being cleared, and at those points where clearing has been completed, active grading operations are under way. For instance, the grade from Eau Claire crossing to the second crossing of the Fraser River at mile 1190, should permit of track-laying in the space of a month or so.

From Prince Rupert easterly the track is laid to mile 159, being built up at that point owing to the erection of

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