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CITY LAYS DOWN ULTIMATUM
RE COUNTY HOSPITAL PATIENTSMust Pay in Future for
Entire Cost of Main-
tenance.AMOUNTS TO
\$1.43 PER DAYCounty Will Only Agree to Pay
for Those Who Are Unable
to Pay Anything.

After a two-hours' wrestle with the hospital problem, the joint committee of the city and county councils adjourned at noon to meet again at 2 o'clock, when an effort will be made finally to settle the question.

In the meantime a sub-committee will discuss the figures of the cost of maintaining the hospital, so that the exact cost per patient may be arrived at.

The net result of the morning's deliberations was the insistence on the part of the city that the county pay the full cost of county patients.

To this the county agreed, but the city representatives, \$1.43 per day, and wanted them investigated.

The City's Position.

In opening the discussion, Ald. Beattie, the chairman, pointed out that the city representatives had come to the conclusion that the county must pay the whole cost of maintaining their patients. The city had taken the figures submitted, and had come to the conclusion that the cost per patient per day was \$1.43. This included the Government grant of 20 cents per patient. At present the county paid 75 cents per patient. This grant must be increased to \$1.23.

Regulate It Annually.

"We have come to the conclusion that the city has paid at least \$1,000 to maintain county patients in the hospital," said Ald. Beattie. "That is not fair."

It was also suggested by Chairman Sreaton that the cost be agreed on at the end of each year, and not have this year's schedule of prices govern the lifetime of the agreement.

The County's Side of It.

County Councillor Glass pointed out that the county would agree to pay the cost of maintaining their patients. He also said that it was the duty of the city to give to the county members the exact cost, so that they would know exactly what they were doing. The isolation hospital, he contended, was figured in on the cost, when the county had nothing whatever to do with that institution.

Mr. Glass discussed the figures briefly, declaring they did not state exactly what the city representatives alleged they did, being capable of being differently interpreted. He was not convinced that it cost \$1.43 per day to maintain the patients in Victoria Hospital.

Mr. Judd Speaks.

"The county has dumped patients at our door for many years, and we have been compelled to keep them," said Mr. J. C. Judd, "and the county that class of patient which can pay. We would also like to know what patients the county intends paying for. There are two classes, the indigent classes, for which the whole cost must be paid by the county. Then, there are the other class, who pay from 50 cents up, and for which the county has in the past paid the balance. What does the county intend to do with these two classes?"

Pay for Indigents Only.

"We will pay for the indigent patients and those alone," said Mr. Stanley. "We will not recognize the other class. We will either pay all or nothing. If a man cannot pay his way the county will do so."

The city keeps all the patients, whether they pay 50 cents or nothing," said Mr. Judd. "We are glad to get even that from some of them."

Pay It All.

"Well, if a man can only pay 50 cents a day, he will not have to pay it," retorted Mr. Stanley. "We will pay the entire cost."

"If that is the case," answered Mr. Judd, "the hospital trust will, at its next meeting, charge all patients outside the city of London \$1.50 per day, except those patients who are indigents, and for which the county will pay the whole cost."

"I think the county is making a mistake in not making provision for that class of patient which can pay something for his maintenance," said Mr. Sreaton. "However, it is for the county members to say."

A Sub-Committee.

Ald. Beattie suggested that in view of the fact that the county representatives were not clear on the matter of



FIREMAN WM. COLE,
Who Was Injured in the Westman Fire
Three Months Ago and Who Re-
turned to Work Today.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE
ON CLARENCE STREET

Nothing Has, However, Been Reported
to the Police.

A rumor was current this morning on the streets that a man had attempted suicide in a barn on Clarence street. So far as can be learned, the report was without foundation, as nothing has been reported to the police, or to any physicians regarding the matter.

MAYOR STEVELY SAYS
"TAKE YOUR TIME"

No Need To Be Impatient as to When
Engineer Kelly Will Come.

Nothing more has been heard from Engineer Kelly, and with practically four weeks more left this year in which to discuss track elevation, there seems to be little chance for the settlement of it.

"Don't be impatient," said Mayor Stevely, when questioned about the matter by a citizen this morning. "Mr. Kelly will be along shortly, just as soon as it is possible for him to do so. He has to familiarize himself with Mr. McGuigan's plans, and then study local conditions, before he can take the matter up. It will be discussed in due time."

CITY REAPS HARVEST
FROM BICYCLE FINES

\$36 Collected From This Source This
Month Thus Far.

The city will in all probability be \$50 ahead at the end of this month as a result of the bicycle riders who have appeared in court and paid \$1 for the privilege of riding on the sidewalk. Up to this morning Police Court Clerk Moule had taken in \$36, and he has a number of summonses to issue as a result of information that have been laid.

BOTH LEGS SEVERED
LAY UNDISCOVERED

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 24.—Both legs severed as the result of being run over by a train at the Queen street subway early this morning, Alfred Hopkins, nearly blind to death before he was found by yardmen and taken to Grace Hospital. He died a few hours later. He had apparently crossed the tracks by an old path when struck by the train.

SERIOUS MUTINY AT
NANKING, CHINA

Peking, Nov. 24.—The situation at Nanking, where a mutiny on the part of the Chinese troops broke out Nov. 19, is serious. There has been fighting in the streets of the city, and a portion of the foreign residents have taken refuge on board a British gunboat. Others of the foreigners preferred to remain on shore.

ELECTS FOR JUDGE
GIVEN FIVE DAYS

Gilbert Mathers made another appearance before Judge Macbeth this morning, when he decided to be tried by the judge. The facts of the case are these: Some time ago the prisoner, who is employed by his father, Hiram Mathers, claimed that the latter owed him for wages, and brought action against him in the division court at Lucan, his action being sustained. The prisoner, however, did not think he had received all that was coming to him and so returned to his father's house one night and removed a set of harness, which he sold in the city for \$18. The prisoner is not very bright, according to the father's statement, and considering this the judge gave him only five days in prison, which with the fifteen days he has already been confined make twenty days. The father promised to take him back and keep an eye on him.

COMMISSION MAY
SUE THUNDERER

Reckless Charges Made Against
the Honor of Canadian
Public Bodies.

Ottawa, Nov. 24.—The members of the National Transcontinental Commission have taken prompt steps to vindicate their own honor, as well as the political morality of Canada, which has recently been attacked by ill-informed writers in the London Times and other reputable British publications, misled by the virulence of the mud-slingers in the recent election campaign here. Just before election day the Times published a letter from a special correspondent in Canada, charging that graft in the construction of the National Transcontinental was rampant, and reflecting on the honesty of the commission. Since then other British papers have been discussing the supposed prevalence of graft in public life in Canada, and apparently accepting at par value the unsubstantiated charges made by certain sections of the Opposition press during the campaign. As a result Canada's reputation has been badly besmirched in the motherland.

In justice to themselves, and with a view to putting a stop to this sort of thing, the railway commissioners have instructed Hon. Charles Russell, Canada's legal agent in Great Britain, to take all possible legal steps to defend their honor against all charges reflecting in any way on the commission. "The Times will be asked to retract and apologize, and failing that, if the British law allows, a libel action will be taken and the Times will be asked to prove its charges. In the case of the Hodgins' charges the commission promptly demanded a full investigation. The outcome was a complete vindication and withdrawal of the charges. "If any reputable journal, either at home or abroad, makes any charge against the honesty of the commission," said Hon. S. N. Parent to your correspondent today, "it will be given every opportunity to prove the charges in the courts. We are doing our best to build the railway as honestly and economically as possible, and we do not propose to quietly submit to calumny and unwarranted criticism."

GREEN GOODS GANG
CAUGHT BY POLICE

Had Put into Circulation \$30,000 in
Counterfeit Bills.

Chicago, Nov. 24.—That the counterfeit \$5 bills which have been freely circulated in Chicago and other cities in the last two months were manufactured by an organized gang operating in Chicago, and that this gang is broken up, was the statement made last night by United States secret officers, following a number of arrests of men. The men arrested are declared to have made confessions, saying that \$30,000 worth of the bills was made, that the plates were engraved by one of the gang, and the false money was struck off in wholesale lots at a place in West Adams street in Chicago. With Leo Brown, Edward Wheeler and Edward Westcott under arrest, are Dr. W. H. Young, George Anderson and Iola Berkinson, the latter three held in connection with the circulation of the bills.

SYNOD AGAIN IN SESSION

Another Attempt Being Made to Select
Successor to Carmichael.

Montreal, Nov. 24.—The Synod of Montreal is again in session for the purpose of electing a successor to the late Bishop Carmichael, and present indications are that it will be no easier to elect a successor this time than it was a month ago, when the synod adjourned without having accomplished its purpose. One vote was taken this morning, but the result will not be announced until the afternoon session.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—RAIN.

FORECASTS.
Toronto, Nov. 24—8 a.m.
Today—Increasing east and southeast winds; mild and cloudy, with local rains.
Wednesday—Southeast winds, with rain.
TEMPERATURES.

	Today.	Yesterday.
London	46	39
Calgary	26	26
Winnipeg	28	26
Port Arthur	26	26
Perry Sound	46	40
Ottawa	48	36
Toronto	36	28
Montreal	42	34
Quebec	36	22
Father Point	38	22
Dawson	0	0
Victoria	40	50
Vancouver	40	50
Kamloops	36	48
Edmonton	26	38
Battleford	24	40
Qu'Appelle	20	32
St. John	40	48
Halifax	30	46

The disturbance is moving slowly northward from the southwestern States, and heavy easterly gales are probable on Lake Superior and in Michigan.
Rain is falling in Ontario and Quebec.
The general outlook is for colder weather, and snow in the Western Provinces.
Storm signals are displayed on Lake Superior, and cautionary signals on Lakes Huron and Erie.

TWO TERRIFIC TORNADOES
SWEEP STATE OF ARKANSAS

One Bound South and Other North Cut Swaths Miles in Width,
Taking Awful Toll in Human Lives and Doing
Great Property Damage.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 24.—Two tornadoes, one north and the other south bound, swept over West Arkansas yesterday, destroying many lives and much property. All means of communication were destroyed and only indefinite reports have so far been received from the region visited by the tornado. It is estimated that at least thirty, and possibly fifty, lives were lost, and the property loss is placed at hundreds of thousands of dollars.

One tornado started in the extreme south-western part of the state, and went north, following the second tier of counties from the western boundary line. The other started in the north-western corner of the state, and went south, following the third tier of counties.

The counties through which the tornado passed are Lafayette, Columbia, Miller, Howard, Hempstead, Montgomery, Yell, Pope, Johnson, Franklin and Carroll.

According to advices received the storm was at its height when it swept through Piney, a German settlement on the Iron Mountain Railroad, between Knoxville and London. Late reports from Russellville, the nearest town with which communication can be had, are that between 12 and 20

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City Issues Ultimatum to County
In Regard to Victoria Hospital

County Must Pay Full Cost of
Its Patients or Get Out of
the Institution.

The county will have to pay the full cost of the maintenance of patients at Victoria Hospital, or else there will be no agreement, and the city will manage the hospital alone.

That was the ultimatum delivered by the city representatives to the county this morning.

The cost per day per patient was figured out to be \$1.43, or \$1.23 without the Government grant.

At present the county pays 75 cents per day. The new agreement means that the county will have to increase its grant 43 cents a day.

If the county does not agree, then all patients from the county of Middlesex will have to pay \$1.50 a day if admitted to the hospital.

The meeting between the city and county representatives is being held this morning.

Gasolene Destroys Newspaper Office

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Port Burwell, Nov. 24.—The office and entire building of the Port Burwell News, formerly the Packet, was completely destroyed by fire last night, through the explosion of a gasoline tank, which was used for operating the plant. It is supposed the tank was defective, as it caused a small fire a few days ago. Mr. J. W. Burnes, the proprietor, was severely burned about the face, and it is feared has inhaled some of the flames. He is critically ill, but the doctors say he will recover. The loss will be about \$4,800, with no insurance.

City to Meet the Packing Company

A conference will be held this afternoon between Mayor Stevely and Ald. Ferguson, chairman of the manufacturers' committee, and Mr. E. Reichtzer, regarding a proposition to keep the Canadian Packing Company in the city.

"We have arranged a meeting to discuss the situation," said his worship. "We intend to keep the company in London if it is at all possible, and it looks as if we can succeed. We will go thoroughly into the matter, find out what is wanted and what the city can do, and then come to some arrangement. I have no fear of losing the industry."

Ald. Ferguson spoke confidently of the result of the conference, and declared that there was no doubt that the company would remain here.

The C. P. R. Traffic Is Improving

Traffic on the C. P. R. of late has been very heavy, and an official informed The Advertiser this afternoon that more special trains had been run through in the last few weeks in order to move the fast freight expeditiously than have been going through for

some time. Traffic on the C. P. R. has been gradually increasing for some months, and it is estimated that 25 per cent more goods are being handled now than six months ago. The C. P. R. has recently given out large orders for new engines and cars.

Water Commissioners Against Wells

Artesian wells as a solution of the water problem do not appeal to the water commission so far as can be learned.

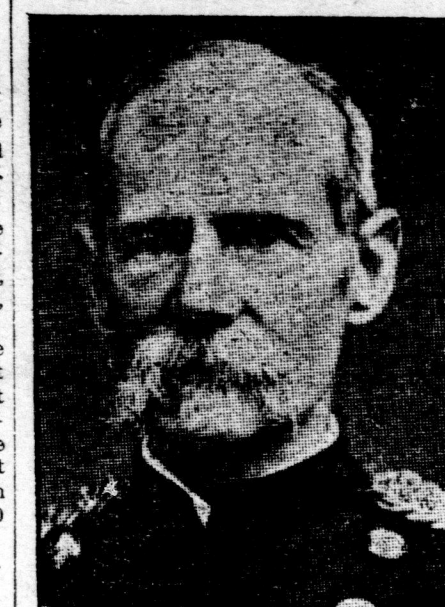
It is known that Engineer Moore has sunk many wells, perhaps fifteen or twenty during the past two years, and all that he got was dry holes or else sulphur water.

The wells sunk have been drilled to considerable depths, and it was not thought to be the fault of the drilling that water was not obtained.

The commissioners will not accept the artesian well solution, it was stated, but will adhere to another proposition that will be submitted shortly to the ratepayers.

According to the statements made by a man in close touch with the commission, the scheme is well under way, and that another meeting, to be held probably Wednesday evening, will find a solution ready for the water shortage.

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"BOBS" STARTLES THE BRITISH
DEMANDS GREAT DEFENCE ARMY

FIELD MARSHAL LORD ROBERTS,
Who Yesterday Told British People
That Great Army Would Alone
Save Britain From Invasion.

GRAND TRUNK WILL
IMPROVE ITS TRACKS

Rails Are To Be Raised a Little in the
City.

Roadmaster Ferguson, of the Grand Trunk, was in the city last night, and left instructions for the repairing and raising of a number of the tracks in the local yards. This morning a gang of men commenced work on reballasting the tracks between Clarence and Wellington street. The tracks will be raised very slightly.

FIREMAN COLE
RETURNS TO DUTY

Was in the Awful Crash in Which
Chief and Two Men Perished.

Fireman "Billy" Cole, who went down in the crash that killed Chief Clark, Sergt. Cockburn and Fireman Wein in the Westman fire on Aug. 18, reported for duty this morning.

He has quite recovered from the severe injuries and burns he received in that fire, and is in good health. He was off duty three months and six days.

LAW IS STRICT
NO "FAKE" NOTICES

Alleged Joker Used Names of Young
Couple in Dangerous Way.

It does not appear to be generally known in London that anyone who dares to be published a "fake" wedding notice is liable to a term in the penitentiary.

A certain young woman handed to The Advertiser a paragraph stating that a young lady of Grand avenue had been married to Mr. Reggie Sharrott, of Birmingham. The article was accepted in good faith, and it appeared in The Advertiser on Monday. Now a denial is made by the parents of the girl. As a matter of fact, she is but 16 years of age.

For a similar false report an Ottawa young man was sent to prison for nine months. It is possible that someone in London will have cause to regret her practical "joke."

A "PETTY DEFENCE"
SCORNE BY JUDGE

Chief Justice Meredith's Scathing Re-
buke of C. P. R. Counsel.

There was a sensational scene in Osgoode Hall yesterday, in the court of appeal, when the case of Giovinnazzo vs. the C. P. R. came up for hearing.

"That is I should say, a very petty defence for a great corporation like the Canadian Pacific Railway to set up. Why don't you fight it out on the merits and seek to prove that you were not guilty of negligence?" remarked Chief Justice Meredith in the divisional court to Mr. L. F. Hellmuth, K.C., who was arguing an appeal from the judgment for damages in the case of Giovinnazzo vs. C. P. R.

The defence set up was that of insufficient notice of the man's death, which occurred near Keele street, West Toronto.

"I know I am not on the popular side of this motion," said Mr. Hellmuth. "You are not on the honest side," his lordship retorted.

The chief justice said he would be inclined to give a liberal interpretation to the law in regard to Mr. Hellmuth's contention if it were a matter of simply injury, but when, as in this case, a man was killed outright, it was a different matter.

Judgment was reserved.

DEAD AGED 95.

Brampton, Ont., Nov. 24.—James Blackburn, 95 years of age, Brampton's oldest resident, died this morning. He had lived here for very many years. Mr. Blackburn was at one time proprietor of the Wellington Hotel and also of the American Hotel, both well-known houses in the town's early days. Three sons and one daughter survive him.

Says Navy Cannot Keep
Out Invasion of
Germans.SUPREMACY OF
SEA IN PERILLords Following Speech Passes
Resolution Calling for Mighty
Army to Save Nation.

London, Nov. 23.—Speaking in the House of Lords tonight Field Marshal Lord Roberts expressed the conviction that the lack of a military force sufficient to make hopeless the attempt of an invasion would, in all probability, be the cost of Great Britain's supremacy at sea.

In the studied speech he pointed out the comparative ease with which Germany could land an army on the shores of England. Under the present conditions England would be forced, he said, to submit to most humiliating demands. He disclaimed all hostility to or fear of Germany, but he declared that the defense of the islands required immediate attention.

There should be an army so strong in numbers and efficiency that the most formidable of foreign nations would hesitate to make a landing in England. He had ascertained, the speaker continued, that vessels capable of accommodating 200,000 men were available in the northern ports of Germany, and that as a result of the new German service law 200,000 men could be collected in the districts of the nearest port without any trouble. The great German steamship lines were in constant practice in embarking and disembarking and as the railroads were owned by the state all preliminaries, up to the actual dispatch of troops, could be carried out with the utmost secrecy.

Germany was perfectly aware, the field marshal went on, that it would be essential for her transports to evade the British fleet and she could easily distract attention by small raids while the main disembarkation was proceeding undisturbed.

Danger Threatens.

"It would be folly," said Lord Roberts, "to shut our eyes to these possibilities, however much peace is desired. The startling events in the east have brought home to the most careless observer that nothing could save that country which is not prepared to protect itself. If Great Britain continues to neglect the most ordinary precautions she may some day find herself in the hands of the invader and forced to submit to the most humiliating conditions."

"This danger is daily becoming more threatening. Within a decade Germany has created the greatest sea power that ever existed, except Great Britain's, and at the present moment it is formidable. Measures are being taken to increase that power. It is calculated that there are 80,000 Germans in employment in Great Britain. They are trained soldiers and if a German force once landed on these shores they would be ready to help."

Lack of Army.

Lord Roberts contended it was not absolutely essential for a nation to command the seas in order to carry out an invasion. A temporary local command would suffice and this was perfectly understood in Germany. The main temptation to the invasion of Great Britain was the want of a home army which ought to consist of a million men. Across the narrow sea were present sixty million Germans, who by perseverance, industry, sound education and military training had made themselves a great nation. They required outlets for their commerce and population. It was Great Britain's business, continued Lord Roberts, to find out in what way the great increase in Germany's sea power was likely to affect her and to adopt measures necessary for her own defense. The navy under present conditions was fettered in home waters and without military force sufficient to render an invasion hopeless.

Great Britain's military weakness would in all probability be the cause of the loss of her naval supremacy.

Lord Roberts' speech caused a sensation in the House. The Earl of Crewe remarked upon the seriousness of the statements in the present high-strung condition of Europe's nerves, saying he feared there might be regrettable consequences.

Lord Roberts' resolution to the effect "that the defense of the islands necessitates the immediate attention of the Government to make provision for such a strong and efficient army that the most formidable foreign nation will hesitate before making an attempt at landing," was adopted by a vote of 74 to 22.