

# VIADUCT HELD UP, CAR LINE DELAYED; WHO'S BEHIND IT?

### Merchants and Residents Pro- test Against Unnecessary Hold-Up.

### MEETINGS TO BE CALLED Citizens Will Demand Ex- planation of Delay From Council.

Late last night Mayor Church told the World that there would be a reconsideration of the board of control's action, and that he would call a special meeting for Tuesday morning. "All the work is of a temporary character," he said, "and should not be delayed for a single day." He intimated that the board of control had been too hasty in going against the recommendation of the commissioner of works, and in the light of information he was now in possession of it would be necessary for that body to reverse its decision, said by Mr. Harris, and thus expedite the completion of the viaduct.

It looks now as if a scheme had been engineered thru the city hall to open the Bloor street viaduct to vehicles only and to stall on the street car service, via the bridge, until next year by holding up the construction of the steel girders over Glen road to carry the tracks on the new roadway between Parliament and Sherbourne streets.

Three times two or three professed residents north of the Glen road bridge have gone to the board of control and had the plans for the subway and girders of Commissioner Harris changed and then held up, and the commissioner now despairs of getting them built this fall. The work, including the track laying, could be done in a week. Poles, cables and girders are on the ground. Even a temporary structure could be built of all timber in two days.

But some powerful influence is determined to delay the opening of a great cross-town street car line along Danforth and Bloor, six or more miles in length, and touching all the north and south lines.

In the three conferences with the board of control two or three Board members were present and the general public unrepresented, not even by any of the aldermen.

Time for Public Protest.  
The time has come for the public to protest. But Mayor Church is the chief man in the delay. Next to him are Controllers McBride and Maguire. No one has yet found out the reason of the Rosedalers or the board to delay this pressing improvement, an improvement which would relieve the street car congestion in the northeast part of the city and all along the line of the new cross-town avenue, now completed by bridges or viaducts that cost two million dollars. It is the greatest saver of man and woman power to the work and business people of Toronto ever designed. Also to all the citizens. How much it will be saved can be measured in time and mileage the day the main bridges are opened next week.

It is time mass meetings to protest

be held over on Danforth avenue, on upper Yonge street and all west against this underhand game. Time for the aldermen and controllers to explain themselves.

### Merchants Up in Arms.

Merchants on East and West Bloor streets, Yonge street, immediately north and south of Bloor, and Danforth avenue, as well as residents generally in these districts, were angry when informed on Saturday of the true state of affairs. They not only all looked for the opening of the viaduct from Broadview to Parliament this week, but also for the laying of car tracks on the temporary roadway to Bloor and Sherbourne streets and the completion of the trestle over Glen road in a fortnight's time. Public meetings, which the aldermen will be invited to attend, will probably be held this week to protest against any unnecessary delay, and a petition to the city council and Ontario Railway Board circulated demanding quick action.

The Toronto Railway Company, too, are indignant at the delay. They had already announced that as soon as the work was completed they would run a direct cross-town line from the head of Broadview straight thru to Lansdowne avenue. They had expected great things from this new line in the way of relieving their very much congested traffic and were anxious to inaugurate it at once. It is not unlikely that they, too, will protest to the city council and railway board against any further delay and demand that the city finish laying the tracks so they can get their new car line running. They have 50 new pay-as-you-enter cars in their shops almost completed, and intended using as many of them as the traffic required on the great cross-town line.

### Hidden Hand at Work.

George R. Ellis of the east end citizens' committee said there was something sinister about the whole thing. Delay after delay had occurred on the viaduct, but he was at a loss to know who were behind the hidden hand. "It must be some powerful influence to be able to hold up such a big public work as the viaduct," he declared. "I think it more than passing strange that two citizens can come before the board of control and bend that body to their will, particularly in the face of the opposition from Works Commissioner Harris. It is high time we called public meetings of protest in connection with this matter, and I for one intend moving in that direction."

Ald. H. H. Ball was surprised at the action of the board of control in up-setting Commissioner Harris' plans. "However, there is this to be said," he added, "the board of control is not the final court, and council will have its say as to whether this big two million undertaking is to be delayed for no good reason, as far as I can see, and against the expressed wishes of the works commissioner."

"Altogether we are at the other end of the city," said Ald. Ryding, "we are as interested in the early opening of the viaduct as those who live over the Don. It is a shame to hold this work up again, and I am at a loss to understand why the board of control should override Commissioner Harris' plan."

A Nigger in the Fans.  
Ald. Cowan could not understand what influence was blocking the work. He wanted to see it finished at once so that the people could get relief in the matter of transportation, if for no other reason. The board of control's action in defiance of Commissioner Harris' recommendation was beyond him.

Bridge Finished; Traffic Barred.  
In addition to the Glen road trestle muddle, there is disappointment because the two bridges, now completed, are not open, permitting traffic from

Broadview across the two bridges to the head of Parliament street.

To act as a barricade against motor and vehicular traffic on Thanksgiving Day the civic authorities have three steam rollers and a force on wheels lined across the entrance at Broadview, from noon on Saturday.

"In my long life experience, I have never come across such a petty piece of business as the closing of the viaduct prior to a public holiday," said a well known east end resident. "I suppose they think that the grand stand play and the silk hat opening ceremony would be robbed of some of its effect if the public were allowed over the roadway beforehand. However, the people of the east end are fully alive to their utter selfishness, and will have a banquet for them on January 1, as a memento."

"It is a pity that the viaduct could not have been opened for the people on Thanksgiving Day," said Ald. W. Hiltz. "I have a friend who said that if the viaduct was opened on Monday next, he could have saved \$5.00 in his moving contract. The board of control should have acted in the matter," said the alderman.

The viaduct is closed for the spectacular opening next week, said Alderman Honeyford. "I am sick of the way they do business at the city hall, and there should be a change all round in the management of the city's business," he said.

"The viaduct should have been opened to the public at least on Thanksgiving Day," said J. A. Wiederhold, secretary Danforth Ratepayers' Association. "Unless there is something holding it back of which the general public are not aware, the public want the use of the viaduct, and the civic authorities ought to be told plainly. It is a matter to be taken up by the central council of ratepayers," he said.

## DOCTORS REFUSE TO GO TO PATIENT

### Soldier's Dying Wife Unable to Procure Medical Aid.

Following the death of Mrs. James Warner, 45, at 12 Peter street, 230 Saturday morning, several statements have been made by the people with whom she roomed regarding the difficulty experienced in obtaining medical assistance for the dying woman.

Mrs. Warner had awakened the inmates of the house a few minutes before she died, saying she had severe pains around her heart. While being attended by neighbors in the absence of a doctor, she died. She is survived by her husband, who is a soldier at Niagara Camp.

Thomas George, a roomer at 120 Peter street, when interviewed by a reporter for The World yesterday said he had been awakened about 1.50 a.m. by a series of groans and cries from the rooming house where Mrs. Warner lived. He heard Isaac Wiesbaum, the owner of the house, come to the door of the room and ask Mrs. Warner if he could help her. She had replied, "Yes, for God's sake get somebody; get a doctor." He heard Mr. Wiesbaum go out to get a doctor.

Next door neighbors were awakened by the noise and came in to see what the trouble was. According to his statement, he was asked by one of these neighbors to go for a doctor, and ran to a restaurant at the corner of Peter and Queen streets, phoning several doctors, but got no reply from the phone calls. He then ran along Queen street as far as Osgoode Hall where he met a constable whom he told the story, he left the constable trying to get a doctor thru police headquarters. He went back, met Wiesbaum, and phoned Dr. Lavine, but got no reply. They then went down to the home of Dr. McCormack, where they were informed the doctor was up in the house at the home of Dr. Bowie, there was a sign tacked on the door saying "Doctor out."

### Doctor Refuses to Go.

Wiesbaum and he then separated, each taking one side of the road up Spadina avenue till they came to the home of Dr. G. Silverthorn at Lege street. Dr. Silverthorn came to the door himself, and after being told of the case, positively refused to attend, saying that it was too far from his house, and that he would not go to Peter street for anyone. They went to another doctor's home, which was answered by the doctor himself, who, in this case, was an old man. He advised the men to get a younger man as he could not go out in the rain. At the restaurant, Spadina and Queen, he phoned, but all to no result. On the way down Spadina avenue he passed the home of Dr. M. H. Y. Cameron on Spadina avenue. There again the doctor himself answered from an upper window. After being told of the woman, when he saw Mr. Wiesbaum, who was with Mr. George, he called out, "Get a Jewish doctor." Dr. George explained that this was not a Jewish woman who was ill. He also told the doctor her husband was a soldier. The doctor replied that he had already been called out that night, and that he would not go out anybody, as he had an operation to perform in the morning and he was tired then.

The two proceeded down Spadina avenue until they came to the drug store at Spadina and Queen, where he tried several more. All either refused answer or were out acting on the advice of some strange man in the drug store. Mr. Wiesbaum phoned Dr. S. Lavine on Beverley street, who refused to go out then, but promised to do so at 6 o'clock in the morning.

After finishing here they went back home and found the woman had died in their absence. One thing, however, he did before George came out to look for a doctor, was to go to Dr. J. M. McCormack at 113 Spadina avenue, where he was told by a lady that the doctor was not going anywhere that night. He returned later with George, and they were told by the same woman that the doctor was out.

Corporal James Warner was notified at Niagara camp Saturday morning at 11 o'clock by telegram that his wife was dead.

Chief Coroner Johnson viewed the body yesterday and decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

Doctors Explain.  
When spoken to last night regarding the case, Dr. G. Silverthorn said he remembered the men coming to his door. One was a colored man and the other was a Jew. They had asked him

to attend a woman on Peter street who had a cough and was either dead or dying. He told them he could not attend, as he was not feeling well himself.

Dr. M. H. V. Cameron was out of town, but a reporter for The World spoke to Mrs. Cameron, who said she had been told by the doctor of the case. They had asked him to go to a house on Peter street to attend a woman who was seriously ill.

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At the home of Dr. McCormack the reporter was told by a woman that she remembered speaking to some foreigner on Saturday night, but did not remember the time. She said the doctor had been out pretty near all night, and did not remember when he got home.

After being missed for some time by the neighbors yesterday afternoon, George Jones, colored, 75, 52 Russett avenue, was found lying on the kitchen floor of his home in a critical condition by Policeman Phillips (250) of Ossington avenue station.

The man, who is blind, had tied a thick cord around his neck and was, it is said, endeavoring to strangle himself. He was rushed to the Western Hospital in the police ambulance and later removed to the Reception Hospital.

Jones has been living alone for some time as his wife is in the hospital. It had been the habit of the neighbors to look in occasionally to see that he was getting on all right, and yesterday, receiving no answer to their calls, the policeman was called in, and Jones was found lying on the floor. While no motive can be given for his action, it is thought that he was worried about the condition of his wife.

## NO MORE DISCHARGES FROM ROYAL AIR FORCE

No more discharges of men from the Royal Air Force are now being permitted. This new rule is being strictly enforced, and applies to all, whether married or single. Up to a few weeks ago married men not in Class I, under the Military Service Act, could obtain their discharges and return to civil life. The married men can only now obtain annulment papers, but these merely sanction their transfer to the Canadian Expeditionary Force. Any man who has put in for annulment but wishes to cancel it, must do so before Oct. 13 or he is automatically transferred to the C.E.F. depot battalions.

## "FLU" AFFECTS ORGANIZATIONS.

Many organizations outside of the hospitals are affected by the Spanish influenza. On Sunday the G.W.V.A. sent out S.O.S. signals for help; three members of the Textile Union are seriously ill; T. J. Savane, an official of the International Union of Macmillans, is very ill; and Dr. Hastings, M.O.H., has issued an appeal thru the churches of the city to the public to send help wherever possible, and to dispense with a nurse in a family whenever possible.

## LABOR CONVENTION POSTPONED

The central executive of the Greater Toronto Labor Party, at a meeting held at 61 Duke street, the residence of J. C. Moore, acting secretary, decided to postpone the convention which was to have been held on Saturday next until Saturday, Nov. 16, in response to the expressed desire of the Toronto M.O.H., Dr. Charles J. O. Hastings.

## LEAVE FOR PACIFIC COAST.

Brig.-General H. C. Blokford, C.M.G., Capt. Christie Clark, A.D.C., and Capt. Lou Scholes, officers of the Canadian expedition to Siberia, are scheduled to leave the Union Station at seven o'clock tonight for British Columbia. A big gathering to see them off is expected.

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## MILITARY FAMILY LOSES ONE BROTHER

### Lieut. Elmsley Killed in Ac- tion, Brother of Siberian Commander.

Lieut. Remy Basil Elmsley, reported as killed in action, was the fifth son of T. Elmsley, 13 Elmsley place, Toronto, and brother of Major-General J. H. Elmsley, commander of the Canadian expeditionary force to Siberia. Lieut. Elmsley went over with the 20th Battalion. Prior to enlisting he was employed on important engineering work at Elk Lake. He was a brother of Squadron Commander Col. T. K. Elmsley of the Royal Air Force, and also of G. J. Elmsley, now returned, who was a runner in the 4th Division, French Mortars.

Lieut. G. R. French, who on Oct. 2 received wounds in the chest, has died from his wounds. He went overseas as a private in the cyclists. His home was at 46 Jackman avenue, Toronto. Word was received Saturday morning from Ottawa that Capt. Subert Anthony Culham, medical officer, 1st brigade, C.F.A., had been killed in action Oct. 4 in France. He was the eldest son of the late J. A. Culham, barrister, Hamilton, and Mrs. Culham, 88 Albany avenue, Toronto. Capt. Culham had been two years overseas, one year as senior medical officer of the Canadian reserve artillery at Folkestone, and one year with the 1st brigade in France.

He was a graduate in medicine, University of Toronto, in 1910, and practiced in Saskatchewan, where he enlisted. He was 35 years old and unmarried. Two brothers, Lieut. Gordon, and Driver Douglas, are also attached to artillery, and have been in France three years. Mrs. J. H. Slater, Brigetown, Mrs. Rev. John MacNeil and Miss Marion Culham are sisters.

Capt. F. Wilkinson, 311 Indian road, was reported at the week-end as having been killed in action.

Flight-Lieut. C. C. Conover, reported missing, is now a war-prisoner in Germany. His wife resides at 40 Bowell avenue.

Lieut. Benj. G. Jackson, reported wounded, went over with the 25th

## Q.O.R. His parents reside at 507 Dovercourt road.

Lieut. C. H. Barnes, son of T. G. Barnes, 42 Concord avenue, is reported wounded.

Capt. Gordon Stevenson Winnifred, son of Harold Winnifred, 10 Delisle avenue, reported a few days ago as wounded, is now reported to have died.

Lieut. J. P. Moore, 9 Gordon street, just admitted to the 8th General Hospital, Rouen, is reported to have lost his right arm.

## DEATH OF DR. J. E. BROWN.

The funeral took place on Saturday to Bowmanville, from his late residence, 10 Carlton street, of Dr. James Ewart Brown. Death was the result of an attack of grippe. Dr. Brown was born in Bowmanville in 1857, and has practiced in Toronto since 1916. He was a graduate of Trinity Medical School of the class of 1884, and subsequently took a post-graduate course in England, receiving the degree of F.R.C.P. He leaves a mother, two brothers, S. G. of Almonte, and T. A. of Ottawa, and one son, Dr. W. Esson Brown, who has lately returned from overseas.

## HOMELESS WOMEN BEFRIENDED

According to Brigadier Robt. Sandall, Salvation Army, three women with children were taken to the children's home, Sherbourne street, and 10 women were taken to the Newcomers' Inn, Peter street, yesterday on arrival in Toronto from overseas. These people had no home to go to in the city.

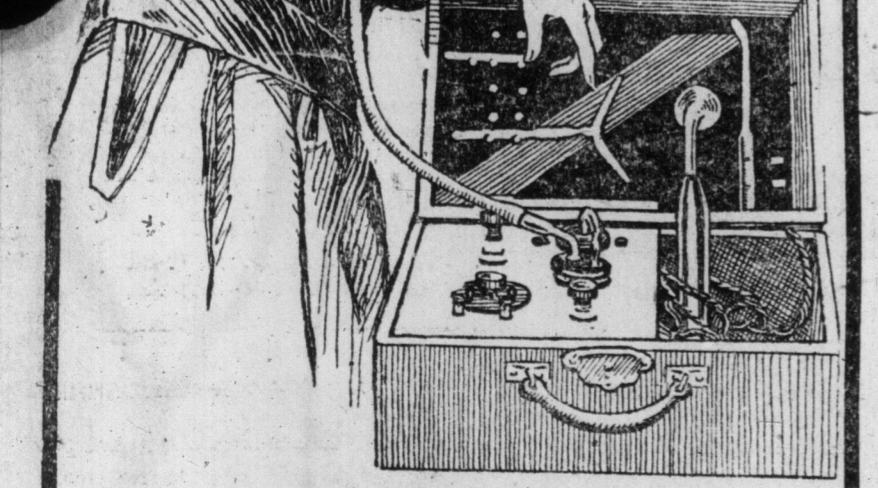
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