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DRAYTON SAYS LAST YEAR'S DAYLIGHT LAW STILL IN FORCE

Toronto's City Clocks Jump an Hour and Now Record Daylight Saving Time DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ACT OF 1918 STILL IN FORCE

Sir Henry Drayton Finds Jokers—Also Rules Railway Commissioners Can Authorize Railways, Including Government Line, to Set Time Ahead.

Special to The Toronto World.
 Ottawa, March 30.—Sir Henry Drayton has discovered several jokers in the daylight saving act. In an opinion handed down yesterday afternoon Sir Henry as chairman of the railway commission rules that the daylight saving act still in force and did not expire with the year 1918. He also rules that the board of railway commissioners can authorize the railways to set their clocks forward at any time, even the act for any year may not be proclaimed by the government-in-council.

In short, it is up to the board instead of the government to say whether the railways of Canada, including the government railways, shall or shall not operate under sun time. However, in view of the vote in the house the other night the railway commission has ordered the railway companies to appear and show cause on Thursday next why they should not be required to change their clocks back to standard time.

The debate and the vote in the house on Thursday has no binding effect on the board, although no doubt they will have some persuasive influence on that tribunal. It therefore looks as though the farmers might after all draw a blank.

Were Given Warning.
 This was pointed out in the debate last Thursday by W. F. Maclean of South York. But his warning attracted little attention at the time. Tonight a good many members of parliament are waking up to the fact that the daylight saving act which they thought

to be dead and buried is still very much alive.
 Chairman Drayton's opinion follows:
Railway Board Judgment.
 The railway board judgment which was written by Sir Henry Drayton, the chief commissioner, is as follows: In view of the vote in parliament on this question taken on the night of the 27th instant, it becomes necessary that the board should deal with the question having regard to the railway situation.

The vote taken in the house was on the following motion: "That, in the opinion of this house, it is expedient to re-enact at once chapter 2, statutes of 1918, 'the daylight saving act, 1918.'"

Special powers are given the board under this act, section 5, of the act reading as follows: "5. The board of railway commissioners for Canada shall have power to advance by one hour the standard time used by railway companies, including government railways, in Canada for such period as may be prescribed by the said board, and to make such orders as may be necessary for the convenient carrying out of the provisions of this act insofar as railway companies may be affected thereby."

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The home-coming—who wouldn't be a returning hero? This is a snap made at the Exhibition as one party of troops detained. There are some compensations for the war-worn, even if it is only at coming home time.

IMPERIAL COMMITTEE OPEN TO DOMINIONS

BIG BEN ANNOUNCES DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Change Made at Midnight, New Time, and Schools Will Open an Hour Earlier.

Just a moment before Big Ben was to have rung out 11 o'clock last night, an invisible hand intervened and Toronto experienced as short an hour as has passed in all its history. In less than one minute the city hall clock started to announce midnight, and daylight saving had formally come into effect.

Public schools will open under the new time this morning, according to Chairman Fred Harbiv of the board of education, although it is likely that for some youngsters who turn up late on account of not knowing of the change, penalties will not be very severe.

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MURDER AND PILLAGE IN SOUTHERN EGYPT

Seven Murdered—British Officers Found on Sacked Train and Courts Attacked.

Reuter Cable.
 London, March 30.—Official communications referring to the outbreak in the southern provinces of Egypt have been received from Cairo and say that a train from Luxor was attacked at Minich on March 15 and partially sacked. The bodies of seven murdered British officers were found in the train's van.

A crowd at Benisouf on March 15 invaded the courts during their sitting, drove out the officials and tried to get hold of the British judge. Failing in their object, the demonstrators wrecked the various government offices and attacked Mudiria, but were eventually driven back by a small body of Indian troops on March 15.

Some British residents at Fayoum concentrated in three houses which had been put in a state of defence against the Bedouins, who were looting the town. Next morning a train arrived from Outh bringing ladies and officers returning on leave. Further parties of Bedouins and others arrived on March 17 and 18, and looting continued. The garrison was relieved on March 18 and residents, except those electing to remain, were sent to Cairo. A large force of Bedouins at Medinet, in Fayoum, persistently attacked the garrison on March 18, and were eventually driven off with four hundred casualties.

Bedouins Are Warned.
 The western Bedouin tribes have been warned that they must be punished if they move eastwards. A general warning has also been issued that if the railway line be damaged the neighboring village will be burned.

FOCH WILL PRESENT NEEDED GUARANTEE

German Plenipotentiary to Visit Spa Regarding Situation at Danzig.

Amsterdam, March 30.—In response to Germany's note on the subject of Danzig, Marshal Foch has offered to give personally at Spa, to a German plenipotentiary fully empowered to deliver within twenty-four hours, full particulars and required guarantees concerning the landing of General Haller's troops.

The German government, according to Berlin despatches, has decided to send Marshal Erzberger as plenipotentiary to meet Marshal Foch.

PREPARE TO DEFEND DANZIG
 London, March 30.—In addition to reinforcing the garrison at Danzig, the Germans, according to advices received here, are said to be mounting a campaign along the Prussian coast near that port.

Germany has been invited to send delegates with full powers to Spa to meet Marshal Foch concerning the Danzig difficulty. This announcement is made in a Copenhagen despatch to the Central News.

JOS. WILBY, AGE 83, DIES ON KING ST. CAR

Stricken with heart-failure, Joseph Wilby, aged 83 years, of 69 Woodbine avenue, expired Saturday night while riding on an eastbound Queen street car. Wilby was standing in the car, when he felt ill and asked one of the passengers to allow him to sit down. He sat down and when the car stopped at the corner of Morley avenue and Queen, Wilby fell over dead. He was carried from the car, and his remains were taken care of by an undertaker. The late Mr. Wilby was the father of Constable Wilby of Clarence street police station.

Canonization of Joan of Arc Is Set for April Twentieth

Rome, March 30.—Pope Benedict has set April 30 as the definite date for the canonization of Joan of Arc.

CITY CLOCKS ARE ADVANCED AN HOUR

At a meeting of the board of control in the mayor's office Saturday morning, it was decided to adopt the daylight saving scheme. A proclamation has been issued to that end.

The hour of advancing the city clocks was fixed for 11 o'clock Sunday evening; the hour set by the railroads is 2 o'clock Sunday morning.

Mayor Church gave as his reason for fixing on Sunday night to make the change, that the churches had already made announcements that services would be held at the usual hours and if a change were made without due warning unnecessary awkwardness and trouble would result.

Government Surrendered.
 He also said that daylight saving had been an admitted success throughout the country last year where it was passed as a government measure. Now, however, Ottawa had surrendered to a small faction and refused to father the bill. It might also be well to remember that the same faction also opposed the military service act. "The present government," he might add, "is the weakest since Confederation."

Toronto, the mayor announced, would send representatives to the Bank railway board to protest against any interference by that body which would be much better employed in attending to its own business. The mayor added he could not understand the farmers' opposition to the plan, because their day was regulated by the sun and not the clock.

Sir John Aird, general manager of the Bank of Commerce, when interviewed last night, regarding the action which would be taken by the banks

NORTH TORONTO RE-INDORSES METROPOLITAN RY. DEAL

Ratepayers Determined on Purchase and Insist on Show-down—Geary as The Telegram's Catspaw Would Find Chestnuts Hotter Than Anticipated.

When Madame de Sevigne composed the immortal air of Mabelouck her intention was to put a baby to sleep. The Telegram has undertaken to play Madame de Sevigne to Major G. R. Geary's Mabelouck, and would put the Metropolitan Railway agreement to sleep or kick it out of the way of its ideal soldier and city counsel.

Many have been the disappointments and large the patience of the ratepayers and residents generally of North Toronto in their battle for transportation and clean streets in that important part of the city. Therefore when a new and unexpected shadow fell athwart their hopes on Saturday, their hats went into the ring. On Saturday night at the regular meeting of the North Toronto Ratepayers' Association, they took measures to discover the purpose of the party that seeks to dash the cup of victory from their lips.

So far all that can be discovered is a shadow—the shadow of an Ethiope in the woodpile, as they one and all described it. What the shadow portends has given no small alarm, and even those who espoused calmness, also recommended adequate measures for countering a plot against the Metropolitan agreement.

The North Toronto position towards the Metropolitan Division of the Toronto and York Radial Railway at the present moment is known to all citizens of every section of Toronto. An agreement has been arrived at for the acquisition of that portion of the Metropolitan within the present city limits, after nearly two years of negotiation. Commissioner of Works Harris, Commissioner of Finance Bradshaw and City Solicitor Johnston approve it. The citizens all approve it.

Criticism from the press has nowhere been heard. An opinion of W. N. Tilley, K.C., upon the draft agreement has been obtained and published. That is all satisfactory. Mr. Tilley states something right away for its greater glory. But it is better to allow the ratepayers of North Toronto to disclose their own feelings in their own way.

The meeting of the Ratepayers' Association was well attended. The town

MUST REINSTATE RETURNED MEN

Otherwise Australian Employers Are Subject to Penalty of \$2,500.

Melbourne, Australia, March 30.—Minister of Defence Wason says that under the defence act employers refusing to reinstate returned soldiers are liable to a fine of \$2,500, which the court may order to be paid to the employe not reinstated.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS FINDING OF BODY

Mystery surrounds the death of Robert Johnson Spence, 35 years of age, of 104 Mary street, Hamilton, Ont., a commercial traveler, who was found lying dead in a culvert of Queen street, Humber Bay, at 8 o'clock Sunday morning. Circumstances under which the body was found and preliminary evidence secured by the police, lead them to present to believe that the man had been murdered. The mystery is deepened, however, by the fact that an examination of the body showed no marks of violence whatever. There was a slight laceration on the forehead and two scratches on the heels of both of the dead man's legs. The injury on the head is an old one, and Coroner Allison said that it would not have caused death. The marks on the heels of the feet are thought by him likely to have been caused by the man having been dragged along the ground.

Wagon Tracks.
 With half a bottle of whiskey lying by his side, Spence was found, with his head and shoulders buried in a culvert, a short distance from the south side of the Queen street road. There was tracks of a wagon having passed by and made a sharp turn in the roadway within a few feet of the spot where the body was located. The man's clothing was covered with "burns" and his feet were caught on a barb-wire fence. An identification card with his name and home address was found in the pockets of his clothing, also one dollar in five cent pieces. When last seen alive Saturday night, Spence is said to have a sum of \$200 cash in his pockets.

The city detectives are working in co-operation with the county police, and they will not venture any theory until the result of the post-mortem examination is presented to them.

County Constable George Simpson was the first notified of the affair at 5 o'clock Sunday morning when two returned soldiers, Lawrence Bryan and William Gibson, living on Queen

MANICURED NAILS GAVE ARCHDUKE AWAY

Geneva, March 30.—Two persons dressed as peasants, who were trying to cross the Hungarian frontier into Germany, were betrayed by their hands, which were out of keeping with the costumes they wore. Their finger-nails were manicured, and the hands generally were clean, and showing no signs of hard work.

The Socialist commandant, Herr Keszthely, sent the arrested men to Budapest, where they were identified as the former Archduke Joseph Francis, and a former millionaire named Julius Omnech, Bela Kun, the foreign minister, ordered both men imprisoned.

RETURNED SOLDIERS.

All honor to the brave boys who are returning from the war-stained fields of France as conquerors. Too much cannot be done for our heroes. The Binesen Company announces that all returned men in uniform who are going into civil life, that a special discount of 10 per cent. will be allowed off all purchases of Hats, Overcoats, Raincoats or Ladies' Wear. Come into Binesen's, 140 Yonge street, and see the inducements offered.

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