

Forecasts—Occasional rain today. Tuesday, northwest winds, fair and turning a little colder.

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Rhine West Bank Bone of Contention at Conference

MANY FINANCIAL PROBLEMS FACING THE CITY COUNCIL

Increased Expenditures of Outside Boards, Deficit of Gas Plant and Requests for Appropriations make up two and a half or three Mills.

INCREASED CREDITS WILL HELP SOME

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Gas Plant a White Elephant. The Gas Plant deficit is a clear cut case that has to be met whether it is wanted or not. It is one of the largest white elephants that St. Catharines has had wished on it and yet those who have studied every phase of the problem, who have thought over every conceivable scheme to make it pay and who deplore the fact that a public utility should prove a failure, are forced to acknowledge that under the peculiar conditions that have developed it is not humanly possible to "make the thing go".

Another accident which proved fatal occurred at 7 o'clock on Saturday night at the Coniagas Reduction plant near the canal bridge. While Francesco Gentilcore, Italian, was operating an elevator the cable attached refused to work with the result that the operator was crushed to death before help could reach the spot.

A Larger Police Force. The Police Commission is asking for more by over \$6,000 than last year to provide for an increased force. During the past two years, on account of war conditions, the force has been small. Two or three men enlisted and went overseas. They are coming back and will again be put on the force so that it may get back to where it was of eleven or twelve men. It is also a fact that the pay each man now gets is considerably more than a policeman drew four years ago, because the cost of living for them has advanced as it has for everybody else.

From the firemen comes the request that the platoon system be adopted here, which means that there will be two shifts of men on duty, the one for the day and the other for the night. This will, if course, cost the city con-

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It is not at all likely that there will be a provincial election this year, as some have anticipated. My information from one of the Ministers in the Government is that it will be held over till 1920. It is believed some of the public unrest will quiet down in the meantime.

ST. CATHARINES MAY SOON BE WELL SERVED WITH RAILWAYS

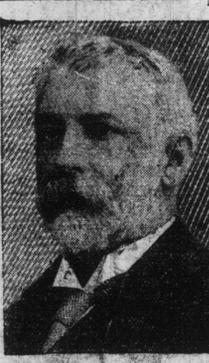
For many years St. Catharines has been anxious to have another railway line entering it from the west and linking up Grimsby and Beamsville, which formerly traded extensively here. All efforts, however, proved futile. It would now look as though the long wish would be gratified, for not only has the Hydro by-law carried in Hamilton, which means the construction of an electric road through to here, but both the Minister of Railways and the President of the National System announce that the C.N.R., now owned by the public, will be extended through Hamilton to the Niagara frontier.

TWO NEW LINES LIKELY FOR ST. KITTS

That two more railways will be entering St. Catharines from the West within the next two or three years would appear to be certain. The passage of the Hydro radial by-law at Hamilton on Saturday by such a large majority as 2700 means that a modern electric system in every way will be built so as to connect Toronto, by way of Port Credit, with the Niagara Frontier by way of Hamilton and St. Catharines.

Just a couple days ago Hon. Dr. Reid, as Minister of Railways and Canals, stated that the arrangement of Mr. D. R. Hanna was correct that the National system of railways will be extended through Hamilton to the Frontier. If this is constructed this city should start at once to here, instead of seeing the main line branch off from Jordan and get the line to come through over the Mountain.

SENDS OUT A WARNING



Hon. W. S. Fielding, former Minister of Finance, who has set political tongues wagging and editorial pens driving by a notable speech delivered in the House of Commons last week. He warned manufacturers not to play King Canute.

GROWING IN VIRILITY LABOR PARTY ACTIVE

Encouraged by the remarkable success which attended their efforts in the recent municipal election in this riding, the members of the Independent Labor Party are "carrying on" with a decidedly active policy. They are holding meetings regularly which are largely attended and at which considerable keen interest is shown.

"When the general election in this province comes," said one of the members of the party to The Journal Saturday "it will be found that the Labor party will have a strong candidate in the field but who he will be is not now known. Anyone who thinks that the last contest was only a splash in the pan and will fizzle out has another surprise coming to him."

MAIDEN ENJOYS WAR ROMANCE

Young Lady of La Salle Has Photo Returned to her Which Was Found in Dugout in France With Dead Soldier.

Niagara Falls, March 17.—For some time LaSalle village on the upper Niagara river has been striking rapidly toward the calcium. Now the village has a romance of its very own.

Esther Kleist is one of the principals. She says she has had snapshots taken of herself but at no time has she given one to a soldier admirer. Nevertheless, one of her pictures was returned to her yesterday by William MacLachlan of the Connaught rangers, a unit of the British army, who informs the young woman in a letter enclosing the print, that he found it in a dugout at Le Cateau last September.

LOADED SHIPS AGROUND

Easterly Winds Lower Water Several Feet In Port of Buffalo

Buffalo, March 17.—Nearly every loaded ship in the port of Buffalo has been resting on bottom all day as the result of low water at this end of Lake Erie. The level is reported several feet below normal, due to easterly winds.

DIED

BLACK—At St. Catharines on Saturday, March 15th, 1919, Magdalene Craise, widow of the late J. K. Black in her 74th year.

MANY KILLED IN JAP DISORDERS

Troubles in Korea Lead to Brutal Incidents—Guards Fire on Crowds—Girl Students in Revolt.

Shanghai, March 16.—Thirty persons were killed and forty were wounded at Sungchun, Korea, on March 4, according to a translation of an account of the disorders in that country published in a Japanese newspaper at Seoul and translated by the Reuters agency.

At the village of Suheung, south of Pingyang, four gendarmes fired on a mob until their ammunition was exhausted, fifteen persons being killed, the account states. The mob eventually killed the gendarmes. At Yangdok twenty rioters were slain in an engagement. The activities of girl students in Korea are emphasized by the newspaper, which makes particular mention of the fact that at Anju two Korean gendarmes discarded their uniforms, joined a crowd and shouted "Long live Korea." The Japanese guards thereupon fired, eight persons being killed and thirty wounded, four mortally.

The localities mentioned in the foregoing dispatch would seem to indicate that the disorders in Korea are centering in Pingyang province, on the north and western side of Korea. The principal city in the province is Pingyang, which has a population of 75,000.

VEGETABLES GROWERS MEET TO-NIGHT

A meeting of the Vegetable Growers of St. Catharines District will be held in the Lecture Room, Agricultural Office, corner of King and James on Monday night, March 17th at 8 p.m.

Mr. Robb of the Vineland Experiment Station will give a motion picture lecture on Vegetable Growing in different parts of the Province.

All Vegetable Growers are cordially invited to attend.

MONARCHIST REACTION GROWS OVERSHADOWS BERLIN POWERS

President and Ministers of Germany Said to be Merely Puppets in Control of Military Caste Which is Organizing New Armies

SIGN ECICTS AS THEY ARE REQUESTED

London, March 17.—Special despatches from Berlin say that the suppression of the recent Spartacist outbreak has shown that a military and monarchist reaction is growing and overshadowing the new government. The Berlin correspondent of the Mail, who on February 27th sent a despatch outlining the plans for the monarchist uprising in Germany, has arrived in London, having left Berlin on March 14th after a residence there of three months. He reiterates the statements made in his despatch saying that President Ebert, Chancellor Scheidemann and Minister of War Noske are merely puppets. He declares that for the purpose of retaining power they have allowed the members of Military Caste to reappear as organizers of the New Republican armies. "These men are the real governors of Germany," he says "They make the edicts and Chancellor Scheidemann and his colleagues willingly sign them."

HIT MARK PRETTY WELL

At the first of this month The Journal published a weather forecast for the whole of March, as prepared by some weather prophet. It was suggested that readers cut the paragraphs out and paste them up for reference. Those who did so and who have observed what the season has been will have been impressed with its accuracy.

VETERANS' HALL IS PROPOSED FOR WELLAND

But Right of Municipality to Make Grant is Raised.

Welland, March 17.—Dealing with the request of members of the Great War Veterans' Association for the erection of a \$20,000 hall for their use the Council, or at least some of the members, have taken exception to the proposal that the city subscribe the full amount. Although there is no question as to the advisability of such a building, yet it is questioned whether municipalities have the right to make grants of this nature. Elsewhere the point has been raised that if public money should provide such a hall, that money should come from the Government. It has been suggested that the city defer action until the boys come home, when a suitable municipal memorial may be erected. Mayor Brennan is however, in favor of erecting the proposed building now by popular subscription.

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ST. KITTS MEN ON CARMANIA

(Special to The Journal) Halifax, N. S., March 17.—St. Catharines men on the Carmania include Privates R. Bailey, G. Court, C. Sherry, H. Nicolson, W. Fleulon, H. Gorman, A. Odica, T. McCullough, H. Windmill, McClelland, A. Jacobs, J. Clerk, Schwaner, E. Vansickle, K. W. Petrie.

LAW WILL MAKE EMPLOYERS GIVE TROOPS OLD JOBS

Sydney, March 16 (via Montreal)—Premier Holman in a speech here said the government intended to give employment for 80,000 soldiers in New South Wales. The premier said that there would be legislation compelling employers to reinstate returning soldiers, that 8,000 soldiers would be settled on farm lands and that the others would be employed on public works.

NEGOTIATIONS MAY BREAK IF THE MATTER IS FORCED

London, March 17.—The test question for the German delegates at the Peace Conference will be the West bank of the Rhine, says a Berlin despatch to the Mail. The delegates will be authorized to break negotiations if this matter is forced upon them and in this case the Cabinet will support the delegation and will resign if the National Assembly takes a different attitude.

SENT TO REFORMATORY BY COUNTY JUDGE

Not less than three months or more than nine in the Ontario Reformatory was the sentence imposed on Mike Williams, an Indian boy, by His Honor Judge Campbell in the County Judges Criminal Court this morning for breaking into a cottage on the Lake Shore road.

As this was the prisoner's first offense and in view of the fact that the medical report on the case shows Williams to be of low mentality and not likely to intentionally commit crime the sentence was therefore light.

SIR ADAM IS GRATIFIED OVER HAMILTON RICHY

London, March 17.—Sir Adam Beck expressed his satisfaction to a correspondent with the result in Hamilton. The majority was twice what he expected. He thanked The World for its support.

The Hydro Commissioners would go right ahead on the work, but they would first ask the government of Ontario for an order in council authorizing the construction of the Toronto and London radial, and the Toronto and Niagara radial, because the latter would use the former as far as Port Credit. He also thought the National Railways and the Hydro Commission should get together and avoid unnecessary duplication between Toronto and the Niagara river.

To-day is the twenty-seventh anniversary of the incorporation of Niagara Falls, N.Y., and the event is being observed by all loyal Niagarans. Although no formal celebration is being held, the first annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce will be held to-night to celebrate this city's natal day.

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HON. J. D. REID

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