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HARBOR COMMISSION.

Any man who hints that there may be politics at the back of the opposition to harbor commission as provided for by the harbor commission act is himself thinking more about politics than about the welfare of the port of St. John.

There are others who say harbor commission as proposed would be a good thing, because they have not read the act and do not really know what its effect would be. The Times-Star tomorrow will print the act and let it speak for itself.

The citizens must remember that it is the harbor commission act, and not any irresponsible remarks or assurances given by an individual member of parliament that will determine the future status of the port when the act is approved. The act distinctly places the burden of harbor improvement upon the traffic of the port and not upon the country, as is done in the matter of the very large expenditures at Halifax.

The act would place the port of St. John at a distinct disadvantage, and the citizens by approving it would have deprived themselves of any weapon of defence.

St. John is a national port. It must be so treated by the government. To have it fully equipped is essential to the success of the government railways, and the government must see that it is so equipped or its railways cannot get the maximum of traffic. This is so clear that it could only be willfully misunderstood. Why, then, ask that a burden which the whole country should bear, as it does in the case of Halifax and Quebec, be placed upon the trade of this port? Once the citizens grasp this vital fact in regard to the proposed harbor commission they will have none left.

It appears that there is to be another discussion of the subject this week. Let it be public this time, and let the people know who are advocating harbor commission—and why.

THE WOMEN'S TRIUMPH.

The National Woman Suffrage Association of the United States held its last annual convention last week which was its last annual convention. It is believed the federal woman suffrage amendment to the constitution of the country will be ratified by the necessary number of states before the end of the month. Yesterday the centenary of the pioneer work for woman suffrage, Susan B. Anthony, was celebrated. The association which met last week has been in existence fifty-one years, and its members of today rejoice in the final triumph of their cause. The women voters will participate in the coming presidential election. The spirit in which their leaders would have them assume the franchise is admirably set forth by the president of the Association, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, as follows:

"Arise, women voters of east and west, and north and south, in this your union together, strong of heart, fearless of spirit; let the nation hear you pledge all that you have and all that you are to a new crusade—a crusade that shall not end until the electorate of the republic is intelligent, clean and loyal."

In giving the franchise to women and adopting prohibition the United States has accomplished a great reform, vitally affecting the moral and social welfare of the nation.

A GRAVE WARNING.

Mr. Lloyd George, in his speech last week in parliament, warned the people that conditions are very far from satisfactory in the United Kingdom itself. In what was obviously a reference to the high cost of living, he said, with the dramatic force and aptness of phrase for which he is noted:

"The dangers are not all in Russia; they are here at home. I speak with knowledge, with apprehension, and responsibility, and I warn the House that in the face of things which may happen we must use every legitimate weapon. We must fight anarchy with abundance."

Only by abundance can the high cost of living be reduced. Only by hard and steady work and by the practice of thrift can abundance be assured. The British premier sees what threatens the country continues in that vicious circle of advancing prices, which leave those whose wages are not advanced that much closer to the bread line. The country people grow rich during the war and too many are still growing rich. In addition to increased production a condition must be established that will guarantee a fairer distribution of the wealth produced. The burden and the strain must not be suffered by the many in order that the few may revel in luxury. One has only to read of the extravagances of those suddenly made rich to learn why the poor are poorer, and why Mr. Lloyd George speaks "with knowledge and apprehension of a thing that may happen." Sacrifices were made gladly during the war, but the war is over, and the hoped-for new order of things has not come to pass. The possessors of great wealth and those who are still acquiring great wealth, and all the long train of those given to extravagant living are today called upon to consider the situation, and are warned that it must change by evolution or by revolution. But the call is not to them alone. Picking flaws in one's neighbors does not conceal one's own. The call to service, to honest work and daily thrift is universal. "The dangers are not all in Russia."

Newspapers and the newspaper reading public in Canada suffered loss when Mr. E. F. Slack, president of the Canadian Press Limited, went to his rest. He fell a victim to influenza and pneumonia, at the comparatively early age of fifty-one years. When but nineteen years of age he joined the staff of the Montreal Gazette, and has risen to the position of general manager. His great service to newspapers and the public was in the organization of the Canadian Press, which gives a national news service, and has brought all the newspapers of Canada into closer relations with each other. Mr. Slack sought to bring east and west into closer sympathy and there could be no more effective agency than an efficient national news service. It was also Mr. Slack's ambition, almost realized before he died, to get a better cable news service from Britain. In his own sphere he was doing an important national service, and members of the Canadian Press Limited will join with their colleagues of the Montreal Gazette in sincere regret that his active brain and busy pen are now and forever at rest.

The peace treaty will be before the United States senate again today, with some hope of definite action. Whether it will be ratified or rejected, however, is still in doubt. Meanwhile Europe waits and wonders when the American people will assume their share of the obligations which they cannot ignore without humiliation.

President Wilson has received an assurance of confidence in his good faith by the railroad employers who had threatened to strike on Thursday. They will give him another opportunity to strive for an amicable adjustment of their claims.

February appears determined to outdo January as a winter month. We all are glad to see the sun again and feel firm ground beneath our feet.

BANDITS BOLDLY ROB DETROIT SHOP

Three of Them Enter Griswold Street Place and Rob Register of \$1,000.

Detroit, Feb. 14—While the place was crowded with customers, three well-dressed taxi bandits entered Finley & Co.'s tailoring establishment at 214 Griswold street in the heart of the downtown shopping district at 9 p. m., and after holding everybody off with revolvers, robbed the cash register of \$1,000 and escaped.

No attempt was made to interfere with any of the customers in the store, although one woman who had put her rings in her mouth for safekeeping, swallowed them in her excitement while another woman fainted.

Only cool-headedness of Miss Verna Keith, an assistant cashier, saved the firm a further loss of some \$400. Miss Keith snapped shut the door of the big safe when she saw what was taking place.

After backing out of the store the bandits, with weapons still drawn, made their way to their waiting car and disappeared. The driver of the taxi was taken into custody about midnight, but did not throw any light on the identity of the robbers.

During the time the robbery was being engaged by a series of raids against the underworld haunts, cheap lodging houses and cafes, and more than 400 men were picked up for examination.

Of this number, 150 were held for further investigation and the others released.

Snatch thieves stole twenty-two pay envelopes containing \$438.95 from the Zenith Carbonator Company, foot of Hart avenue.

Burglars broke into Milton H. Huyck's clothing store, 1465 Woodward avenue, and stole clothing valued at \$300.

THE C. G. I. T. On Friday afternoon, Saturday afternoon and evening the C. G. I. T. had an entertainment of games and dancing at the recreational centre in King street east. The junior class spent a pleasant time Saturday afternoon and in the evening the house girls of the Y. W. C. A. had a reception and dance at their home in King street.

Mrs. J. A. McAvity and Mrs. T. H. Somerville were spectators at the entertainment Friday evening. Mrs. Harvie was chaperone on Saturday evening and Mrs. J. D. Hunter and Miss K. McK. Mathieson were convener.

The mission conducted in St. John's Baptist church by Rev. J. P. Walsh, S. J., was brought to a close last evening when His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc officiated at benediction, assisted by Father Walsh and Rev. Dr. A. W. Meahan. The closing service of the women's mission was held in the afternoon.



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THE BANKER.

"To bring your rocks to my strag box," he says, "is a wise I reckon. Oh, sale them down, the great a d crown, the kopeck and the shilling; and then, I guess, in days of str as your wad will make a killing." We hear him cry as we go by, we hear the helpful banker; but sound advice cuts little ice when for food things we make. The coin we earn we wish to burn, as other gents are doing; and so we hear the banker scree with pehawing and beehawing. We need new boots and leather coats and silks that gleam and glimmer, two-dollar socks and oil well stocks dispersed by cheap flim-flammer. The rainy day seems far away, the spend-thrift pushes. The banker stands and cries, "My lands! Are people all gone nutty? The road you tread looks smooth ahead, but soon its roudness and rutty. Bring in your seeds, Oh, loosed lads, bring in the dime and nickle; the sanest guy beneath ti e sky is he whose coin's in pickle."

CANADA—EAST AND WEST

Jointment Happenings of Other Days

JOHN CABOT.

On Feb. 8, 1498, John Cabot was granted a patent to sail with six ships "to the land and isles of late found by the said John in our name and by our commandment" by the British king. The fact that voyage are but dimly seen in the range of history but it is evident that upon this day the great discovery of being the first to venture into the Arctic regions. He led the way after John's brief visit to the Labrador coast. When he returned he sailed along the whole coast of America from Hudson's Strait to Florida. Later under the name of Cabot, he made several other voyages of discovery until in his old age he was bestowed upon him. John Cabot, the father and son, John and Sebastian, were the pioneer discoverers of Britain in the new world and a bitter controversy has raged at times as to the work each accomplished. To Sebastian must be accorded the honor of being the first to venture into the Arctic regions. He led the way after John's brief visit to the Labrador coast. When he returned he sailed along the whole coast of America from Hudson's Strait to Florida. Later under the name of Cabot, he made several other voyages of discovery until in his old age he was bestowed upon him.

LIGHTER VEIN.

A Regular Fight. "The heirs are squabbling over his estate."

"Didn't he leave a will?" "Yes, but he left also a supply of liquor in his cellar and each of the male heirs insists on having it."

Getting Interested. Mr. Bargain (in newspaper)—Shoe are mentioned in an Egyptian papyrus of about 2200 B. C. Mrs. Bargain—I heard one man make a brief remark—"Twenty-five dollars and costs!"

Paradox. "I hope this evening," writes Sykes, "is to your liking."

"Is to your liking?" "Yes, it is, strikes. Of course, stops striking."

A Hearing. Friend—Did you hear any comments on the way you handled your new car?

"Friend—I heard one man make a brief remark—"Twenty-five dollars and costs!"

Not Dancing. "Oh, father, you are doing the shimmy dance just perfectly!"

"Shimmy dance nothing! I've got a chill."

All She Asked. Borthgate (at the dance)—May I offer you a drink?

The Girl—Yes. Just give me a few minutes to myself.

Making Men Envious. "Been eating doves, dear. I did that to make some of the fellows think I'd had a drink."

At College. "You're giving your son a liberal education."

Farmer—Liberal? Gosh, yes! I shelled 'em all the time.

You Bet. First Little Girl—My mother doesn't allow me to use slang.

Second Little Girl—Mine doesn't either. I'd get it in the neck if she heard me use slang, you bet.

THE LONDON LIFE

Has Most Successful Year. Profit Business Exceeds Estimate. Shows Rapid Expansion.

That life insurance is regarded by the public in the most favorable light is clearly indicated by the reports of all the insurance companies for last year. That Canadiana may feel proud of the record made by the life insurance institutions is fully justified by the way in which the heavy burden of the war and epidemic have been borne.

No company, however, has probably been so successful in this respect than the London Life Insurance Company, of London, Canada. It has not only been able to meet the pressure of the extra losses of the last few years, but has been able to maintain a very high scale of profit distributions to policyholders, and more creditable still, has paid and is paying in large amounts of money greatly in excess of the estimates published when the present rates were established. In another column will be a revelation to those who have always supposed that life insurance estimates were invariably higher than the actual results. Judged however from the viewpoint of 1900 the estimates were undoubtedly reasonable on account of the greatly improved rate of interest since then and other favorable conditions, aside from the war strain, the actual results of the company is paying are quite as reasonable.

DOLLAR DAY THURSDAY 19TH

Many Retail Stores Going to Give Public Big Bargains on This Day.

Dollar Day—A semi-annual event that the buying public now look forward to with considerable anticipation, has been set for Thursday, February 19.

This is a day set aside during which a large number of the leading retail merchants join together to make one big bargain day throughout the city for the buying public. It does not mean that only dollar articles are offered. It does mean, however, that a dollar has been set aside for the buying public throughout the city than at any other time.

A complete list of merchants participating in this event will appear in tomorrow's papers. Watch for this, and watch for the Dollar Day bargain tags on Thursday.

Four Bye-Elections For Federal House

(Special to Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 16—The death of David Marshall, M. P. for East Elgin, leaves four constituencies in which by-elections will be held this year. Kamouraska became vacant when Ernest Lapointe resigned to contest Sir Wilfrid Laurier's old constituency. Temiscamingue is vacant because of the death of Hon. Frank Cochrane, and St. James (Montreal) has just lost its member, L. A. Lapointe, through death. Two of these constituencies occur in the coming session of parliament come to an end, as St. W. Jacobs' bill to have the federal government assume the cost of the vacancy occurring passed last session.

James will return a Liberal or a Liberal-Labor member. Kamouraska will send a Liberal and the Farmers' party are expected to get a third seat in East Elgin and Temiscamingue.

MR. GOMPERS VS. THE BOLSHEVISTS

(The Review.) While Mr. Gompers' record is by no means perfect as to his attitude toward lawless tendencies in labor organizations, he has shown ample evidence of essential soundness on questions clearly involving the fundamentals of American institutions.

Fresh proof of this is furnished by his emphatic utterances of the past week in the editorial columns of the American Federationist. "We know about Russia," he says, "as we know about Bolshevism. We know the pitiful story of cruelty and intolerance, and we know the autocratic concept of the Russian dictatorship which is hailed to the world by its dupes and advocates as the most perfect state of affairs that has ever been known."

"We know about it, and we condemn it, completely, finally, and for all time." There is no less condemnation of the Russian pay-rolls. "It is a denunciation of a great wrong more loudly and forcibly uttered."

Mr. Gompers is aware of the propaganda streaming in from Russia, but he regards the danger as comparatively limited. The greater peril is from sources not accredited by the Russian pay-rolls. "It is doubtful," he says, "whether those publications issued more or less surreptitiously by Russian agents have as great an effect in America as those publications which style themselves liberal, and which like to be known as journals of opinion, such as the Nation, the Dial, and the New Republic. In the same class with these are a number of newspapers and magazine writers who with in the last two years have become more or less known as writers on the Bolshevist question. In these journals and writers of the 'partisan Bolshevist' group, men and women who habitually preface their apologies for Bolshevism, with a denial of personal belief in Bolshevism. Mr. Gompers finds 'an air of tolerance, under the guise of which, however, support of the Bolshevist experiment has been at last generous'."

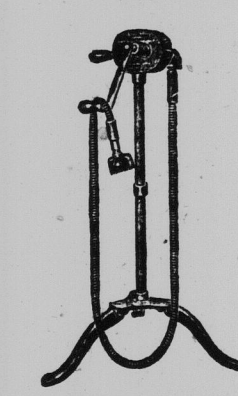
NO ENTANGLED PLANETARY ALLIANCES.

(The Review.) It is not entirely clear what the prize of 100,000 francs is offered by the French Academy of Sciences for the best plan of communicating with another planet or for the actual achievement of inter-planetary conversation.

On the latter supposition it is probable that the prize money, if put out at interest, would amount to a goodly sum before it can be awarded. Most of what we hear concerning the planet which we happen to inhabit tends to confirm a belief that any other planet that values its self-respect and peace of mind will refuse either to initiate or to respond to any efforts to establish a more intimate acquaintance with us.

As a rather bright little planet with a faithful moon at hand, we dare say this world holds a respectable position among its fellows in the firmament, but for our part we love the rest of the universe just much to subject it to the discomfort of which a distribution of distance would inevitably produce.

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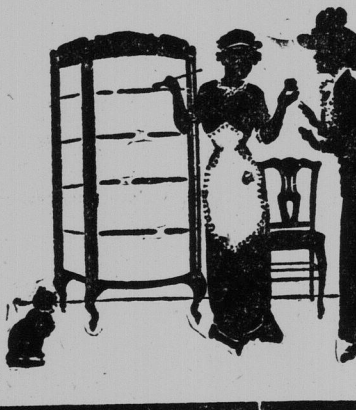
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ORANGE HONORS ITS AGED INVENTOR

Edison at Work Despite Birthday—Is 73 Years Old.

Orange, N. J., Feb. 13—Thomas A. Edison was seventy-three years old on Thursday. But he went to work in his laboratory a little before the usual time in order that he might finish his day's work in time to take part in the celebration which his friends had planned.

Edison took an hour off at noon to attend a luncheon at the Edison plant given by the Edison Pioneers composed of his associates prior to 1880.

"At night Edison and his wife were guests of the Thomas A. Edison Association at the Orange armory. People here displayed flags and decorations in their home in recognition of Edison's 'monumental achievements and service in the world war,' in accordance with a proclamation of the mayor."

Clifford McAdam sang at the morning service at St. John's (St. John) church. Edison will be the effect "The Penitent," by Van de Water.

MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

A body found in the mill pond at Milford, Mass., with hands and feet tied and his nose and mouth gagged, has been identified as that of John F. Barry, a foundry worker.

Reports from western Canada say that the snowfall this year breaks the records of the last twenty years and will mean abundant moisture so that a good crop season may be expected.

Mayor Hanson and Aldermen Davidson, Wilkinson and Burpee, of Fredericton, have announced their intention to retire from the council.

People of the islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe have protested to the French government against the suggestion that they be ceded to the United States in return for a loan.

Speaking in Ottawa on Saturday before a mass meeting of returned soldiers, Hon. M. W. Howells, as acting secretary of state for external affairs in Canada, said that this country will maintain her status in the League of Nations. Canada, he said, was constituted a member of the league with all the obligations and privileges attaching thereto, and would not now withdraw that right. He said Canada was at a loss to know why the United States, of all nations, had challenged her position.

BIRTHDAY OF A HALIFAX NEWSPAPER

Halifax, Feb. 16—On Saturday the Halifax Herald celebrated its forty-sixth birthday, and the members of the staff tendered Senator Dennis a surprise party at his home in the evening. It took the form of a delicious address, the presentation of a silver loving cup, and a bouquet of roses to Mrs. Dennis.

TOTAL ON SUNDAY NIGHT \$8,408.263

That is Report on Forward Movement, But Figures Not Complete.

(Canadian Press.) Toronto, Feb. 16—With incomplete returns up to Sunday night showing a total of \$8,408.263 subscribed by the Presbyterians, Methodists, Anglicans, Baptists and Congregationalists of Canada in the inter-church campaign to raise \$114,640,000, the national committee in charge of the campaign tonight expressed cheerful word as to the ultimate results.

Following are the totals by communions so far reported:

Anglican	\$1,116,202
Baptists	733,002
Congregational	86,821
Methodist	826,146
Presbyterian	2,415,222

The return by provinces for the five communions up to Saturday night includes:

Ontario	\$3,473,260
Quebec	1,070,645
New Brunswick	241,241
Nova Scotia	427,144
Prince Edward Island	18,082

HEARS SERMON BY PHONE.

London, Eng., Feb. 16—The house of a minor living at Pen-y-Gwern, who has been bed-ridden for some months owing to an injured spine, has been connected by telephone to the local Baptist chapel, so he can hear the services.

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