

## London Liberals to Hold Convention Thursday Night

Workers to Nominate a Candidate for the Dominion By-Election—Hon. Mr. Hyman the Choice.

The executive committee of the Liberal Association of London has called a convention for Thursday evening at Hyman Hall.

The object of the gathering is the nomination of a candidate for the Dominion by-election made necessary by the resignation of Hon. C. S. Hyman as member for London.

The convention will not be restricted to a limited number of representatives from each sub-division. It will be open to all Liberals, and every Liberal is urged to attend.

It is a foregone conclusion that but one name will go before the convention—that of Hon. Mr. Hyman. The Minister of Public Works will not be able to come to London for some time yet, owing to the condition of his health. He was anxious to return to the city, but he was warned against doing so, as such a step when a campaign is in progress might cause a relapse.

The absence of Mr. Hyman will be regretted by his friends, but it will simply mean that they will put forth every effort to secure his re-election.

## EVELYN THAW ON DOUKS VS. BAILIFF; THE STAND AGAIN A HOT AFFRAY

Again Declares Talk of White Drove Her Husband to a Frenzy.

New York, Feb. 18.—The usual crowd, largely composed of lawyers, filled the court room when the Thaw case opened this morning. Dr. Britton D. Evans, the defense attorney, was the first of the characters of the case to appear.

When Mr. Jerome arrived he passed close to the expert, but did not speak. Thaw entered the court room, when called with his usual quick step, and at once began animated conversation with Dr. Evans.

A decided surprise was sprung by the defense in recalling Mrs. Evelyn Thaw to the stand immediately after the court convened.

Young Mrs. Thaw looked pale and serious as she took her place on the stand. She appeared in the same simple girlish costume that she has worn every day since the trial began. She smiled slightly as she caught her husband's eye. Thaw returned the smile, and then turned to Attorney O'Reilly, with whom he talked for a minute excitedly. Then he returned to his conversation with Dr. Evans, and for the most part kept his eyes on his wife, only turning occasionally to whisper in the doctor's ear.

After Mrs. Thaw had been in the chair for nearly five minutes, Mr. Delmas began his examination.

"You have already testified, Mrs. Thaw, that you are familiar with the handwriting of Stanford White," he said, "I now hand you a paper and ask, from beginning to end, is it in the handwriting of Mr. White?"

Mrs. Thaw gazed at the paper, evidently a letter, and said: "It is his handwriting."

Mr. Delmas handed the witness six other letters, and they also were identified as having come from Stanford White's.

The letters were marked as defendant's exhibits Q. R. S. T. U. V. and W. After a moment's delay, still other letters were identified. In all, Mrs. Thaw identified 42 letters. She was nearly half an hour at the task.

Messrs. Gleason and Peabody of counsel for the defense were absent today. It was said that Mr. Gleason was suffering from toothache.

Mr. Peabody, it was stated, was examining. As the examination of the letters was concluded, Mr. Delmas turned to the witness:

"How long have you known May MacKenzie?"

"Since 1901."

"How long has May known her?"

"Since 1904."

"Did you in May, 1906, relate to Mr. Thaw a conversation you had with May MacKenzie, and especially in reference to what she said to you regarding Stanford White?"

Mr. Jerome objected, but was overruled.

Mrs. Thaw answered: "May MacKenzie told me Stanford White had been to see her and that she had told him that Harry and I were getting along finely together. She said she thought it was so nice the way we loved each other. She said Stanford White had remarked: 'Pooh, it won't last. I will get her back.'"

"Did Mr. Thaw say anything when you told him this?"

"He said he had already heard it from Miss MacKenzie."

"What was his condition when you told him?"

"The way he always was when on the subject of Stanford White."

"How was that?"

"Very excited and nervous."

"You had a second operation in 1905 did you not?"

"Yes."

"Who made the arrangements for it and paid the cost?"

"Harry K. Thaw."

"How much was the bill?"

"In all about \$5,000. The operation itself was \$1,000."

The nature of the operation was not gone into.

"Did Mr. Thaw have any conversation with the attending physician regarding your previous relations with White?"

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## CITY THREATENS SUIT FOR DAMAGES

May Make Claim Against Street Railway for Wrecking of Hose Wagon.

The city of London threatens to sue the London street railway for damages sustained to its hose wagon by reason of the collision with a street car at the corner of King and Richmond streets last night.

Mayor Judd thinks it is time to make a test case of the matter, and City Engineer Graydon is of the opinion that the company is transgressing the rules and wishes of the city when it allows its cars to pass the corner of King and Richmond street without stopping.

As far back as Feb. 20, 1899, the council resolved that the corner is very dangerous, and on motion of Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. O'Meara, a resolution was carried to the effect that all street cars must stop at that corner before crossing the street, also at the corner of Dundas and Clarence streets, and the corner of Dundas and Talbot streets.

Mayor Judd had City Clerk Baker busy all morning hunting up authorities and resolutions, and it is understood that an action will be entered against the company.

## OSLER FOR MCGILL

Reported That He Will Succeed Roddick on Medical Faculty.

Montreal, Feb. 18.—It is reported here that Dr. Osler has been appointed dean of the McGill medical faculty, in succession to Dr. Roddick, whose retirement was recently announced. The report is not officially confirmed.

## FOR THE AMERICA'S CUP

New York, Feb. 19.—The report comes from Glasgow that Kenneth M. Clark, a well-known English yachtsman, has definitely decided to challenge for the America's cup, but that he will wait until the end of the season. Thomas Lipton the challenger in his fourth challenge if he still desires a race. Mr. Clark will be the next to throw down the gauntlet to the New York Yacht Club.

## ACTION FOR \$20,000 DAMAGES; SEQUEL OF LONDON ELECTION CASE

Mr. Robert Reid Enters Suit Against the London Free Press.

Today Messrs. Jarvis & Vining, on behalf of plaintiff's solicitors, Rowell, Reid, Wilkie, Wood & Gibson, Toronto, served notice of action for libel upon the London Free Press, claiming \$20,000 damages. The plaintiff is Mr. Robert Reid, of Ottawa, formerly of this city, commissioner of the transcontinental railway. The article complained of was published on Feb. 11 last, and is as follows:

"Mr. Reid Should Explain."

"An explanation is demanded of the connection which seems to exist between one of the defendants in the London election conspiracy case and Commissioner Robert Reid, of the Government railway commission, in the handling of public funds."

Mr. Ogilvie, purchasing agent of the railway commission, testified before the public accounts committee yesterday that, at the request of Commissioner Robert Reid, he had placed an order for envelopes through the Munro Commission Company, of Toronto, with the Barber-Ellis Company, of the same city, and that the price paid the commission company was 145 per cent in excess of the price for which the Barber-Ellis Company would have supplied these envelopes direct.

"Who composes the Munro Commission Company, and why did Commissioner Robert Reid recommend the purchase of envelopes through the commission company, instead of direct from the manufacturers?"

"It developed at the London election conspiracy trial that John O'Gorman, one of the defendants, is either a member or representative of the Munro Commission Company, and that it was he who dealt with the Barber-Ellis Company."

"Commissioner Robert Reid is a brother of another of the defendants in the election conspiracy case, awaiting trial with O'Gorman."

"Are the public to believe that this is the manner in which the commission who are in charge of vast public funds appropriated for the building of a transcontinental railway are responding to the trust reposed in them?"

"What does the railway commission, or Mr. Robert Reid, owe to John O'Gorman, that they should pay him a commission of 145 per cent upon goods that could more expeditiously have been purchased direct and the commission saved?"

The action is a sequel of the testimony given by Mr. J. F. Ellis, of the Barber-Ellis Company, Toronto, in the London election conspiracy hearing at Toronto. Mr. Ellis was called and gave evidence as to the purchase of envelopes from the Barber-Ellis Company by the transcontinental railway.

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## ATLAS LOAN DIVIDEND

A Five-Cent Dividend March First and Another Soon After.

St. Thomas, Feb. 18.—It is announced here that the total dividend to the Atlas Loan creditors will be 47 cents, or far more than was at first expected. A five-cent dividend will be paid March 1, and a similar one shortly after. Thirty-seven cents has already been paid. The liquidators, the National Trust Company, Toronto, will receive about \$14,500 for winding up the Atlas. As the company were forced by the courts to pay about \$12,000 for holding the Elgin Loan Company's Dominion Coal stock while it depreciated in value, they will practically be money out on the undertaking.

## MR. HYMAN'S RESIGNATION

Question of Its Validity to Come Before the Election Committee.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—The matter of Hon. Mr. Hyman's resignation is to come before the elections and privileges committee. This was decided in the House today, following a request of Mr. Borden's to that effect.

The Premier agreed to the motion after there had been added to it a provision that action upon the speaker's warrant for a by-election be withheld pending the committee's report.

Mr. Speaker announced that he had ordered the clerk of the crown to stay warrant in the London election case.

Mr. Borden's resolution was as follows: "That the letter or declaration bearing date the 20th of November, 1906, from the Hon. Chas. S. Hyman, as a member of this House for London, his honor the speaker, and communicated by his honor to this House on the 8th of February and all other letters or declarations from the said member to the like purport delivered to his honor and all correspondence touching the same or any of them, be referred to the select standing committee on privileges and elections for the purpose of inquiring into the execution of the said letters or declarations and all matters relating thereto and reporting whether any of the said letters or declarations constitutes a valid resignation of Mr. Hyman's seat as member for London."

## RAYNOR ARRAIGNED.

London, Feb. 19.—Horace George Raynor, who murdered Wm. Whitely, the drygoods merchant, of West Brompton, Jan. 24, and subsequently attempted suicide, was discharged from the hospital this morning, and was arraigned in a police court. He was remanded for a week.

## MEXICAN DISASTER; 75 MINERS ENTOMBED

Dispatches From Monterey Tell of Fatal Explosion in Coal Pit.

Laredo, Texas, Feb. 19.—Telegrams from Monterey, Mexico, early today told of a disastrous mine explosion which occurred last night in the Laconquistas mine, No. 3, of the Las Esperanzas district, in which 75 miners are known to have lost their lives. The dead may be increased to 75, when full details are received.

According to meager reports, the explosion occurred shortly after the night shift had begun work. The explosion is thought to have been caused by gas which ignited from a defective lamp, carried by one of the miners. The accident is the most serious that has occurred in the district since the disaster in the Barratona mines, a year ago, when nearly 100 lives were lost.

## KUROPATKIN'S BOOK STARTLES ALL RUSSIA

Bureaucracy Plot Revenge and Kaulbars May Challenge to Fight.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—The publication abroad of Gen. Kuropatkin's history of the Russo-Japanese war has caused a great sensation here. The dispatches on the subject were suppressed, but long accounts, received by mail, are printed in all newspapers. The general's strictures have evoked much resentment in military circles and have reviewed the talk of the possibility of a duel between Gen. Kaulbars and Gen. Kuropatkin. A strong effort is being made to undermine the latter in the Emperor's eyes, and the young fellow got a warrant out for him. It was then he disappeared from town, though it was said he had a good counter-charge against the complainant.

The young lady, it is said, pined for her missing sweetheart when he suddenly left the city, and the proprietor of the hotel where she worked informed her that she had better attend to business or seek a new situation. And the next thing the proprietor knew, the young lady, to use a slang phrase, "flew the coop."

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## THE AXE AT BELLEVILLE

Rumors Says Whitney Government Has Dismissed Magistrate Flint.

Belleville, Feb. 18.—Rumor here says that Police Magistrate John J. B. Flint has been dismissed. He declines to talk. He has been police magistrate here for more than twenty years.

## SIR W. HINGSTON DEAD

Well-Known Montreal Senator and Surgeon Passes Away.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—Senator Sir William Hingston died today in Montreal.

Sir William Hingston for many years was one of the best-known physicians in Montreal and throughout Quebec.

## PATIENT ESCAPED

A patient at Victoria Hospital who was recovering from the effects of a protracted spinal disease, escaped from the hospital on an early hour yesterday morning, and on a street in his nightclothes. He called at the home of a citizen near the corner of Waterloo street and Ottawa avenue, where he was taken in, and provided with a pair of trousers, a coat and a pair of shoes, and sent on his way. Later the police got him, and he was returned to the hospital. He was little the worse for his escapade, and the night, fortunately, being rather mild.

Superintendent Heard stated to The Advertiser that the patient, who is well known around town, has frequently been in the hospital for treatment of the effects of drinking, but that on no previous occasion did he show any desire to leave the institution. Consequently, it was not thought necessary to place him in the room next apart for persons suffering from delirium tremens. During the temporary absence of the nurse he escaped through the window.

## THE WEATHER.

### TOMORROW—COLDER.

Toronto, Feb. 19—3 p.m.

Northerly gales, accompanied by a snow-fall, have prevailed today in Nova Scotia. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has been generally fair, except that snow flurries have occurred in New Brunswick and Northern Alberta, and showers in British Columbia. It has been moderately cold for persons suffering from delirium tremens. During the temporary absence of the nurse he escaped through the window.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 44 below—54 below; Atlin, 20 below—6 below; Victoria, 42—46; Vancouver, 35—39; Calgary, 18—45; Edmonton, 18—38; Qu'Appelle, 12—30; Winnipeg, 20—30; Parry Sound, 10 below—24; Toronto, 8—14; Ottawa, 8 below—10; Montreal, zero—10; Quebec, 4—8; St. John, 2—8; Halifax, 12—34.

FORECASTS.

Tuesday, Feb. 19—3 a.m.

Today—High northeast winds and becoming colder, with snow flurries.

Wednesday—Strong northwesterly winds and colder.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary ..... 22 20 Clear

Winnipeg ..... 22 14 Clear

Parry Sound ..... 22 14 Snow

Toronto ..... 34 28 Cloudy

Ottawa ..... 8 8 Snow

Montreal ..... 6 2 Cloudy

Quebec ..... 8 2 Cloudy

Father Point ..... 12 18 Clear

The sign indicates below zero. The first column in the above table records the temperatures at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Monday were: Highest, 34°; lowest, 15° above zero.

Detroit, Feb. 18—Lower Michigan: Tuesday—Rain or snow and colder. Wednesday—Fair, except snow flurries along the lake shore; brisk northwest winds.

## TILLSONBURG LADY AS LOBBYIST WHERE BRIGHT EYES BEAT "PULL"

WHERE, OH WHERE, HAVE THEY GONE?

Sweet Singer and Hotel Girl Skidoo, and Friends Are Asking Questions.

Where is pretty Mamie Fisher?

Where is Walter McNard, the sweet-singer who was wont to entertain the throngs which nightly fill the Victoria, the moving picture theater?

This is the question which is being asked by friends of the couple, and by the police, who are looking for McNard.

The latter skipped out some time ago, it is alleged, having had some trouble of a minor nature in the city. And a day or so later, it is further alleged, Miss Fisher "she took the steamboat and flew away."

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