

CANADA MAY BE INSURANCE CENTRE

If it Does Not Adopt U. S. Restrictions.

How the Armstrong Law Affected Cuba.

Mutual Reserve Fund --Some Coal Leases.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 20.—(Special)—B. MacAulay, of the Sun Life, was heard again to-day, dealing largely with the limitation of expenses clause of the bill to which he was strongly opposed.

Mr. Fielding—But the people in Cuba were able to get insurance. Mr. MacAulay—They were able to get about half what they had, because our company was on the ground.

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Mr. Bradshaw, manager of the Imperial Life Insurance Company, of Toronto, denies the statement of the reported reinsurance of the Canadian policies of the mutual reserve fund in the Imperial.

Coal Leases. Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 20.—H. Rowatt, of the mines branch of the Interior Department, was examined at length to-day by Mr. Barker on coal leases.

DEWEY'S DOUBLE Death of a Man Who Was a Relative of Admiral Dewey.

London, Feb. 20.—(Special)—William Henry Dewey, a relative of Rear-Admiral George Dewey, of the United States navy, died at his home here this morning at the age of 79.

RUSSIA'S NAVAL PROGRAMME INVOLVES BIG EXPENDITURE.

Fleet of Battleships Duplicate Set of Guns for Every Vessel.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—Representatives of the Russian Admiralty submitted to-day to the Commission of National Defence of the Duma the financial outline of the much discussed naval programme.

A Great Army

San Francisco, Feb. 20.—Captain A. McMorland, chief of the army service corps of Sydney, Australia, arrived here yesterday on the America on his way to London and Aldershot, England, where he will take a special course of instruction in transportation, the object of which will be to fit himself in the art of provisioning the great army which Australia is now training under its system of compulsory military education.

THOROLD BAND

Reunion of Old Band Boys a Pleasant Affair.

St. Catharines, Ont., Feb. 20.—(Special)—A unique social function was held last evening under the auspices of Thorold Reed Band. It was an "old band boy reunion," and among those present were men prominent in various walks of life from distant places.

GOING TO VIRGINIA.

Miss Florence Kinrade Will be Missed Here.

Miss Florence B. Kinrade, soprano soloist of MacNab Street Presbyterian Church, has been offered and has accepted the position of soprano soloist of the Manchester Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Va.

ON THE OTHER FOOT

Newspaper Editor Goes After Man For Libel.

Staunton, O'Her & Morison have issued a writ on behalf of A. C. Michell, editor of the Haldimand Banner, of Caledonia, against Thomas Bowden, of Conroyville, for libel. The action arises over a story published in the Banner some time ago regarding an accident to a number of skaters on the Grand River at Caledonia.

Friday Fish Day.

We carry a splendid assortment of cured fish, including codfish, mackerel, kippers, hoppers, smelts, haddock, select and standard oysters, everything you can think of in the canned fish line we have. Daily supply of fresh fruit and vegetables. Bain & Adams, 89, 91 King Street East.

THE U. S. FLEET IS AT CALLAO.

Admiral Evans Sick and Has Been Superseded by Admiral Thomas.



U. S. REAR ADMIRAL EVANS.

Callao, Feb. 20.—7.45 a. m.—The American battleship fleet has just been sighted off this port. The latest wireless dispatch from the Connecticut says that Rear-Admiral Evans is still in poor health and that Rear-Admiral Charles M. Thomas, commander of the second squadron and third division of the fleet, has assumed charge of the vessels.

WAS A MISTAKE.

Mrs. Guitar No Relation of the Freeman Girl.

In the report of the child desertion case in the Times on Saturday last an injustice was, unfortunately, done. Mrs. Guitar, 334 Hughson street north, the statement was made that the house where Josie Freeman, mother of the child, lived, was her sister's home, and that the sister's name is Mrs. Caroline Guitar, next door neighbor to the ill-fated Martin family.

NOT MUCH DELAY

Owing to the Snow Storm of Yesterday.

Although the snow which fell in the city yesterday was not sufficient to cause citizens much annoyance or interfere with the operations of the street railway system, it was had enough to delay railway traffic, block country roads and cause trouble on the suburban electric lines.

GRANTS TO FAIRS.

Some Spend Too Much Money On Stenographic Reports.

Parliament Buildings, Toronto, Feb. 20.—(Special)—To ask that their annual grant from the Provincial Legislature be increased from \$70,000 to \$100,000, a deputation numbering 250 persons, representing the Ontario Association of Fairs and Exhibitions waited on Hon. Mr. Monteth, the Minister of Agriculture, and Hon. Mr. Matheson, the Provincial Treasurer, this morning.

CRISPIN VS. DANIELS.

An inter-city race that will prove to be one of the athletic events of the winter will take place to-morrow night at Britannia rink, when Geo. Crispin, of London, champion roller skater of Canada, and W. Daniels, of the Britannia rink, will meet in a matched race for championship honors and a little side bet.

ST. KITTS BURGLARY.

St. Catharines, Ont., Feb. 20.—(Special)—The police, although they claim to have strong suspicions, have not yet captured the burglars who entered the Grand Trunk Hotel on Tuesday night, and got away with \$70 in cash.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

Well, boss, what do you think of the street railway offer?

I notice that Adam Zimmerman always does the right thing at the right time.

My friends of the Y. W. C. A. are again thinking of setting up the clock on the Gore. Now if I were one of the wealthy ones I would soon wind it up.

This is the sort of weather to spend the evening at the Lib. Club. All the comforts of a home and no evil influences. N. B.—Rent paid in advance.

Oh, no doubt, the police have a snap. But how would you like to be out and around the streets all night this weather?

Dr. Roberts gets into more kinds of hot water than any other man I know, and he seems to thrive on it too.

The Mayor talks about "a mandate from the people." I didn't hear of any at last election. In fact, I don't think it was mentioned.

So R. A. Thompson, the member for North Wentworth, like Hon. Nelson Monteth sit up and take notice the other afternoon. Nels will have to try and make good.

Did you hear that the License Commissioners were real mad at the Citizens' League for what it said about them? The things that Willie Armstrong was saying were just awful.

Some think that there is a screw loose somewhere about the land deal of the city with the Canada Screw Co. Others again say that the aldermen put the screws on them, and the Screw Co. say that they are a lot of screws.

I hope there is no string attached to that \$2,000 appropriation for the Jolley Cut.

This talk about a clause being surreptitiously placed in the city lighting contract after it passed the Council is absurdly silly. I will bet a cookie that that clause appeared in all the city papers at the time. Anybody take me up?

No snow cases in court? What's the trouble? By-law broke down?

I saw a man wheeling up town on a bicycle this morning, but I didn't happen to have a gun.

AT INVERUGIE.

At-Home Given by Mrs. Gibson a Beamsville. Despite the stress of wintry weather this afternoon, a very large number braved the snow and wind and went to "Inverugie," to attend Mrs. Gibson's at-home. The cosy rooms were lovely with flowers—daffodils and violets in the tea room, and carnations in the reception rooms.

ZION TABERNACLE

Quarterly Board Shows Appreciation of Its Pastor.

At the February meeting of the official board of Zion Tabernacle, held on Tuesday evening the affairs of the church were found to be in a most satisfactory and flourishing condition. The present membership is 650, and the finances are in good condition.

FOR SHOOTING

Fleming Committed For Firing at Dining Room Girl.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 20.—In the Police Court this morning Magistrate Denison committed Robert J. Fleming, the young Englishman who yesterday fired a revolver at Miss Florence Smith, a dining room girl in the Richelieu restaurant, for trial. Fleming pleaded not guilty.

THEFTS REPORTED.

Bain & Grier's poolroom, at Park and King streets, was entered on Tuesday night, the front doors being forced open and three boxes of cigars were stolen. The same night that Mrs. Shuart, Bold street, lost her chickens. Tuesday night, George Gould, 533 Charlton avenue, had seven buff Springfield stolen. The police think the same gang got both lots.

BECK WILL BE HERE ON POWER MATTER

Subway Suicide

New York, Feb. 20.—The 72nd street station of the subway was the scene of another suicide last night, when an unidentified man pushed through a crowd of probably one hundred persons on the platform, and leaped in front of a south-bound express.

The body was so horribly mangled that little was left to so much as suggest the man's probable age. A Derby hat, made by manufacturers of Montreal and Toronto, bore the initials "B. W."

CARTAGE RATES

Will be Advanced by All the Canadian Railways.

A circular has been issued by the Canadian railroads announcing that on March 15 Canadian roads will charge an additional half cent per 100 pounds for cartage. Originally in such centres as Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal, Quebec, London and Ottawa the first five classes of freight were delivered free to the consignee. Then a charge of a cent and a half was levied by the railways. The two-cent rate will go into effect on March 15.

FOR ARBITRATION.

Treaty Between the United States and Great Britain.

London, Feb. 20.—Fresh interest was aroused in Parliament to-day in the American-British negotiations for an arbitration treaty, by the announcement that the United States Senate had ratified the American-French treaty of arbitration, it being left that this practically assures the completion of a similar convention between this country and the United States.

WAS REMANDED.

F. Roach Maintains Innocence of Purse Snatching.

Detective Beakley arrived here yesterday afternoon from London with Frederick Roach in his charge. Roach was tried on two charges of theft, in London on Tuesday and was allowed to go on suspended sentence. Purse-snatching is the charge against him here and the complainant is Miss Frances Gillies. He denied being guilty of this offence when the London authorities wanted him to plead guilty to it up there and save the trouble and expense of being brought here, and maintained his innocence.

MOULDERS TOOK NO ACTION ON BOSSES' PROPOSITION.

At the regular meeting of the Iron Moulders' Union last night the proposition made by the stove founders that the union agree to setting aside for the contract made a year or so ago for three years and accepting a lower scale of wages than that agreed upon was discussed. The bosses ask that the agreement be cancelled and a new scale, one which they claim will be in keeping with the wages paid in Canadian cities, be adopted. Officials of the union to-day declined to give any information about the meeting other than "nothing was done."

Men Are Opposed to Cancellation of the Three Year Contract, However

Some of the founders say that they cannot open their moulding shops at a profit if a reduction is made. There will be a general meeting of the union to-night in the Arcade Hall to discuss the situation.

In Reference to the City's Contract.

Ald. Nicholson Resents Remarks of Mayor.

Dr. Roberts Gives His Services Gratuitously.

The criticism levelled at the Hydro-Electric Commission for its apparent indifference over the power question since the municipalities endorsed the project last January has evidently stirred Hon. Adam Beck and his colleagues into another spurt of activity. The commission has had several sessions in Toronto this week and to-day Secretary Brennan, of the Board of Works, received an acknowledgment from Mr. Beck, of Hamilton's request for a contract form, and stating that it would likely require about 1,500 horse power. Mr. Beck expects to be in Hamilton this week with the Chief Engineer of the Commission when he says he will go into the matter with all parties interested.

City Engineer Barrow is preparing a paper to be read before the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers on Hamilton's sewage system. "It will cover the whole question of the treatment of sewage from the time Duffy's cow got into the inlet up to our new septic tank system," said Mr. Barrow. Although a good many people have no doubt forgotten it by this time, Mr. Barrow points out that Duffy's cow was the cause of the question of a proper system for treating the sewage being taken up. Mr. Duffy got a verdict in an action against the city and the judge held that the city should have to do something to stop the pollution of the water. The city has been improving on the system ever since.

Chairman Nicholson, at the meeting of the Markets Committee yesterday afternoon, took exception to the remark made by Mayor Stewart at the meeting of the police commissioners that \$5,000 had been squandered on the new patrol station. The chairman said he thought it was unjust. The estimates of \$77,250 passed by the commissioners were adopted. E. B. Patterson, architect, was instructed to prepare plans for the new \$6,000 police station it is proposed to erect in the west end.

City Clerk Kent points out that the cost of operating the Toronto Street Railway last year was \$3.9 as compared with \$2.9 the previous year. The company paid the city in percentage, pavement charges, etc., \$342,090, an increase of \$74,725 over 1906. In other words it paid the city \$1,484 a day. The company carried 85,574,788 passengers.

Dr. Roberts, the Medical Health Officer, who was recommended by the House of Refuge Committee as the physician for the new Home for Incurables at a salary of \$1,500 a year, is writing to the Finance Committee, informing it that in view of the fact that there are not likely to be many patients in the institution this year he will be pleased to do the work for nothing.

The Finance Committee at its meeting this week will deal with the request from the Parks Board that the Council complete the purchase of the lands on the mountain brow from J. V. Teetzel and others.

The firm of E. T. Wright & Company is applying for a refund of the \$2 fine for not cleaning the snow in front of the factory premises.

George H. Hopkins, a clerk in the tax office, is applying for an increase in his salary.

The men employed by the Parks Board to trim trees are now engaged in that work, and people who want trees in front of their property attended to should notify the city clerk's office.

The committee considering the appointment of a plumbing inspector will meet to-night, and will likely recommend that a sufficient amount be set aside in the estimates to pay the salary of such an official. The matter of passing a plumbing by-law will also be taken up.

It looks as if the proposition to buy the old Central Church property for a public auditorium will not be a go. Only two or three people attended the meeting called for yesterday, and the project will likely be dropped for the present.

Last year over 11,000 deaths in Ireland were attributed to consumption, and it is far more prevalent there than in the other parts of the United Kingdom.