

EMPHATIC DENIAL OF MERGER STORY.

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each other than ever before. "We're unpopular in Hamilton, but I do say we rescued Hamilton and gave it a rate of progress during the past ten years that the city never had before. If we accomplish anything in Brantford, I hope we will be given credit for it," he concluded.

Mayor Stewart said to-day that Colonel Gibson was very much mistaken as far as he was concerned if he thought the city had anything to do with bringing the Ontario Railway Board's engineers here last week to inspect the Hamilton Street Railway system.

A former Hamilton resident who lived in Westmont, Montreal, for a number of years, advises the Hamilton municipal authorities, if they want reliable information relative to snow cleaning, to write the Mayor of Westmont. In that place the walks are cleaned by the corporation, which employs a gang of laborers for the purpose, principally Italians. He says the walks there are always well cleaned and that he has the word of the Mayor that the increase in taxation is very small and the results most satisfactory.

The Board of Works to-morrow night will discuss the estimates and clean up a lot of other small business that has been dragging along for several months.

The Markets Committee at its meeting this afternoon will pass the estimates for the departments under its control and deal with other small business.

AUTOS IN BUFFALO.

American Car Arrives There First—The Italian Called Back.

Buffalo, Feb. 17.—After a seven-hour encounter with almost impassable roads, mud and snow banks, the Thomas Flyer, the Buffalo-made and only American car in the world heading New York-to-Paris race, led its competitors into Buffalo at 2:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon. From Williamsville to the Iroquois, the registering place, the Thomas was escorted by a corps of huggers and dozens of automobiles that went out to meet it.

The drivers of the cars yesterday afternoon favored the plan and a decision will be reached to-day. The Italian car, driven by Antonio Scarfoglio, arrived in Buffalo at 3:45 this morning, while the town was still asleep, and after going to a garage for a short time continued his trip west, under the impression that the two cars proceeding were also on their way. The Italian was well out on the lake shore road when a telephone message was sent, advising him to return, check up and get certain papers, including his Pennsylvania license. It is understood that Scarfoglio is now on his way back.

The French car, piloted by St. Jafrey, and the American car will probably not start from here before to-morrow.

RUMOR CONFIRMED

Of the Sale of Electrical Development Co.

Toronto, Ont., Feb.—The rumor of a sale of the control of the Electrical Development company to the McKenzie-Mann interests is further confirmed by the issuance to-day of a circular calling a special general meeting of the shareholders of the company for Feb. 26, for the purpose of considering, and if approved, of confirming a by-law passed by the Board of Directors providing for the conversion of one half of the capital stock of the company into preference shares, bearing a non-cumulative dividend at the rate of five per cent. per annum, the said preference shares being redeemable at any time at \$110 per share, and in the event of any distribution of capital among shareholders, upon liquidation or otherwise, each shareholder to be entitled to have fifty per cent of the shares standing in his name converted into such preference share upon transferring the remaining fifty per cent as may be directed by the board.

FOR PLAY GROUNDS.

A meeting was held on Saturday in the City Hall for the purpose of discussing the organization of a Play Grounds Association, the object being to provide play grounds between Queen and Wellington and Stuart and Hunter streets, in the congested section. Those present were: Adam Brown, N. D. Galbreath, Geo. Hope, Alfred Ward, Canon Forneret, Capt. McLaren, Rev. E. N. R. Brown, Rev. W. H. Sedgewick, Mrs. Woolverton, Mrs. Gibson, Lady Taylor, Mrs. P. D. Cramer, Miss Harris, Miss Bennett. It was decided to have Mr. J. J. Kelso here to address a meeting to be held at an early date, probably on Thursday afternoon.

TWO MEN BURNED.

Bradford, Pa., Feb. 17.—Two men were burned to death last night in a fire which destroyed a dwelling house at Limestone, N. Y., near here.

Money makes the mare go, but you can't get gasoline for nothing.

TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

—Miss Katherine Murphy, of Stratford, is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. M. Power.

—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mills leave this evening for Florida, to be absent about a month.

—If "A Journeyman Plumber" sends to the Times his name and address, his letter will be published, but not the name and address.

—The fifth annual banquet of the local agents of the Union Life Assurance Company will be held Thursday evening at the Palace Hotel.

—Thomas Pearson, of Smithville, has been appointed clerk of the Third Divisional Court of the County of Lincoln, in place of Charles Grassie, resigned.

—Prof. McLachlin, of Victoria College, Toronto, will deliver a lecture this evening in Centenary lecture hall on "Egypt, Past and Present," under the auspices of the Centenary Literary Society.

—Mr. H. H. Coburn, President of the Massey-Harris works, presented all his young lady office clerks with tickets for Bennett's Theatre on Friday evening last, thus giving them a treat, which they much enjoyed, as well as helping the fund of the Sick Children's Hospital.

—The street fighting arbitration, which was to have been continued before Judge Snider this morning, was postponed till to-morrow, on account of Hon. J. M. Gibson being engaged at the meeting of the Dominion Power and Transmission Co.

—James Wade, Cannon street, east, was removed to the City Hospital on Saturday afternoon, in the patrol, to have his ankle dressed. While at work he fractured several small bones in the ankle which were set by Dr. Carr and the injured man is doing very well to-day.

—Mr. E. Evans Smith, son of Mr. S. Frank Smith, the popular and well-known auctioneer, is renewing old acquaintances at his home in Clappison's Corners. Mr. Smith is a bright young man and holds an important position in the mantle department of The T. Eaton Company departmental store, Toronto.

—Mr. and Mrs. George McDonald have returned from Marlton, Que., where they were on Saturday attending the funeral of Mrs. McDonald's father, Mr. Curtis Bishop. Mr. Bishop, who was a lumber dealer, was accidentally killed by being crushed by a heavy log, which got beyond the control of the men who were handling it.

Flannelette slumber robes, 50c. white twill cotton slumber robes, 75c. Pyjama suits, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.75. waugh's, post office opposite.

MORDEN SUITS.

Cases of Both Husband and Wife Dismissed To-day.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 17.—The application of James J. Morden, of West Flamborough, for a stay of proceedings and the application of his wife, May Lillian Morden, of Dundas, for interim alimony, today, referred to Justice Falconbridge judge, said they were only married in November, 1903, since July, 1903, the wife had been harassing the husband with legal proceedings.

UNION TO DECIDE

As to the Proposed Reduction of Wages.

A meeting of the Iron Moulders' Union of this city, is to be held on Wednesday evening of this week, for the purpose of considering the proposition made by the D. Moore Company, on behalf of the stove founders of Hamilton, for a reduction of the scale of wages so as to enable the local firms to compete with the firms in Canada and others. They show straight to Government House, where Mr. and Mrs. Bryce will be guests for a week. On the 25th inst, Mr. Bryce will address the Canadian Club in Montreal.

BRYCE IN OTTAWA.

British Ambassador and Wife Arrived To-day.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 17.—(Special)—Hon. James Bryce, British Ambassador at Washington, and Mrs. Bryce, arrived here at noon to-day. They were met at the railway station by Col. Hanbury Williams, Lord Grey's military secretary, Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, Chief Justice of Canada, and others. They drove straight to Government House, where Mr. and Mrs. Bryce will be guests for a week. On the 25th inst, Mr. Bryce will address the Canadian Club in Montreal.

RELIEF WORK.

Walnut Street Salvation Army Also In It.

In addition to the relief work being done at the citadel of the Salvation Army, No. 2 corps is engaged in a good work at Walnut street. During the past week Ensign and Mrs. Clark were busy distributing baskets of food and also sent out coal to the value of over \$30. They are keeping up the work this week and purpose continuing it until the need has passed.

MEN'S MEETING.

The men's meeting in Association Hall yesterday was well attended and those present listened to an address by Bishop Breyfogel, D.D., of Reading, Pa., who took for his subject, "The Value of a Soul." In a very forceful manner he impressed upon his audience the great importance of the soul, so valuable in the sight of God that even the wealth of the whole world will not balance the value of a single soul. He spoke also of the great price which was paid for the souls of men, and urged on his hearers the importance of being assured of the salvation of a possession so valuable.

THE WEATHER.

FORECASTS.—Fair and cold to-day and on Tuesday.

A depression situated in the west Pacific States is increasing quickly in energy, and high pressure is spreading into the western provinces from the northward. Light snow is falling in Alberta and Saskatchewan, but the weather in Canada generally is fair and moderately cold.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Eastern States and Northern New York.—Fair, colder to-night, moderate cold wave in north portion; Tuesday fair, light to fresh winds.

Western New York.—Snow flurries to-night, colder in the eastern portion; Tuesday partly cloudy.

THIS DATE LAST YEAR. Fair and comparatively mild.

LATE SPORTING NEWS

The City Bowling League has arranged the following schedule for the first half of the series of games for the city team championship and the Herald Cup: Week of Feb. 17th:

Tuesday—Hamilton II. vs. Tigers, Steel Plant vs. Pick-Ups.

Wednesday—Internationals vs. Brendas, Friday—Printers vs. Gun Club, Fernleigh vs. Westinghouse.

Week of Feb. 24th: Tuesday—Brendas vs. Pick-Ups, Wednesday—Printers vs. Internationals, Steel Plant vs. Westinghouse.

Friday—Gun Club vs. Hamilton, Fernleigh vs. Tigers.

Week of March 2nd: Tuesday—Printers vs. Pick-Ups, Brendas vs. Westinghouse.

Wednesday—Internationals vs. Hamilton, Friday—Fernleigh vs. Hamilton, Steel Plant vs. Tigers.

Week of March 10th: Tuesday—Hamilton II. vs. Printers, Fernleigh vs. Steel Plant.

Wednesday—Internationals vs. Gun Club, Friday—Fernleigh vs. Brendas, Westinghouse vs. Pick-Ups.

Week of March 17th: Tuesday—Hamilton II. vs. Steel Plant, International vs. Westinghouse.

Wednesday—Pick-Ups vs. Tigers, Friday—Printers vs. Fernleigh, Pick-Ups vs. Gun Club.

Week of March 24th: Tuesday—Printers vs. Steel Plant, Westinghouse vs. Gun Club.

Wednesday—Hamilton I. vs. Brendas, Friday—Steel Plant vs. Brendas, Internationals vs. Tigers.

Week of March 31st: Tuesday—Printers vs. Brendas, Gun Club vs. Tigers.

Wednesday—Westinghouse vs. Tigers, Friday—Hamilton II. vs. Fernleigh, Pick-Ups vs. Internationals.

MORE WAR SHIPS.

Britain's Answer to Germany Will be Next Year.

London, Feb. 17.—In view of the threatening attitude of that section of the Radical party, which advocates reduction in armaments, there has been much speculation as to whether the Government will persist in the determination, reached on advice of the Lords of Admiralty, to submit increased naval estimates to Parliament. Those in position to know say they will, and backed by strong public opinion can carry them through without difficulty.

What these estimates provide for in the way of new construction is another question, that has been much discussed. A naval officer gives the following as the probable programme:

Three armored vessels of the improved Dreadnought type; two cruisers, improvements on the old Edgar class; heavily armed and well protected six smaller cruisers of the Bonaventure class, 35 hundred tons, with a great radius of action.

At least 12 torpedo craft, the majority of them of the Tribble class.

There will be provision for additional submarines, but in these the Admiralty maintain the greatest secrecy.

This is not looked upon as a complete answer to Germany's programme. That naval men say will come next year, even the critics of the policy of the Admiralty admitting that the start England has secured will enable her to maintain the two power standard without rushing work during the coming fiscal year.

Germany's refusal to agree at The Hague to the proposal to prohibit the placing of floating mines, has caused British activity in still another direction. Before the start of the year has had but two mine laying vessels. Since The Hague conference adjourned, work has commenced on the conversion of the second class cruisers for this purpose.

LOCAL OPTION.

The Saltfleet Scrutiny Case Adjournd Till Friday.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—(Special)—Argument from holding a scrutiny upon the vote cast on the local option by-law of the Township of Saltfleet was this morning adjourned till Friday next. Mr. Lynch-Staunton, counsel for the applicant, was not ready to proceed.

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Markets and Finance.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—Noon.—(Received by A. E. Carpenter.)

Table with columns: Sellers, Buyers, Buffalo, Cobalt Lake, Foster, Green Meehan, Kerr Lake, Nipissing, Nova Scotia, Peterson Lake, Red Rock, Silver Leaf, Silver Queen, Trefhowey, University, Watts.

COBALT STOCK BOUGHT AND SOLD

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Toronto, Feb. 17.—Noon.—(Received by A. E. Carpenter.)

Table with columns: Banks, Commerce, Dominion, Hamilton, Imperial, Standard, Toronto, Tein City, Bell Telephone, Can. Gen. Elec.

THE BIG RACE.

A large crowd which attended Alexandra on Saturday night was simply wild with excitement through both heats and the final of a most interesting race. The first heat was won by E. Hawkes and W. McMichael, and the second heat by W. Smith and A. McMaster were bringing these two teams together for the final, which was very close and exciting, the admirers of each team cheering their favorites on to their utmost ability, and when Smith and McMaster were bringing the winners the crowd gave them very hearty cheers of approval and rushed on them with congratulations. The gold medals won by the different contestants will be presented this week. Starting to-night the price of admission to ladies will be twenty-five cents, including skates.

ALDERMEN AT BENNETT'S.

For the fourth week of the Children's Hospital benefit at Bennett's there will be an auspicious opening to-night. The boxes will be occupied by members of the City Council and their families, all but five of the aldermen having accepted the tickets sent by Miss Lewis. To-morrow night the employees of the Canadian Colored Cotton Co. will be out in force, and for Thursday night over 600 seats have been taken by employees of the International Harvester Co. Miss Lewis is arranging to have a series of national nights, the first of which will be American night.

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths which are inserted in the Daily Times also appear in the Semi-weekly Times. 60c first insertion; 25c for each subsequent insertion.

BIRTHS

FITZGERALD—On Sunday, February 16, 1903, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Fitzgerald, a son.

DEATHS

ARMSTRONG—In this city, at 144 Market Street, on Sunday, February 15, 1903, Emma Law, beloved wife of Thos. Armstrong. Funeral notice later.

BRADFORD—In this city on Saturday, February 15th, 1903, Nancy, beloved wife of Aaron Bradford, in her 62nd year. Funeral from her late residence, 563 John Street, on Tuesday afternoon to St. Patrick's Church, thence to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation.

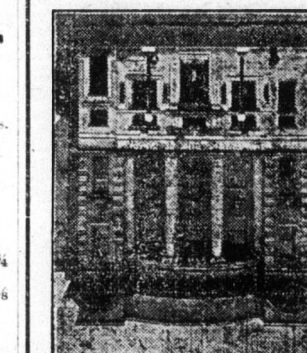
JONES—In this city on the 16th inst., Bridget Jones, wife of the late Thomas Jones, in her 70th year. Funeral on Tuesday morning from her late residence, 229 Hunter East, at 8.30 to St. Patrick's Church, thence to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation.

MILES—In this city on Saturday, February 15, 1903, Elizabeth Miles, aged 66 years. Funeral from her late residence, 447 Catherine Street North, on Tuesday at 2.30 p. m. Intment at Hamilton Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation.

SAVAGE—At her late residence, 282 Main Street West, on Sunday, 16th February, 1903, Elizabeth Heard, widow of Edmund Savage, in her 76th year. Funeral Wednesday at 2.30 p. m. Intment at Hamilton Cemetery. (Montreal, Toronto and Guelph papers please copy.)

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AMUSEMENTS

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