

MAY BE IN A HOLE OVER POWER MATTER

Delay of Hydro-Electric Commission Leaves Hamilton In Awkward Fix.

How Can City Submit Debenture By-law Before the Contract is Signed?

The Government's failure to give the long promised information in connection with the Hydro-Electric power scheme may place the city in a hole. Considerable uneasiness is being felt in municipal circles over the delay in the Government signing the contract with the power companies, and already the officials are trying to figure out schemes how the by-law for the issuing of debentures for a municipal lighting plant can be voted on without the Government knowing exactly where it is at on the question of the contract.

The city must settle at once the question of power for the Beach pumping station and sewage disposal works. In fact, this matter should have been settled before this. If Hamilton is to have a municipal lighting plant it has to have a year and a half from Jan. 1 to install it, and the city officials say it will take every day of that time.

Mayor Stewart to-day received a letter from City Solicitor Waddell in reference to the matter. Mr. Waddell thinks the by-law could quite properly be submitted without having all the details, but it is necessary to have the estimated cost. He points out that it will be necessary to submit two by-laws, one authorizing the issuing of debentures

and the other authorizing the Council to enter into the contract. Mr. Waddell was talking to Hon. Adam Beck over the phone last week, but was unable to find out if the contract with any of the power companies had been signed, although he is satisfied it has not. The Government, he suggests, may be holding back until after Jan. 1 to see how much power may be necessary to contract for. He thinks the commission and representatives of the municipalities will settle the provisional contract in time to submit it to the people at the municipal election.

The commission has indicated, he points out, that the price of power will be lower than set forth in the original provisional contract.

Mr. Waddell said one way the submission of the by-law to the people again might be evaded if the Government does not sign the contract for power in time, would be for the Government to amend the Act, and legalize the by-law sanctioned by the people authorizing the Council to enter into an agreement with the commission. If the debenture by-law was carried he thinks it would be good evidence that the people approved of the other.

The city, he reports, has until Dec. 8 to get the by-law in shape. Chief Engineer Sothman is coming here to-morrow night to go over the figures again with the Board of Works aldermen.

BANK OF ENGLAND RAISES ITS RATE OF DISCOUNT.

Flow of Gold to the United States--Trust Companies Open Their Doors.

London, Nov. 6.—The rise in the Bank of England's rate of discount coupled with the unsatisfactory position in New York as revealed by the New York bank statement caused a depressing feeling all around on the Stock Exchange to-day. Consols dropped 1/2 and Americans were offered in many cases at a point below parity without finding buyers. The position here, however, is regarded as being sound and the declines registered to-day were more in the nature of a sentimental marking down of quotations than actual selling.

Expect Gold. New York, Nov. 4.—The Seaboard National Bank announced to-day that it had procured \$350,000 of foreign gold. This made an even \$30,000,000 since the present movement began.

New York, Nov. 4.—The Trust Company of America and the Lincoln Trust Co. opened for business as usual at 10 o'clock this morning. This followed on the heels of the regular meeting at the home of J. P. Morgan concerning the general financial condition and the desirability of relieving the heavy strain caused by runs on these two trust companies during the past ten days. When the Trust Company of America opened this morning 35 persons were in line, a considerable diminution from the number on hand during the earlier days of the run. The opening of both institutions brought a distinct feeling of relief as it was taken as indicating that the conferences held last night had exerted beneficial effects.

The general financial situation was still tense this morning, but the down town banks and trust companies, let confident that conditions were well under control. The raising of the Bank of England's rate of discount to 6 per cent, at a special meeting of the board of governors to-day was not unexpected by those familiar with conditions in Europe, although it was hoped in some quarters that this action of the governors would not be taken until the regular meeting on Thursday. The fact that \$2,000,000 in gold was purchased in the open market in London during the morning for export to America probably hastened the action of the bank. This brings the total gold engagement up above \$30,000,000, of which about \$7,200,000 will arrive on Wednesday and \$10,000,000 on Friday.

Bank Rate Raised. London, Nov. 4.—The persistent demands from America for gold, in spite of the recently increased rate of the Bank of England caused the Bank of England to raise its rate from 5 1/2 to 6 per cent. Although an increase to this rate next Thursday would not have surprised the market, the announcement of the rise to-day occasioned somewhat of a flurry locally. It is considered, however, in financial circles to be the natural outcome of the unfavorable New York bank statement.

Financial circles here now incline to the belief that the 6 per cent. rate will suffice, and that no further advance will be necessary, particularly if the Bank of France renounces its promised aid. All depends, however, on the absence of demands of alarming proportions from America.

Prices Weak in Berlin. Berlin, Nov. 4.—Prices on the Bourse to-day opened very weak upon the failure of F. Lappenberg, of Hamburg, and they fell away still more sharply later upon the announcement of the advance in the discount rate of the Bank of England, which awakened apprehension that the Imperial Bank of Germany may resort to another advance in its discount rate. The decline in prices were heavy, especially in the case of Americans.

Bought Gold. London, Nov. 4.—America purchased to-day the whole of the gold in the open market, totalling about £400,000. The prices paid for the gold was 7s 3/4, plus the commission.

Lots of Holidays. Portland, Ore., Nov. 4.—Governor Chamberlain has issued a proclamation designating to-day a legal holiday in Oregon, and announces that he will declare each succeeding day a holiday until after the present money stringency has ended.

Still More Gold. London, Nov. 4.—The United States this afternoon took £453,000 in bar gold and £200,000 in American eagles from the bank of England in addition to the gold purchased in the open market to-day. This will go at once into bank reserve, where the engagements have been made by banks and will be deposited in the banks there, the engagements having been made by exchange houses and gold brokers.

Steel Rollers. On all the skates at the Alexandra rink and the management is steel rollers. This rink is looked upon as the standard from coast to coast in Canada and has always proudly boasted of being the best equipped and managed rink in this country, and has always endeavored to please the patrons in every way. It has just received notice that the new skates and steel rollers have been shipped from Boston and that they may be expected any day now. When these arrive and the whole equipment is changed the management will continue to claim for the Alexandra in every way the best in Canada.

A CHADWICK SUIT. Pittsburg, Nov. 4.—The disposition of the late Cassie Chadwick, made in connection with the suit of Mrs. Jutte against Messrs. Hoffstot and Friend, president and vice-president of the Pressed Steel Car Company, charged with conspiracy, was ordered opened to-day by Chief Justice Mitchell, of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, sitting here.

At the regular meeting of the Hamilton Ministerial Association this morning Rev. T. T. Shields, of London, who has been conducting evangelistic services in this city, delivered an address on the "Parable of the Unjust Steward." It was followed by a general discussion. Rev. Mr. Shore, Toronto, General Missionary Secretary, was present to make preliminary arrangements for the laymen's missionary conference, which is to be held here on Thursday evening. A committee was appointed to make the final arrangements.

Arrangements were made for the visiting of the Hamilton Sanitarium. It was decided to hold a special meeting of the association next Monday morning to consider plans for extending church work among the foreigners in the industrial section of the city. It was announced that Mr. Budimar Protich, interpreter, had consented to attend

Murdered 28.

Knoxville, Tenn., Nov. 4.—In view of 300 persons, Jim Davis, a negro, who had shot two negro women, leaped from the railing of the Tennessee River bridge yesterday to the water, 100 feet below, and was drowned.

Pursued by two deputy sheriffs, Davis climbed on the railing and fired five times in the air, scattering the crowd which was trying to prevent suicide. Then counting "One, two, three," he jumped head first. Before leaping Davis yelled that he had killed 28 persons.

SWISS ARMY.

People Vote to Strengthen it--Socialists Opposed it.

Berne, Nov. 4.—The question of army reform was submitted yesterday to a plebiscite of the Swiss people, and by a vote of 300,000 to 28,000 a law providing for improvement in the army was adopted. This was carried in spite of the opposition of the Socialists and the Passivists. The new scheme increases the term of service of conscripts and involves the Government in an extra expenditure of \$900,000 a year.

THE NEW STEAMER

Expected to Beat the Lusitania and All the Records.

New York, Nov. 4.—The new Cunard liner, Mauretania, sister ship of the record breaking Lusitania, will sail on her maiden trip to New York on November 16. The Mauretania exceeds the Lusitania in length by a few inches and by about 300 tons in gross tonnage. Her builders believe that she will be able to exceed the speed made by the Lusitania, and expect her eventually to win all the records for transatlantic voyages.

DRIVES WOMEN MAD

Tears and Hysteria Follow Rendition of Classical Music.

Chicago, Nov. 4.—The most sensational scene ever enacted in a Chicago concert hall took place in Orchestra Hall yesterday afternoon, when Vladimir De Pachmann, the Russian pianist, drove an audience of women into hysteria. Many shed tears. Cries and calls filled the air. Some were on the point of fainting, and the management was forced to turn out the lights and lock the piano in order to drive the frantic women from the hall.

The frenzy displayed surpassed anything seen in the Paderewski concerts ten years ago, when the "Magnetic Pole" drove throngs of women almost mad.

After the concert De Pachmann gave eight encores, being frantically recalled again and again.

Women struggled to get near the platform. Hats were displaced and veils torn. Parasols were broken in the struggle. The pianist appeared and was received with ringing cheers. He played another number from Chopin. Cries of "Bravo!" rang out. The audience demanded more. Every one was standing, and excited throngs were pressing to the front of the hall, crowding against those who had already besieged the pianist's seat.

De Pachmann appeared and played one more, and again and again.

BROOKS ARRESTED.

May be Brought Here on a Charge of Vagrancy.

Yesterday the police of Preston made an important arrest when they landed William Brooks on a charge of vagrancy preferred by the local police. He is the man whom they have chased so often. Six coats in the police office show how hard he was pressed to get away in the chase. Detective Beakley left for Preston for the prisoner who will appear before Magistrate Jeffs in the morning. It is said that vagrancy will be the only charge against him, although he has all along been suspected of being connected with the theft of \$200 worth of hides from a T. H. & B. car.

SKELTON OF A MAN

Found by Men Working on Road Near Lake.

Beamsville, Nov. 4.—(Special)—While working on the construction of the new road, adjoining the fruit experimental farm, workmen unearthed the skeleton of a man. The bones were badly decomposed, and the opinion was that it had been in its resting place for many years. The skull formation was very similar to some of those found in the Indian mounds of the Jordan vicinity some years ago by the Provincial archaeologists. The skeleton was found not many yards away from the waters of the lake.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables, at the TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

STEAMER SINKS.

Boston, Nov. 4.—The steamer City of Birmingham, of the Ocean Steamship Co., struck a ledge in the harbor early to-day while bound out to Savannah, and sank in ten fathoms of water about two miles below her dock. The crew escaped.

BLOWS HEAD OFF.

FARMER'S WIFE COMMITTED SUICIDE WITH A SHOT-GUN.

Upper Part of Body Torn and Mangled by Heavy Charge of Shot—Motive for Suicide is Not Known.

Columbus, O., Nov. 4.—Prompted by some unknown motive, Mrs. William Bettice, aged 50, the wife of a farmer, residing three miles west of Dublin, chose to take her life in a horrible manner on Saturday. The act was committed shortly before 11 o'clock, the woman employing a shotgun, which tore off her head. When neighbors, attracted by the sound of the firing, rushed in it was found the headless corpse, mangled and bathed in blood, lying in the middle of the sitting room floor.

At an early hour Saturday Mr. Bettice drove to Columbus to do the family's weekly trading. Everything was apparently happy in his household, when he took his departure. A second son remained at home to perform some farm labor.

It so happened that after 10 o'clock Mrs. Bettice was alone in the farmhouse. Her death was unexplained. Among the first to be attracted to the scene of the suicide, besides the son, were James Orr and John Horch, neighbors, who were passing along the road at the time. The woman's death had apparently been instantaneous.

Those who arrived at the house first would indicate a theory of murder and they declare that the suicide belief is the only one tenable. The woman left no note or message that might indicate the cause for her act.

Loot and Massacre.

Teheran, Nov. 4.—According to advices received here the Turcomans have wrought havoc in the city of Astrabad, capital of the Persian province of that name, where they massacred the inhabitants and then looted their property. The disorders at various other places has increased, and punitive expeditions have been sent out.

TRAVELLERS' MEET.

Major Herring Re-Elected First Vice-President.

The annual meeting for the nomination of officers for the Hamilton branch of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association was held at the Hotel Royal on Saturday night. Major J. H. Herring presided, and he was unanimously elected Vice-President of the association. Messrs. E. J. Fenwick and R. M. Stuart were nominated for the position of Second Vice-President, and the following were nominated for a position on the Board of Directors: Messrs. A. F. Hatch, G. M. Somerville, E. M. Dore, W. H. Dean, G. M. McGregor, H. G. Wright, Thos. Leeming, W. Mulvaney, S. Male, C. C. Smye, George Matheson, Geo. E. Peene, W. W. Goddard, E. O. Zimmerman and Col. Stoneman.

Satisfactory reports were presented by the retiring officers. Major Herring referred to the efforts made by the association to have Thanksgiving Day changed from Thursday to Monday this year. He said the Government will be waited on again, with the view of having the annual holiday changed to Monday.

CHURCH CHOIRS.

Miss Carey at Wesley--Miss Mann's Resignation.

Miss Estelle Carey, who has been engaged as soprano soloist at Wesley Church, made her appearance yesterday for the first time. At the evening service she sang with splendid expression Gounod's "O My Divine Redeemer." She had the declamatory passages of this difficult aria with great ease, and the pure quality of her voice, as well as her excellent pronunciation, made a very good impression on the large congregation present. The officials of the church are united in their praises of Miss Carey's singing, and are of the opinion that they have found a treasure. With Annie Sutherland and Messrs. W. O. Pettie and A. Garthwaite, some excellent singing will be heard throughout the winter at this church.

Miss Annie Mann's resignation as organist and leader of First Methodist Church goes into effect on January 1.

Iron Supply.

The need of a good iron tonic is always indicated if you feel a continued sense of weakness. A pale face is a sure sign of "ironless" blood. The most pleasant and best way to restore this deficiency is by taking Howard's Beef, Iron and Wine. Sold in 35c. bottles by Parke & Parke, druggists.

FIVE KILLED.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 4.—Five persons were killed and a score more injured in a head-on collision between a north bound passenger train and a south bound freight near Reagan's Switch, near here, last night.

HURT IN WRECK.

Danbury, Conn., Nov. 4.—A bad railroad wreck is reported near Redding, on the Berkshire division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroads, and several of the injured have been brought to a hospital. No one was killed.

ABRUZZI DENIES IT.

Turin, Nov. 4.—The Duke of the Abruzzi denies the report that he is engaged to be married to Miss Katherine P. Elkins, daughter of Senator Stephen B. Elkins. He is reported to be greatly annoyed at the prevalence of this rumor.

Bounce Jap. Boy.

Savannah, Ga., Nov. 4.—The Board of Education, it is stated, has decided to dismiss George Yugama, a Japanese boy, who was admitted to the night school two weeks ago. Yugama was admitted during the absence from the city of Superintendent Ashmore. When the latter returned and learned of it he pointed out that it was a breaking of the racial line, which could not be done in the south. Mr. Ashmore's view has been accepted and the Japanese boy will be dismissed on the ground that he is accepted by the Board of Education.

The Man In Overalls

He's the real MacKay all right, all right.

In the meantime, who is shaving Mr. Sunfield?

Now they say the sham fight was only a sham after all.

Don't blame the street car if you got run down. Keep out of the way.

The Trades and Labor Council agrees with me that the mountain should be conserved. Now let it make a pronouncement about the Jolley Cut. A new six-week and more light are needed in the worst way.

From what I hear, the city could have an A 1 toboggan slide in Flatt park.

Buy them now, and don't wait until you have to carry home your parcels.

It is said that the diabolical fever is worse than the limerick fever.

It does seem hard to have all those people stay at the Beach all winter.

Leader MacKay looks and talks like a man who could lead.

Sam Weaver is not on my list of callers. But when charges are publicly made at a public meeting against a city servant, the said c. s. should at least be given a chance to explain or defend himself. I can't understand all this heat on the part of Mr. Wild. Is there anything behind it all?

Has the firemen's pension question got the six months' hoist?

If I weren't afraid of being court-martialed, I would say that Gen. Otter, being a Toronto man, might be expected to give us the worst of it in that decision.

Were the York Loan money to come to hand you would soon see a financial flurry among the depositors.

Perhaps the reason London turned down Mr. Jacobs was because it wouldn't recognize the union.

And why shouldn't actors have their Sundays as well as the rest of us?

Those Saturday night cheers for Zim came right from the heart. Always the favorite son.

Poor Sir John! It seems both a sin and a shame what they are doing to his monument.

Let us have the ward system back with plain citizens for aldermen. No tickets, no tags, just all for the city's good.

Was Borden leading a double life when he was masquerading as Zandray?

It's a good thing that the Tigers are good losers.

The man who put a Yankee cent in the collection plate yesterday morning was telling around this morning that he mistook it for a quarter, but some have doubts about that. Ten cents, they think, would be more like it.

DID HE CONFESS? MAY NOT STRIKE.

Young Italian Arrested Charged With Murdering Ross King.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Nov. 4.—Vizazo Varcari, an 18-year-old Italian, was arrested early to-day, charged with the murder of Ross King last night. Varcari, who has been employed with a gang of railroad laborers, was traced by a cap which was found near the scene of the murder, and was found asleep in a cabin with a number of other Italians. The police say he has made a confession.

A \$10,000.00 FUR SALE.

Every Fur at Lowered Price--Right House Event Starts To-morrow.

Thomas C. Watkins announce a mammoth eleven days' fur sale, when the entire Right House stock of reliable stylish new furs will be offered at lowered prices.

Coats, fur-lined coats, muffs, caps, stoles, ruffs, capelines, throw scarfs, ties and fancy pieces, all are included, in every fur that is reliable and good.

Every person in Hamilton and vicinity should buy their furs now, while they have the opportunity of selecting from Hamilton's greatest and best stocks at a grand saving.

Remember, every piece of fur in the Right House stock is reduced for this eleven days' sale event.

THIS THING SHOULD BE STOPPED AT ONCE.

Mountain Purse Snatcher Got Away With Another Woman's Money and Car Tickets.

Two Well-Known Society Young Women Flashed a Light In His Face.

The hold-up man who has been terrorizing people on the mountain top for several weeks, during which time he has molested nearly a score of women and snatched their purses, figured in another daring case on Friday afternoon.

A woman who resides on the mountain top was walking down the Queen street steps when the fellow sprang out of the brush and grabbed her purse, containing \$2.70 and a number of car tickets. She was plucky enough to chase the thief until he scrambled up the mountain side and escaped. His case was reported to the police.

Earlier in the week two well known south end young ladies were obliged to walk along the James street road after dark, when the ruffian attempted to molest them. They had read of the women who had been attacked and were partly prepared. One of them turned a flashlight in the fellow's face and so surprised him that he bolted.

From the general description given it is the same man who has figured in all these holdups. The fact that he has time and again in broad daylight, attacked women on well travelled paths, without

A TORY JAILER.

Turnkey Appointed to Succeed Mr. Forbes at Woodstock Jail.

Woodstock, Ont., Nov. 4.—(Special)—George Wilson, of Ingersoll, was officially installed this morning as turnkey of the Oxford Jail and the keys were turned over to him by James Forbes, a retiring official. Mr. Wilson is a native of Verschoyle, and in Dereham he farmed for some years before moving to Ingersoll. He has all his life been a staunch Conservative and his principal qualification seems to be in the fact that he is a warm personal friend of Donald Sutherland, M. P. for South Oxford, by whom he was really appointed. Mr. Forbes served as turnkey for twenty years.

HE IS STUBBORN.

Commissioner Van Allen Would Not Confer With Minister.

Mr. John Patterson, the promoter, has a very poor opinion of the two Hamilton members of the Board of Commissioners of Burlington Beach. He arranged for a full meeting of the board on Friday afternoon at the Parliament buildings in Toronto, and notified Col. Ingersoll, who is head of the amusement company which proposes to build a big park at the Beach, to come on. Mr. Ingersoll made the trip from Pittsburg to Toronto to meet the board and Mr. Patterson, but the two Hamilton members did not show up, and it is claimed they did not even send regrets—or an explanation. The third member of the board—Hon. Mr. Cochran, the Minister of Crown Lands—was en route to-day was not unexpected by circumstances.

Mr. W. J. Morden, of the Hamilton members, now residing in Burlington, and he could not be seen to-day for his explanation. Mr. VanAllen denied that he promised to go to Toronto, and said he would not go down on such a mission as proposed.

SCORES COMPANIES.

Judge Riddell Talks of Fraud in Connection With Suit.

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 4.—"These cases arose out of what, if we were to disregard the current euphemisms of the day, might be characterized as an attempt on the part of the insurance companies, which I presume consider themselves respectable, to defraud the plaintiff by refusing to pay that part of his loss covered by their policies, and that as a pretext of a most flimsy character." This paragraph is the preface attached by Mr. Justice Riddell to a judgment delivered this morning in the case of Thompson against the Equity Fire Insurance Company and the Standard Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Thompson kept a drug and furniture store in New Liskeard, and took out policies in the two companies named. A gas stove of an employee set fire to the place and, owing to a breakdown in the municipal fire apparatus, the building was destroyed. The defendants endeavored to show that the plaintiff was not active in attempting to cope with the blaze, and hinted at incendiarism.

"Such pleading," said the Judge, "in my view, is a disgrace to the party pleading unless there is something to justify such a plea. There is, however, no evidence in support of this. I acquit the plaintiff of all charges or imputation of wrong doing."

Judgment was given for the plaintiff.

Golden Yellow Quinces.

About twenty-five baskets of large, bright, golden yellow quinces, in twelve-quart baskets. We don't expect any more this season. Secure some before they are all sold. Long Point ducks—another lot arrived to-day, blacks, pintails, red heads and blue bills. Long Island Sound oysters, Select and Standard, daily arrivals.—Bain & Adams, 89, 91 King street east.

HURLED TO DEATH.

Montreal, Nov. 4.—Francois Courteau, aged 80, a French-Canadian painter, was hurled to death this morning by the breaking of a ladder upon which he was working, in east Craig street. He fell a distance of about 60 feet.

CASHIER SUICIDES.

Huntsville, Ala., Nov. 4.—James R. Boyd, cashier of the Huntsville Bank and Trust Company, suicided to-day.