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LONDON MEN TURNED BACK BY PORT HURON AUTHORITIES

Canadian Packing Co.'s Employees Barred From the U. S.

THOS. OLESON WAS ARRESTED

Manager Rechnitzer of London Had to Bail Him Out—Co. Has Factory in Michigan.

A dispatch from Port Huron to The Advertiser says:

"Thomas Oleson, one of the owners of the Canadian Packing Company, of London, which has a branch in this city, known as the Port Huron Packing Company, was arrested by the local immigration officers yesterday, charged with having brought eleven men here from London, Ont., to work in the local plant, in violation of the alien labor law. The local plant has been shut down for some time, and it was Oleson's intention to make preparation to start up again. Oleson says he was ignorant of the law on the subject. The eleven laborers are held at the immigration office at the Tunnel. Oleson will have a hearing before United States Commissioner Harris today."

Are Londoners.

Mr. E. Rechnitzer, of the Canadian Packing Company, was called up by The Advertiser, and confirmed the report that the eleven men were former employees of the Canadian Packing Company here, whose plant was destroyed by fire some time ago.

"Yes, they were our men," said Mr. Rechnitzer. "We have commenced work there, and Mr. Oleson told them that they might get temporary employment, if they got over to Port Huron. The men went over, and made no effort to evade the alien labor law. When they arrived, however, they were arrested."

"Eight of them were sent back to London, and the other three are still held as witnesses. I had to go bail for Mr. Oleson, and he was liberated. His case will be heard in February next. I am making arrangements to have the others released."

An Outrage. "I think it is a perfect outrage. These men were out of employment here. They were to be given temporary work in Port Huron in our factory, and would return soon. I informed the authorities there that the worst they could do was to compel the men to pay the head tax, but they did not think so."

The Port Huron authorities were none too agreeable in the matter of bail, as Mr. Rechnitzer was compelled to put up cash for a large portion of it, about \$500, as well as security for the rest.

EAST END NOTES.

Mr. C. B. Keenleyside addressed the members of the Hyatt Avenue Epworth League at the church last evening on the growth of Christianity, his text being "Consider the lilies, how they grow." The address was a very interesting one. Mr. Keenleyside drawing numerous comparisons from plant life. Mr. W. D. Yeo presided in the absence of President F. Granger.

Saunby Suit Case Cost \$19,575.17 Accounts Finally Straightened Out

Last of an Action Which Commenced More Than a Decade Ago.

The last transaction in connection with the now celebrated Saunby lawsuit was performed at the meeting of the water commission last evening when all the accounts were paid and the matter closed up. It actually cost the city \$19,575.17. Up to this year the city had expended the sum of \$15,766.25. Yesterday the

Big Surplus for Commission Water Accounts \$31,409 to Good

City Council Will Get It and as Result Will Also Have Big Surplus.

The net profits of the water commission this year reached the sum of \$31,509. Of this amount \$30,897 was applied to sinking fund and interest, leaving \$612. The water supplied the city is not included in this not surplus. "The showing is very gratifying," said Chairman Jones. "We have had a good year financially, and everything is now in good shape. I hope we are all back again next year to carry through our water scheme."

AGED MAN HAD A CLOSE CALL

Joseph Needham, of 859 Wellington Street, Found Very Ill in His House.

The timely arrival of some neighbors was all that prevented Joseph Needham, an aged man living at 859 Wellington street, from dying alone and uncared for on Friday evening last.

Mr. Needham lives alone, and his neighbors noticed on Friday that he was not around as usual. As evening approached, they grew uneasy and decided to investigate. The window of his bedroom was opened, and Mr. Needham was found in his bed in an unconscious condition.

Dr. Weekes was called, and found that Mr. Needham was suffering from an affection of the heart, which has troubled him for some time. He was speedily revived, and is at present recovering rapidly.

SUDDEN DEATH OF COUNT MURAVIEFF

Noted Russian Statesman Has Fatal Seizure While at Rome.

Rome, Dec. 15.—Count Nicholas V. Muravieff, the Russian ambassador to Italy, was seized with an attack of apoplexy while walking on the Corso yesterday. He was carried to a hotel, and died shortly afterwards.

Count Nicholas Muravieff was appointed ambassador to Italy in February, 1905. Prior to this he had held the portfolio of minister of justice. M. Muravieff was born in 1850, and with his brother was instrumental to a large measure in the transformation of the Russian penal system, and in utilizing the vast resources of Siberia.

ALEX. J. ROSS DEAD BROTHER OF SENATOR

Passes Away at His Residence in East Williams Township.

Strathroy, Dec. 15.—Alexander J. Ross died suddenly on Sunday at Rosedale, his residence, sixth concession, East Williams, death being due to heart failure. Deceased was born in the township of East Williams 71 years ago, where he lived all his life. For a number of years he was a member of East Williams council. He is survived by a widow and five children. Hon. G. W. Ross was a brother.

A RED HOT FIGHT IN THE EAST END

Contractor and an Ex-Policeman Come to Blows Last Night.

A warm fight took place at the corner of Rectory and Van streets last evening when a well-known Hamilton road contractor clashed with an ex-policeman, who interfered when the former attempted to chastise a number of boys who he claims abused his little son.

The contractor claims that the boys struck his son over the back with a shovel, and then completed the performance by kicking him in the face. The father naturally investigated, with the result that he was soon "plucking" the offenders.

About that time the former member of the police force happened along and took a hand in the fray. He according to the contractor, commanded him to "move on" in his official manner, with the option of having his face punched. The contractor stated that he had a firm hold on terra firma, and that he intended to maintain it until the punches became too numerous. The fight lasted for some time, to the delight of a number of small boys, before the contestants were satisfied to quit.

NAVIGATION CLOSED.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Dec. 15.—Navigation for the season of 1908 is practically closed. Both the Canadian and Michigan locks have commenced the work of laying up for the winter. The steamer Thomas Friant, expected down today, will be the last boat to pass through the locks.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR. FORECASTS. Moderate westerly winds, fair and mild. Wednesday—Fair, stationary or a little lower temperature.

Table with columns: Stations, Today, Yesterday, Max, Min. Lists weather for London, Calgary, Winnipeg, etc.

A few light falls of snow or rain have occurred from the lakes to the Maritime Provinces, but the weather generally has been fair in all portions of the Dominion. Somewhat colder conditions prevail in the West, especially in the northern portions of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR THE POOR

Christmas is rapidly approaching, and arrangements are being completed by the workers of the Salvation Army in London to render that welcome which is so gratefully received year by year. Last year nearly two hundred baskets were given out, each containing either a chicken or roast of beef, some with both, according to the size of family, the size of roast given running from four pounds to ten pounds. Besides the meat in the basket there were quantities of potatoes, turnips, carrots, onions, sugar, butter, currants, raisins, peel, spice, bread, biscuits, oranges, apples and tea. There were also a quantity of coffee, besides tinned goods, comprising salmon, sardines, etc., contributed by various merchants in the city. In all there were over 1,500 meals supplied. Besides all this a large amount of clothing had been sent in by the citizens, and where the need existed this was generously distributed—some families being completely fitted out even to shoes and headwear.

The Army workers are now prepared to hear from any party who knows of a need existing, regardless of race or creed, so that it can be investigated and attended to.

The workers are urgently in need of a lot of warm clothing, both for children and grownups, and shall be very pleased to see that it is gathered up if phone 1538 is called.

The Army have been informed that a young woman has been soliciting for this object. They have no one collecting but what is being given through the pots and appeals, or Captain Magier.

THUNDERER TAKES IT BACK APOLOGIZES TO COMMISSION

The London Times Retracts Insinuations Reflecting on the Members of the National Transcontinental Railway Commission Published on Eve of the General Elections.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The Thunderer has publicly retracted the insinuations made against the integrity of the Canadian National Transcontinental Railway commissioners in an article written by its special correspondent in Canada, and published in London on the eve of the Canadian general elections. The action of the commission in placing the matter in the hands of Sir Charles Russell, Canada's legal agent in London, with the request that he take all necessary steps to vindicate the commission against all attacks in the London Times or in any other British paper reflecting on the integrity of the commissioners or their officials, resulted in the following apologetic paragraph headed: "The Canadian Elections," in the Times, under date of Dec. 12: "Our attention has been called by Hon. Simon H. Parent, K. C., the chairman of the Transcontinental Railway commission of Canada, to a certain cable sent us by one of our Canadian correspondents and appearing in the Times of Oct. 24, and the Mail of Oct. 25, 1908. We desire to say that this message was not intended to convey the slightest reflection upon the commissioners or on their integrity. We ourselves do not regard the dispatch as containing any such reflection, and we regret that anybody should put any such construction upon it. A cable conveying news to the above effect was received this morning by Hon. Mr. Parent from Sir Charles Russell. The latter has a standing commission to institute prompt legal action against any British paper which publishes by campaign slanders of the Opposition here, may make charges against the commission similar to those made in the Times of the article complained of. The commission has been watching for promised reproduction of the Times' article in the Winnipeg Telegram, but so far the latter paper has not made good its threat."

DUTCH GRAB ANOTHER SHIP GUARDING COAST OF CASTRO

Battleship of the Netherlands Blockading Fleet Swoops Upon Coast Guard Vessel of the Venezuela Navy and Makes It a Prize.

Willemsstad, Dec. 15.—The Dutch battleship Jacob Von Heemskerck arrived in the harbor at 8 o'clock this morning, towing as a prize the Venezuelan coast guard vessel "23, De Mayo." Word of the capture had already been received here, and a great throng of people lined the quays to witness the entrance of the Dutch battleship conducting her capture within the flag. The flag of the Netherlands had been hoisted to the peak of the captured Venezuelan coast guard ship and astern of the Dutch flag floated the Venezuelan colors. Although the Venezuelan flag was still shown, it was in minor contrast to the Dutch pennant flying from mainmast and foremast, both of the warship and its prize.

Carpenter Victim of Blood Poisoning Cut His Hand With Carving Knife

Wm. H. Davidson, of 219 William Street, Confined to His Home Seriously Ill.

He did so, and returned with it, and in order to test its sharpness, wet his hand and drew the knife very lightly across it. A Slight Cut. Mr. Davidson did not notice at the time that his hand had been cut at all, so slight was the wound, and it was not until he was taken ill a couple of days later and the small cut assumed a most malignant aspect, that he realized what he had done. The physician in attendance gave it as his opinion that the poisoning was probably due to some poisonous substance from the stone used in sharpening the knife. Mr. Davidson is still in a very serious condition, but it is believed the worst stages of the blood-poisoning are passed and that he will now recover.

POLITICAL SLATE FOR COUNCIL CONSERVATIVES GETTING READY

Said To Be Trouble in Regard to the Mayoralty—School Board Ticket Practically Completed—Ex-Ald. Cooper To Be Dropped From the Slate for the Council.

Through an oversight on somebody's part the story leaked out yesterday that the Conservatives would run a slate for the council, in spite of the fact that no politics in municipal affairs has been the cry for some time in certain quarters. It was known that the Gray faction would have a slate, as Mr. Gray stated in his acceptance speech at the Conservative Association's annual meeting that he believed in politics from start to finish, and would run a slate everywhere.

When he stamped the association the fact was then demonstrated that the Conservatives intended going right after the municipal offices. Framing a Slate. In the meantime they have been framing the slate together. At present they are troubled about the mayoralty. Mr. C. M. R. Graham is prominently mentioned and would accept a party nomination.

But ex-Ald. R. F. Matthews has to be reckoned with. If he were to stand aside the Gray Conservatives would have no hesitation in announcing a slate. Mr. Matthews has the prior claim to the nomination, but as he is an ardent Beck man, he is no persona grata to the Gray faction.

Slate for Council. In the meantime the Conservatives are going ahead with their slate for the council. Already some names have been mentioned among them being Mr. John L. Flannigan, Benjamin Noble, W. C. Fitzgerald, Ald. Booth, Ald. Rose, Ald. Parsons and others.

Ald. Beattie's Position. This does not include Ald. J. H. A. Beattie, who would be the first man on this slate, if he decides to run. The chairman of the finance committee is not very popular with the Beck faction just now, but he is with the Gray faction, and as he has done excellent service on the council, he stands high with the rank and file. School Trustees. And the board of education. The Continued on Page Eight.

Young Liberals Hold Nominations Enthusiastic Meeting Held Last Night

Proposition To Hold a Mock Parliament in Hyman Hall This Winter.

There was a large attendance of the members of the Young Liberal Club at Hyman Hall last evening, when nominations for the different offices were made. A number of prominent young Liberals were mentioned for the positions, and no doubt a keen struggle for the honors will result. Some amendments to the constitution were proposed by Mr. A. A. Briggs, and were accepted in part. It was decided to organize a mock parliament in connection with the club. Mr. U. A. Buchner explained the plan of it, and declared that if it was given the support it should be, there was no doubt that it would prove very beneficial to the club. A meeting was called for Thursday evening in Hyman Hall to complete the details of the organization. President's Address. President Arthur Sippl presided. He explained that he had occupied the position now for two years, and would retire. There had been many difficulties to contend with, but the executive had stood loyally by him, and at the present time the club was in a prosperous condition. (Continued on Page Nine.)

Two Actions Against Grand Trunk Damages Sought Totals \$25,000

Miss Fewings, of St. Thomas, is One Plaintiff and Mrs. Frank Fralick, London, the Other.

Four cases are already entered for trial at the assizes which open in the county court buildings on Jan. 11. The first two are jury cases, the last two non-jury.

The actions are as follows: Action for \$10,000. Edith Fewings, against the Grand Trunk Railway Company—An action for \$10,000 damages for injuries done the plaintiff, who is a resident of St. Thomas, at the company's Richmond street crossing in London. It is claimed that there was criminal negligence on the part of the employees of the company that the gates were not closed, and that the engine did not whistle on nearing the crossing. Mr. C. F. Maxwell acts for the plaintiff and Mr. W. H. Biggar for the defendant. Another Against G. T. R. The other jury case is that of Kate Fralick vs. the Grand Trunk Railway Company—An action to recover \$15,000 damages made by Mrs. Fralick on behalf of herself and her seven children, for the death of her husband, an engineer of the company, who was killed in a wreck on the Tilsonburg branch. The action charges criminal negligence in not providing a proper system of protection, in a lack of sufficient number of employees, and incompetence on the part of the staff of the station yard. Messrs. Gibbons, Harper & Gibbons act for the plaintiff, and Mr. W. H. Biggar for the defence. Non-Jury Cases. The two non-jury cases are Wright & Sons' Company vs. Walter Brothers, of Listowel, a case of loss resulting from non-delivery of certain goods. The claim is for \$255.30. Messrs. Gibbons, Harper & Gibbons act for the plaintiff, and Morphy & Carthew for the defence. C. S. Hyman & Co. vs. the Canadian Pacific Railway Company—The plaintiffs shipped 312 bundles of sheepskins to St. John, N. B., but the defendants failed to deliver 23 of the bundles, and would give the plaintiff no satisfaction regarding them, so action has been taken to recover the value of the lost property, amounting to \$400. Messrs. Gibbons, Harper & Gibbons for the plaintiff, and Mr. Angus McCurdy, K.C., of Toronto, for the defendant.

Dying Millionaire Buras His Money

London, Dec. 15.—A special dispatch from St. Petersburg to The Daily Mail relates that a dying Moscow millionaire named Petroff, had his whole fortune withdrawn from the banks and the bank notes brought to the sickroom. They were then piled before him and set on fire. Petroff summoned his relatives and showed them the ashes, congratulating them on having escaped the evil of wealth.

Father Teefy at the Canadian Club

Rev. Father Teefy, president of St. Michael's College, Toronto, and one of the most prominent educationists in the Catholic Church in Canada, will address the Canadian Club on Friday. He is well known throughout the country, and is recognized as one of the ablest and most gifted sons of the church.

Runaway Team Crashes Into a Buggy

Chatham, Dec. 15.—Cruelly bruised two teams of horses, racing from the rear struck the rig. Two of the horses, which were runaways, crashed into the rig with terrific force, the animals practically climbing upon it, and with their heavy hoofs beating the top and driving along a country road, when back of the buggy to atoms.