

MR. CHAPMAN STICKS TO GUNS PEACE CONFERENCE HAS NO RESULT

Superintendent Glaubitz Said to Maintain His Position for Supreme Control—Thursday Will Bring Threshing Out of the Dispute.

The difficulty over the demand of Superintendent Glaubitz that he be given absolute control of the electrical and waterworks departments has not been settled as yet, although there has been a series of conferences on the question.

Yesterday afternoon, Chairman Pock, Commissioners Chapman and Farr had a long conference, and the whole problem was discussed from beginning to the end.

What solution was arrived at could not be learned. The members of the board are very reticent regarding the interviews, and all questioning brought extremely indefinite answers.

There will be further conferences, it is understood, when a final settlement will be arrived at.

Stick to Their Guns.

It is understood that both Superintendent Glaubitz and Commissioner Chapman are holding to their original views. Mr. Chapman still maintains that his position is not inconsistent with good business methods. The commission should be consulted whenever any drastic changes are to be made, and any demissions should come in the form of recommendations.

It is not considered likely that Mr. Glaubitz will submit to any curtailment of his authority.

There will be a meeting of the board on Thursday when the decision will be announced.

UNDERWRITERS INSIST ON TEN MORE CITY FIREMEN

The Underwriters have demanded more for the fire brigade, and there will be no reduction in the insurance rates until they are added to the department.

Mr. Wright, chairman of No. 3 committee, was in communication with the underwriters this week, and asked if they would be satisfied with seven men or less.

The association replied that in view of the numerous large fires in London of late it was absolutely necessary that ten men be added to the brigade immediately. The communication also makes it plain that there will be no reduction until the men are secured.

In the meantime, the committee will consider the advisability of appointing the men. It will mean an additional cost to the city of about \$8,000 a year, and some of the aldermen figure that the cost is too high.

ORNAMENTAL LIGHTS FOR MORE BLOCKS

The petitions for the ornamental street lighting on Dundas street are being circulated, and are being largely signed.

It is expected that in a few weeks' time the whole street will be signed up. Construction work will be commenced in the spring.

"The petitions are being most favorably received," said Superintendent Glaubitz. "We hope to have everything signed up so that we can get at the construction early in March or April."

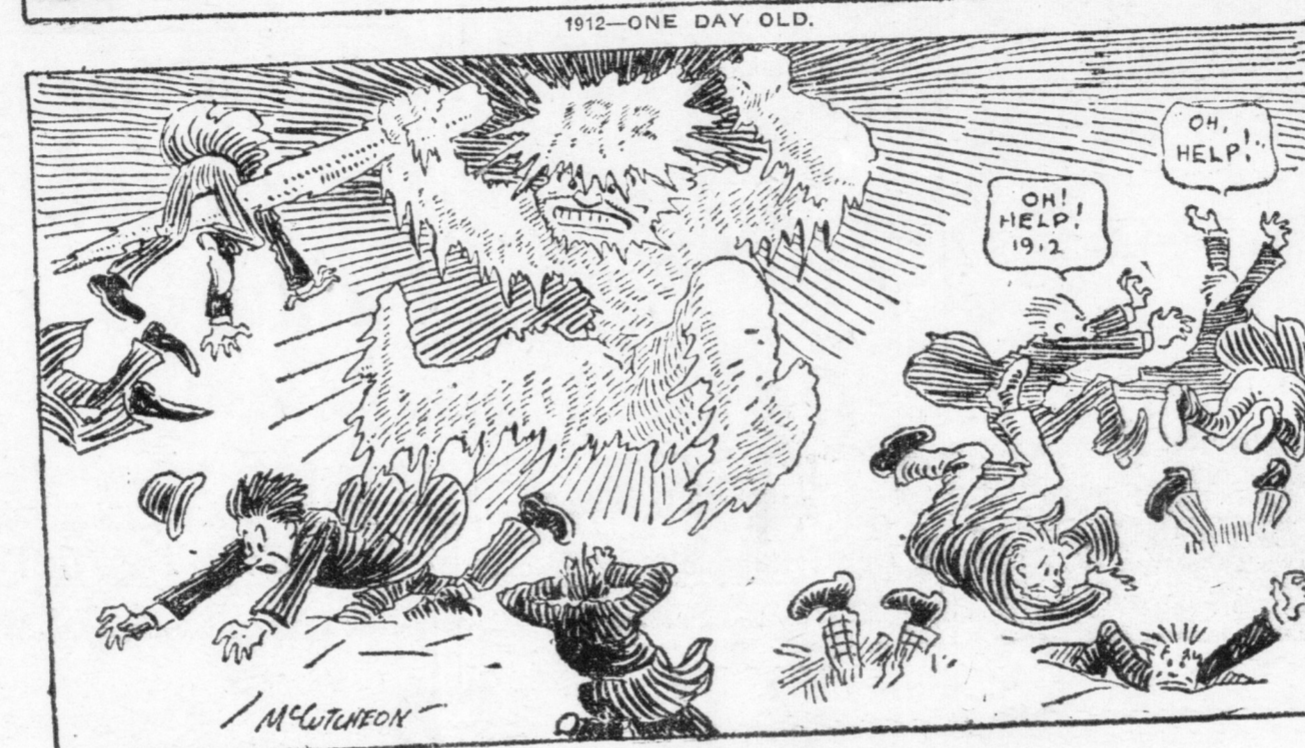
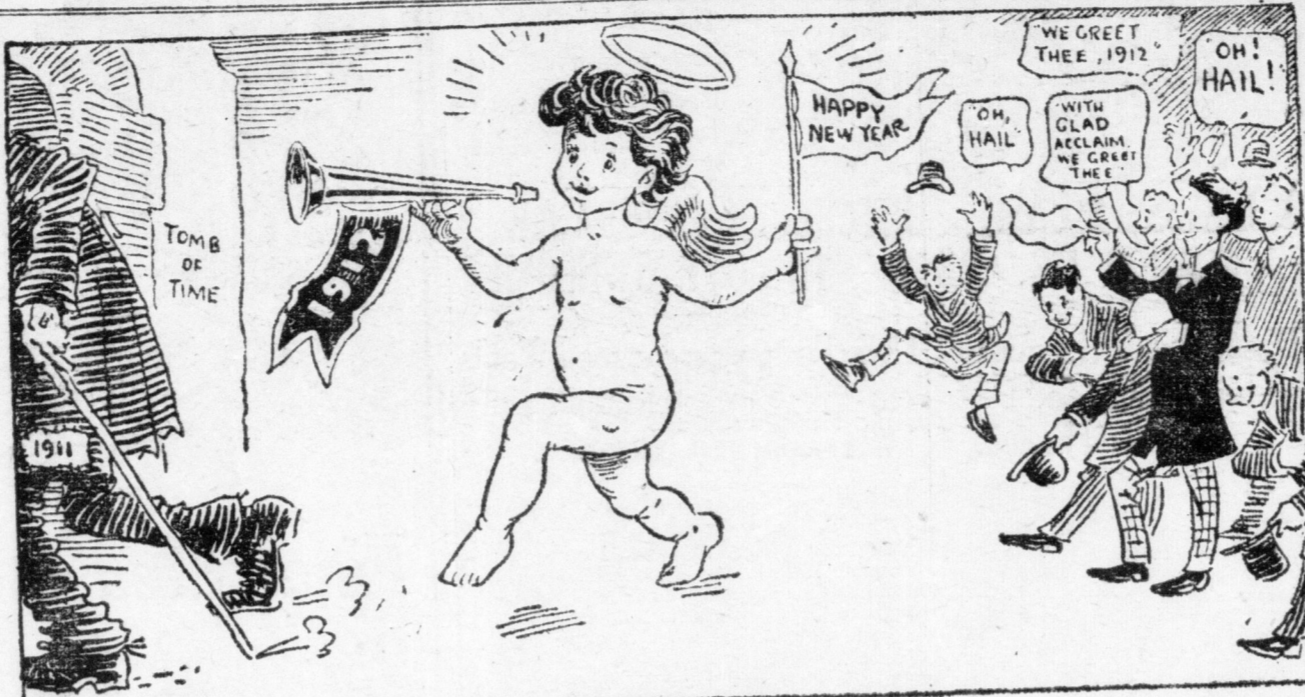
SMOKE CONSUMERS ARE GIVING GOOD SERVICE

The smoke nuisance is the cause of many complaints of late, and several communications will be directed to the city council this week.

The cold weather has necessitated the consumption of a great deal more than the ordinary circumstances, and the smoke nuisance has been more than usually heavy.

Some of the smoke consumers are giving satisfaction. The Helona Canning Company have installed one of the latest models and it is giving the best of satisfaction.

AN EARLY FALL FROM GRACE By John T. McCutcheon



MURDEROUS ROBBER HOLDS UP TWO LADIES, SHOOTING AT ONE SECURING VALUABLES OF BOTH

Brute With Gun Meets Second Victim as Police Are Searching For Him—Makes Threats to Kill to Terrorize Them.

DEEDS PERPETRATED ABOUT 10:30 AND SEEM TO BE WORK OF AMATEUR

Scoundrel Apparently Sought to Prey Upon Defenceless Women—Mrs. Fraser Struck By Bullet, But It Strikes Corset and She Is Not Injured.

An armed highwayman, apparently an amateur, who probably received his tuition in the game from picture shows or dime novels, relieved two ladies of their valuables on the streets last evening, firing at one of them, Mrs. Samuel M. Fraser, of 508 English street, when she ran from him.

In the other instance, which occurred about fifteen minutes before the East London affair, the marauder pressed his revolver to the head of Miss Christine Volk who resides with Mr. W. G. Young, of 500 Colborne street, and after taking the contents of her purse, demanded that she hand over any jewelry of value.

DETECTIVES ARE AT WORK.

Detectives Nickle, Egeleton and Down are now working on the hold-ups, and have several clues which it is expected will assist in bringing the robber behind the bars.

From the descriptions furnished in each case, the police are of the opinion that the same man committed both crimes.

BULLET GOES THROUGH CLOTHING.

That Mrs. Fraser was not seriously or fatally injured is remarkable, for the bullet from a 38-calibre revolver struck through her clothing and was only deflected by a corset steel. The bullet was painfully bruised, but was not cut.

The first information of the operations of the robber came to the police station shortly after 10:30 o'clock, when Mr. W. G. Young notified the detectives of the attack upon Miss Volk.

The young lady had been at a meeting of the Epworth League at the First Methodist Church, and had just returned to the business section with some companions. She was returning to her home on Colborne street, before reaching Balfour avenue, when a light in one of the residences there attracted her attention.

PUTS REVOLVER IN HER FACE.

As she glanced about a man approached from the opposite side of the street, apparently intending to pass her. Miss Volk stepped to the side of the walk, but as she did so the man drew a revolver from his overcoat pocket and shoved it before her face.

"Give me your money and your diamonds quick, and don't talk about it if you scream, I'll shoot you!" he roared.

Miss Volk at first treated the matter as a joke and laughed at the highwayman, believing that he was simply passing her. She did not intend to give up her money, but she was so terrified that she handed over her purse and diamonds.

DEMANDS PURSE AGAIN.

Becoming suspicious that the young lady was endeavoring to conceal something, he again commanded her to give up her purse. She did so, and a ten-cent piece fell out.

The man then ordered her to give him what she had in her other coat pocket. Miss Volk complied by handing him her Bible, but he refused to take it.

"What is that?" he asked.

"My Testament; I always carry one," she informed him.

With a curse the man declared that he did not want such a thing, and next proceeded to search for valuables about her clothing. As he did this, she was so terrified that she was unable to resist.

STRATHROY YOUTH COMMITTED IN CONNECTION WITH HOLD UP

Hugh Pedlow swore positively that Gordon LaMotte was the man who robbed him at the point of a revolver as he was walking home.

Another occasion found that it had been fastened.

Mr. Pedlow was positive that LaMotte was the man who held him up on the night in question. He saw a man answering LaMotte's description entering LaMotte's store.

Chief Wilson told of arresting LaMotte in a barn adjoining his father's house, and of finding the keys and a pistol in his pockets.

Magistrate Noble decided that sufficient evidence had been taken, and committed the accused.

REMOVES RING FROM FINGER.

When the highwayman in the meantime replaced the gun in his pocket, he removed a signet ring marked with the initials "J. R. H." from her hand, but decided not to take another set with a blue stone.

"I am just an English boy, despite the fact that he had not the slightest noticeable English accent.

"You had better be careful going up that way," he shouted after us as we passed," he shouted after us as Miss Volk walked away.

He turned at Central avenue and walked in through the back door of Mr. Heaman's residence. The highwayman watched her as she went through, but could not see her after she passed in beside Mr. Heaman's house.

SENATOR MCKAY DEAD.

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—News of the death of Senator Thomas McKay has been received from Truro, N. S., and the minister. He is being buried in Truro.

SQUAD OF POLICE SENT OUT.

The police were then notified and Detective Egeleton, with a squad of five men, arrived in the patrol within five minutes.

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