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VOTE ON STREET CAR STRIKE SUNDAY

Ashton Quits As Labor's Envoy In City Council

ALSO RESIGNS FROM CARMEN'S UNION OFFICE

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PARTY IS SURPRISED

Censured Ald. Watkinson Also For Voting Against Labor's Expressed Views.

Alderman John Ashton, a member of the executive of the Street Railwaymen's Union, vice-president of the local branch of the Independent Labor Party, and delegate to the London Trades and Labor Council, has officially tendered his resignation as a labor representative on the city council.

It is understood, further, that he has also resigned from the executive of the car men's union. While he has not yet cut drift from the labor movement, his case will be considered again with that of Alderman Fred Watkinson by the labor party as a body in general session before the close of the week.

"I tendered my resignation last night," Ald. Ashton declared Wednesday morning. "There was nothing left for me to do under the circumstances while this controversy continues. I decided to resign until the affair was straightened out, at least."

Alderman Ashton is one of labor's three representatives on the city council, and his resignation as such is a move of unusual significance.

During the past few weeks the feeling has grown in labor circles, seemingly, that the latter's attitude at the city council table has not always been in the best interests of labor, and at a special meeting of the London Labor Party Sunday last he was censured because he supported Mayor Cameron Wilson's 10 per cent wage reduction despite the fact that Alderman Henry R. Ashplant, a labor conferee, had moved a contrary motion.

In general session three weeks ago the labor party bitterly scored their third representative on the council, Alderman Fred Watkinson, basing their grievance upon similar grounds.

Both Aldermen Ashton and Watkinson voted against their colleague Alderman Ashplant, when the latter introduced his motion to collect additional school taxes from industrial enterprises which have been located in the annexed districts of East London since 1911.

Although Alderman Watkinson has not been "on the carmen" before the executive of his party, he has to date maintained a strictly non-committal attitude.

It was unofficially announced by labor men Wednesday morning that at the next general meeting of the party, if a special session is not called in the interim, the members will be asked to consider recommendations that both Aldermen Ashton and Watkinson be asked to tender their resignations.

Alderman Ashton's abrupt resignation Tuesday night came as a distinct surprise to the majority of the labor element.

"What else could I do?" Alderman Ashton questioned Wednesday. "Under the present circumstances the party would have me tied hand and foot. I might be bound to support any measure they choose to advocate, right or wrong."

COLCHESTER REEF LIGHT OPERATES

Colchester, April 3.—The light on Colchester Reef was displayed on the evening of Sunday, April 2, for the first time this season. Boats have been running on Lake Erie for the past two weeks.

FOR MANY YEARS THOMAS HEARD, SUPERINTENDENT OF VICTORIA HOSPITAL, HAS BEEN WONT TO WELCOME SUNDAY AGES ONES TO THAT INSTITUTION SHORTLY AFTER THE FIRST SNOW-FALL EACH SEASON. THE SUFFERERS WERE CHARITABLY REFERRED TO AS "INDIGENT SICK," BUT IN REALITY THEY WERE CHARGES ON THE CITY.

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LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

High.	Low.
Victoria .. 54	40
Calgary .. 46	26
Winnipeg .. 50	40
St. Louis .. 58	34
St. Paul .. 56	34
Toronto .. 50	26
Kingston .. 42	34
Ottawa .. 44	30
Montreal .. 46	32
Quebec .. 42	30
St. John .. 34	24
St. Peter .. 48	32
Halifax .. 42	30

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

Today—Fresh westerly winds; fair to lower lakes.

Thursday—Fresh to strong easterly winds with rain.

Friday—Fair.

Saturday—Fresh easterly winds, with rain.

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WILL PROTECT RATEPAYERS

Brookville, Ont., April 5.—In acknowledging receipt of a resolution favoring the settlement of the separate school question in the courts rather than in the Legislature, Hon. R. H. Grant, minister of education, has informed the board of education that "there will be nothing left untried to protect the ratepayers or the interests of the public schools throughout the province."

COMPROMISE ON DANISH LOCKOUT

Copenhagen, April 5.—Compromise agreement, by which the general lockout would end, subject to the approval of a general meeting on Friday of the trades unions and employers' organizations, has been reached after negotiations lasting sixteen hours.

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Come Down To Earth BY FRANK A. KAPP

FROM an office window in Toronto Tuesday afternoon I saw five men on top of a neighboring building. They were putting on a new tar and gravel roof. One of the men smeared the liquid tar on the roof with a brush. Another scattered the gravel with his shovel. Two of them were sparring with each other over at one side. The fifth sat on a pile of sacks filled with gravel—to keep them from being blown off the roof, I guess. Five were being paid by someone for the work that two were doing.

Yet we wonder what's the matter with the world today!

The other day I stopped in at a well-known Yonge street club. Up in a card room seven well-known men were seated around a table playing poker—two presidents, two sales-managers, a vice-president, an advertising manager and a lawyer. It was half-past 2 in the afternoon.

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Across the court from my office, I see a young typewriter salesman sitting with his feet on his desk, and puffing away at a cigarette. He seems to be meditating. He is probably wondering where business has gone to.

My typewriter is about ready for the junk heap. If an aggressive salesman were to call on me today he could probably sell me a new machine.

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There's a bobbed-hair stenographer in somebody's office across from mine. When her employer isn't looking she fusses with her hair, pouts her lips at a little hand mirror, and daubs at her cheeks. When he goes out, she doesn't work, she doesn't read, she doesn't knit. She just sits and sits.

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The day was quite warm. A young man stopped his car out in front to adjust his carburetor to the marked change in temperature. Within five minutes it was necessary to call the police to clear the street and the sidewalk.

Nearly a hundred people were more vitally concerned with watching a young man adjust his carburetor than with going about his business.

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A friend of mine has a patented automobile accessory which everyone says is a "gold mine." For four years now he has been trying to get some manufacturer to adopt it as standard equipment.

When I suggested that there were already 7,000,000 car-owners who were good prospects, many of whom would buy if given the opportunity, he said, "Oh, I know that; but it's too much work!"

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CLOSES LEGATION OF IRISH REPUBLIC

Buenos Ayres, April 5.—Laurence Ginnell, who came here last year as an envoy from the Dail Eireann, seeking the recognition of the Irish republic, has closed the "legation" here and sailed for Ireland.

Ginnell issued a long farewell message addressed to "the friends of Ireland in South America," in which he characterized the "fall of the republic" as the greatest Irish disaster since the death of Owen Roe O'Neill in 1649. He regarded this as only temporary, however, and said the Irish nation felt assured that "when, through the revival of our republic, Ireland resumes her ancient place as a sovereign state among the independent nations of the world she will receive from all of South America the practical friendship of prompt recognition and cordial welcome."

Matron Dismissed By Order-in-Council, Not Sheriff

RUMORS that Sheriff D. A. Graham, of Middlesex County, "fired" Miss Minnie Harris, assistant matron of the jail, on his own responsibility last week were officially set at rest Wednesday morning, when the sheriff received a copy of an order-in-council passed by the Lieutenant-governor in council on March 30, the day that Miss Harris was notified that her services would no longer be required at the jail.

Miss Harris is still in possession of her quarters over the jail kitchen, and has no intention of giving them up at present. Neither has the sheriff made any move to have Miss Harris vacate her rooms since he gave her a written order to vacate on April 1.

J. M. McEvoy, K.C., left for Toronto Tuesday night, and it is expected that he will take up Miss Harris' case with Attorney-General Raney.

PLOWING TO BEGIN IN WEST SHORTLY

Calgary, April 5.—Farmers arriving in Calgary report that the land is getting into excellent shape for early spring plowing. At Nulman, it is said, plowing will begin next week. This also applies to the Brooks and other districts.

Although the moisture on Monday and again on Tuesday morning was more or less of a local character, according to reports received by the Canadian Pacific Railway, it is said the soil south is in much better condition than for years. Farmers generally are taking a hopeful view of things on the splendid moisture now in the ground.

Farmers in the Regina district report that it will be on towards the middle of the month before seeding operations can be commenced there. The land is still too wet for work.

ITALIAN STATESMAN DIES

Rio Janeiro, April 5.—Luigi Mercatelli, the Italian ambassador to Brazil, died today after a brief illness from "flu."

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Demands \$500,000 a Year for Freedom



MME. GANNA WALSKA.

PARIS, April 5.—It is rumored here that Ganna Walska, famous Polish prima-donna, and wife of Alexander Smith Cochran, from whom she has separated, demands \$500,000 a year from the huge Cochran fortune to halt her battle to prevent her husband gaining his freedom.

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MEN CALLED TO MASS MEETING IN EAST LONDON

Admit Aldermen's Approval of Civic Salaries Cut Halted Negotiations.

NOT STRONG FOR BOARD

Deadlock in Hamilton Situation Forces Workers To Change Opinion.

Obviously considering it of small avail to continue further negotiations with the London Street Railway Company, motemen and conductors employed by that corporation will vote at a special mass meeting Saturday night at midnight upon the suggestion of their executive board that they strike immediately as a protest against the three-per cent wage reduction effective since March 1.

At a special session at the Labor Temple Tuesday night, the members of the executive considered the entire situation again, taking into consideration certain developments of the past few days.

More than a week ago, in regular session the greater majority of the members of the union expressed the opinion that an effort should be made first to negotiate with the company. In accordance with this principle they instructed their officers to seek from the federal minister of labor the services of a board.

It was necessary to await the arrival from the Ottawa department of labor of the necessary application papers. In the meanwhile, Mayor Cameron Wilson's proposal to reduce civic salaries by 10 per cent came before the city council, and was supported by two of the three Labor aldermen, John Ashton and Fred Watkinson.

It is freely admitted by officers of the Street Railwaymen's Union that this development halted all negotiations for the moment against the company, it being pointed out that Ald. Ashton while upholding the mayor's contemplated reduction, was a member of a union executive that was battling against a six per cent reduction in wages.

While Tuesday's meeting of the car men's executive was naturally closed to the press, and no detailed report was made public, it is well known that during the past few days the ultimate value of a board of the men have experienced a noticeable change in opinion respecting the ultimate value of a board of conciliation, the point being stressed that either of the contracting parties may adopt a stubborn attitude and decline absolutely to abide by the finding of the board.

The latter's decision is by no means binding, for as an instance, reference was made to the street railway situation in Hamilton, where a deadlock exists despite the efforts of a similar board.

Arrangements will be made to secure if possible the use of the East London Town Hall for the mass meeting early Sunday morning. Every moteman and conductor will attend and voice his opinion, both regular and spare employees.

The east end hall has been selected in lieu of the Labor Temple, in view of its close proximity to the car barns and the fact that the majority of the men live in East London.

Should it transpire that the majority of the workers favor a strike, it is fully expected that the same will take place without further parley.

UNUSUAL STORIES ABOUT UNUSUAL PEOPLE

MEMPHIS, April 5.—"The most cheerful patient we've ever had!" That's how physicians and nurses at St. Joseph's Hospital here describe Mrs. Anna Harbaugh.

Mrs. Harbaugh is slowly dying in the charity ward. She has been a hopeless cripple for 20 years.

In that time she's never taken a drug to alleviate pain. She's forgotten her own pain by cheering others.

Twenty years ago Mrs. Harbaugh was the pretty, graceful, spangled aerial queen of one of the world's greatest circuses.

One day on a trapeze she lost her hold and crashed to the ground. She has been paralyzed ever since.

Callum is reluctant to reveal the secrets of those who come to him.

However, there is no more pointed critic of those who try to impose on the city, and when Mr. McCallum finds them out they usually get short shift.

The relief inspector has many calls for groceries. In fact, eatables and coal are in the greatest demand.

In giving orders for groceries on stamps the inspector has found it necessary to point out the order just what eatables are to be given with the order and to warn grocers, that if anything else is supplied, they will not be paid for it.

"This action was necessary," as the inspector found in many cases the grocers who obtained orders from him, went to the store, and instead of buying good substantial food, secured luxuries to the full extent of the order. Consequently olives, cooked ham, and other such things come under the ban.