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METROPOLITAN AREA DEFINED AND RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL WITH COMMISSIONER GOVERNMENT

Transportation Committee Advocates a District Bounded by Oakville, Brampton, Aurora and Markham, With Co-operation of All Municipalities and Favors Prompt Action on Broad Principle.

A metropolitan area ending at Oakville, Brampton, Aurora or Richmond Hill, Markham and Port Union was recommended to the city council yesterday by the transportation committee, of which Ald. Wickert is chairman.

A commission for the government of the metropolitan area is recommended, the commission to have the power of a municipal council and to be composed as follows:

An electrical commissioner, in charge of development of radials, industrial and residential centres, lighting, telephones, etc.

Roads and parks commissioner, in charge of road construction, town planning, parks, playgrounds, and breathing places.

A health commissioner, in charge of sewerage, water and related services.

Program of Government. The definite program of government of the metropolitan area to be based on inter-municipal electric lines, local electric power and lighting, permanent roads and a broader study of sewerage and water problems.

Toronto's interest in a metropolitan area, says the committee's report, is the need for large industrial sites at reasonable cost, the land monopoly thru inadequate transportation service, high rents and congested areas, and the difficulty of planning public works on a broad plan.

Early Action Needed. These reasons for early action are given: Necessity for natural drainage for sewer systems, the demand for water supply and electric light and power, extension of the provincial hydro system and good roads.

The recommendation of the committee has the following viewpoint: "The creation of a metropolitan area is not a policy of annexation. It is a policy of co-operation. It is something bigger and more effective than linking up Toronto with a more or less indefinite stretch of farm lands; it unites and strengthens live municipalities to their mutual advantage, and makes intervening territory a greater asset for the community, especially for the workman."

It does not imply the disappearance of existing municipal units. It means simply the coming together of a group of municipalities for the purpose of carrying out certain services which they can do jointly more effectively than they could singly.

The Natural Outcome. "It is but the natural and inevitable outcome of municipal conditions, particularly of the wide scope of modern communal activities and of the great possibilities of rapid local transit."

If legislation to make this policy effective is secured it will of course give Toronto a much freer hand as to annexations. But it may be well to point out that annexations are not and cannot be a solution of the problem before us. Annexations can only affect territory immediately contiguous and within a restricted radius.

Annexation remains, therefore, a local issue.

Thrilling Scenes in "Who's Who?" In addition to an unlimited amount of rich comedy that runs thru the play "Who's Who?" at the Princess this week, there are some thrilling scenes of the "gun-play" order as well. In all, the performance offers excellent entertainment.

Straw Hats Are Called In. On and after Sept. 1, straw hats will be distinctly different from those of last year. September days mark the passing of the straw hat and the coming of the fall felt. The English styles have newly arrived in all the reasonable colors. A few light summer felts, entirely proper to color and style, but lighter than our recent importations of fall felts. Regular \$2.50 value, some worth \$4.00, clear the balance of our summer stock for \$1.75. Dime's, 140 Yonge street. Come in when you are passing and consult our hat variety.

Sing Sing Theatricals

(Special to The Toronto World.) NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—A distinguished gathering attended the annual theatrical performance given by the inhabitants of Sing Sing Prison, which was open only to the prisoners and the guards. The singing and instrumental selections greatly pleased the 1200 prisoners, among whom were former State Senator Stillwell and former Police Sergeant Duffy. The inmates burlesqued their woes and incidentally poked fun at Gov. Sulzer, the New York State Legislature and Boss Murphy of Tammany Hall.

TAX REFORMERS GATHERED TO TORONTO

Speakers Told of the Progress Being Made Thruout the Dominion—Attitude of Ontario Government Towards the Movement Was Strongly Criticized.

Single tax oratory flowed freely for three hours last night at the open meeting of the Tax Reform League of eastern Canada, which held its annual convention in St. James' Parish House yesterday. Probably the most illuminating address was that of W. W. Buchanan of Winnipeg, who confined himself to hard facts during the full course of his remarks, in which he gave a summary of the progress that tax reform had made in the west in the last 30 years.

"Today, in the four provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia there is not a single farmer who pays a cent of taxes on anything but land values," said Mr. Buchanan.

The cities are following the lead of the rural municipalities. Vancouver was the first to get into the line of march, and today in that city there is no assessment on buildings. Single tax is infectious so far as the cities are concerned, and New Westminster, Victoria, Prince Rupert and Nanaimo were quick to follow the tramp of Vancouver.

Alberta is even ahead of British Columbia, for at the last session of the legislature in Edmonton, a municipal act was passed preventing any municipality from imposing a tax on any building. As a result of this act single tax is reigning not only in the rural districts, but in all the cities, towns and villages as well.

James R. Brown of New York dealt with the theoretical side of single tax rather than with the results that had come from its practice. Mr. Brown grew warm when he spoke of Sir James Whitney's attitude towards single tax, and his alleged statement that if land were taxed it would become dear.

"I had the premier knocking anything but economies he would not have expressed such a supreme blunder," said the speaker.

Julian Sale, the ex-president of the league, presided at the evening session, and before introducing W. C. Good, B.A. of Brampton, read the sentences from the works of Henry George and stated that in his opinion the gold rule of the league was the anniversary of the birth of the great economist.

That tax reform in the western provinces had helped the financial condition of the people "in adversity as well as in prosperity" was the theme of Stewart Lyon. It was while putting a motion calling for the publication by the league of a circular as against the experience of the west in its effort of tax reform that Mr. Lyon referred to the present money stringency in the west, and stated that many well-known men in the west were of the opinion that the adoption of single tax would have been a great relief to them.

Mr. Lyon's motion, with an amendment by J. R. Brown, stating that the circular to be published should also

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BRYAN SMILES CRISIS ENDED?

On Eve of President Wilson's Return to Capitol, Mexican Outlook Termed "Encouraging."

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—(Can. Press.)—President Wilson, who returns to Washington tomorrow morning from Cornish, N. H., is expected to meet William Bayard Hale, now en route here from a special mission to Mexico for the administration. Mr. Hale's report of conditions in Mexico since the arrival of John Lind with the peace proposals of the American Government will be made directly to the president.

Unofficial reports reached Washington today that Mr. Lind, who had been at Vera Cruz since the rejection by the Huerta government of the American proposals, would return to the United States within a few days. No confirmation of this could be procured at the state department. Secretary of State Bryan said with relation to the report, just before leaving for a lecture engagement tonight at York, Pa., that he knew nothing of such an intention on Mr. Lind's part.

"I have received a message from Mr. Lind today," said the secretary, "but it did not concern his movements. As to the Mexican situation it can be said that matters look encouraging."

Bryan More Cheerful. Since the departure of the president from Washington the daily characterization of the Mexican situation at the state department has been that it was "unchanged." The renewal of the word "encouraging" just as the president is returning to the capitol was regarded in official circles as significant of possible developments. Mr. Bryan, however, had no explanation for his statement except a smile, the first he has worn in discussing the tense diplomatic affair with Mexico for many days.

One source of encouragement to Mr. Bryan today was the action of the house appropriations committee in recommending in the deficiency bill the \$100,000 asked for by the secretary to meet the expenses of bringing American citizens from Mexico.

Taft Takes a Decided Stand Against Election of Judges

Ex-President Declares That Scramble for Judicial Office Greatly Lowers Dignity of the Bench and Tends to Defeat Ends of Justice—Strongly Defends System of Life Appointment.

(By a Staff Reporter.)

MONTREAL, Sept. 2.—(Special.)—That the present meeting of the American Bar Association at Montreal may launch the candidacy of Hon. William Howard Taft for re-election as president of the United States is the opinion of many observers, and it was strengthened by the address delivered this evening by Mr. Taft and the way in which it was received.

Mr. Taft had a written speech, which he followed closely enough, but it was delivered with considerable force and emphasis and enlivened now and then by some humorous sallies which kept the attention of his hearers throughout. It was an able and convincing argument against the election of judges and what was termed "the preposterous" proposition to make the judges themselves amenable to the recall by a popular vote and their decisions subject to refusal by a popular plebiscite.

The system by which federal judges are appointed for life by the president was vigorously defended and the recent impeachment of Judge Archbald was referred to as proving that the judicial terms under the federal system was really limited to good behavior.

Condemned Primary System. The ex-president not only vigorously

ly assailed the bull moose ideas of judicial election and tenure, but also condemned the primary system as making even more objectionable the election of judges by the people. While it was admitted that many eminent men had been elected to the courts in the various states, it was also boldly asserted that the disgraceful spectacle was being presented of aspirants for places in the supreme court bench many states openly appealing for popular support upon the plea that their decisions would be in favor of some class of the community as against another. "The whole propaganda of the progressives in so far as it relates to the selection and terms of judges was denounced as reactionary."

The speech was well received throughout and apparently met the almost unanimous views of the association. At its conclusion the cheering and applause continued until the ex-president arose and bowed his acknowledgments.

Ex-President Taft's Address. Mr. Taft spoke in part as follows: "The instances of great and able judges who have been elected on the basis of election are instances of the adaptability of the American people and their genius for making the best out of bad methods."

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THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION MEETING



Photograph of Lord Haldane, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, who returned to England yesterday after delivering an epoch-making speech. From left to right: Attorney-General McKeown of the United States; Sir Kenneth MacKenzie, secretary to Lord Haldane; Miss Haldane, Lord Haldane and Francis Rawle.

RIGHT HAND MAN TO HUERTA RESIGNS

Profound Sensation Created in Mexico by Announcement That Dr. Aureliano Urrutia, Who Was Huerta's Principal Aide in Overthrow of Madero, Will Leave Cabinet.

(Special to The Toronto World.) MEXICO CITY, Sept. 2.—An announcement was made this afternoon of the prospective resignation of Dr. Aureliano Urrutia, minister of government.

It created a profound sensation, particularly as Urrutia has been regarded as President Huerta's right-hand man in the cabinet, especially favored by his confidence next to General Blanquet, who was Huerta's principal aide in the coup d'etat by which Madero was overthrown in February last.

It was Urrutia who a week ago publicly announced to newspapers, that Mexico had given the United States until 12 o'clock that night to accord recognition to the Huerta government. A prompt denial was made officially at the demand of Charge O'Shaughnessy that Urrutia had uttered the statement.

Urrutia's talkative ways aroused the ire of Foreign Minister Gamba, who protested, and since then there has been friction between the two ministers.

An Important Post. Urrutia's post is one of the most important in the cabinet as it exercises authority over the internal affairs of the States and has supervision over the elections.

Many military states governors, appointed by Huerta, have objected to taking orders with respect to their civil functions from Urrutia, a civilian. Urrutia's influence in the cabinet is said to have been prejudicial to the interests of the United States, as he is credited with being highly antagonistic to Americans.

It would not be surprising if General Blanquet were transferred from the department of war to that of government, and that General Geronimo Trevino, who reached here tonight from Monterey, succeeded Blanquet. Also there are reasons for believing a strong possibility exists of Gamba quitting the cabinet and no successor being named for the present. This would pave the way for Blanquet—whose fealty to Huerta is not doubted—succeeding to the provisional presidency in the event of Huerta resigning, in order to establish his eligibility to be a candidate for constitutional president at the October elections. In the lack of a foreign minister the position falls upon the minister of government.

FOUR PEOPLE INJURED. TWENTY-ONE KILLED WHEN MOTOR RAN WILD IN RAILWAY WRECK

Chauffeur Cranked Engine While It Was in Gear at the Corner of Bay and King Streets and It Jumped Into Crowd of Men.

Four people were seriously injured and several others had narrow escapes when a motor car ran wild at the corner of King and Bay streets about 5:30 yesterday afternoon. The accident was due to an oversight on the part of the chauffeur, who cranked the engine while it was still in gear.

The injured: Edward Williams, 366 West King street, chauffeur, back, head and side hurt.

Warren H. Evans, 42 Roxborough street, back and side injured.

Charles Faulkner, 5 Moss Park place, right leg and hip injured.

John Dickson, 232 Bain avenue, right elbow and arm hurt.

Unknown man also knocked down. The motor car was owned by R. J. Luby, Mail building. Williams was waiting to drive Mr. Lilly to his home. He saw Mr. Lilly coming out of the Mail building and proceeded to crank up the car.

Williams failed to notice the position of the clutch and turned on the gas. He then went to the front of the motor car and turned the engine over. The machine shot forward and Williams was knocked to the pavement.

The car rushed down Bay street toward King. Quite a crowd had gathered to see the bulletin of the day's ball game. One of the wheels struck the side of the curb and the machine jumped onto the sidewalk and ran into the crowd.

After running thru the crowd at a speed of thirty miles an hour the car struck the side of the building and came to an abrupt halt.

Dr. Rice was summoned and attended the injured. The owner of the car then conveyed them to their homes in the machine which had knocked them down. All will recover.

Vancouver Woman in Wreck.

LONDON, Sept. 2.—(Can. P.)—Early morning despatches from the scene of the Scottish railway disaster, throw no light upon the identity of the dead, who, however, are believed to include three children, aged 4, 6 and 8, belonging to Mrs. Morrison, now of Scotland.

Among the survivors was Mrs. Robertson, Vancouver, whose trunk and belongings were all lost.

NECKLACE THEFT MAY BE CLEARED

Scotland Yard Detectives Arrested Five Men in Connection With Loss of Valuable Jewels.

(Special Cable to The World. Copyrighted by The Toronto World and N. Y. World.) LONDON, Sept. 2.—Chief Detective Inspector Ward of Scotland Yard, with other detectives, brought off a big coup today in North London, when they arrested five men in connection with the loss of the \$750,000 necklace belonging to Max Meyer, which occurred on July 15, between London and Paris.

The men are believed to be members of an international gang of thieves. Some of them were arrested early this morning and the others during the afternoon.

All of the men are said to be Londoners, though they are of mixed nationality and were residing in Dalston, a comparatively poor quarter in North London.

The men were taken to the Bow Street Police Station, where they will be brought up before a police court tomorrow morning.

The World correspondent learns that the Scotland Yard men are looking for other men.

The pearls have not yet been discovered. Pearls to the value of tens of thousands of dollars were recovered by the police who arrested three of the men at a railway station where they expected to meet a purchaser for the pearls at a large sum.

Scotland Yard had been watching the men for over a week. Reports that the necklace was in Berlin or Vienna probably were circulated as a blind.

The men arrested, whose names are Sillerman, Grisand, Lockett, McCarthy and Guttenworth. The latter is alleged to have violently resisted arrest and attempted to escape.

Dublin Riots Curbed

DUBLIN, Sept. 2.—(Can. Press.)—No disorder occurred today, owing to the precautions taken by the police, and the troops. The strike situation, however, is still critical.

PEACE PLAN IS GIVEN APPROVAL

Hague Conference Likes General Idea Brought Forward by Bryan, But Disagrees on Details.

(The Inter-Parliamentary Council, at its first meeting today, discussed a resolution proposed by Richard Baerholdt of Missouri, declaring that the conference "approves Secretary of State Bryan's plan whereby the nations bind themselves to submit disputes for investigation by an impartial commission before resorting to hostilities and request the governments to enter into negotiations to secure such an arrangement.")

The debate disclosed a unanimity of sentiment in favor of the general idea, but differences of opinion as to whether the proposed text of the treaty should be approved. Finally, Mr. Baerholdt's motion was adopted in an amended form, expressing hearty approval of the idea and requesting the permanent committee on arbitration to make it under consideration and incorporate it in the committee's proposals.

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Blame Signal System. The New Haven officials were frank to admit tonight that the so-called "banjo" block signal system, which on this part of the line has not yet been replaced by the semaphore system, recommended by the public utilities commission of Connecticut, last December, was, in a measure, responsible for the wreck, altho the question as to whether the engineer of the White Mountain train, Augustus B. Miller, was making too much speed under the weather conditions, is under investigation.

Under the "banjo" system, as soon as a train passes a signal, it sets red and automatically allows the signal in the previous block, opening a train following to enter.

Under the new semaphore system, which the railroad officials said they were in the process of installing, the signal in the previous block would be set to red.

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SERIOUSLY INJURED IN FALL FROM CAR

John Mack of Pembroke Street Lies Unconscious at General Hospital.

John Mack, 48 Pembroke street, fell off a street car at King and Yonge streets late last night and was seriously injured. He was removed to the new General Hospital, but at an early hour this morning the extent of his injuries could not be learned.