

U.S. RAILROADS

ALREADY TAKEN OVER
Great Transportation Lines
Now in Possession of U. S.
Government.

UNDER WAR BOARD

Immediate Arrangements Are
Made to Facilitate Freight
Movements.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The railroads
of the United States passed into gov-
ernment possession at noon today as
Secretary McAdoo, designated by
President Wilson as director-general
of railroads, was delegating to the
railroads war board the task of oper-
ating them for the present.

The war board will consist of five of
the country's foremost railroad execu-
tives who have been in supreme charge
of the roads for the last nine months,
and will be called into conference to dis-
cuss plans for welding all transportation
lines into a single government-operated
system. They left the treasury depart-
ment under instructions to continue
their functions and to submit immedi-
ately a plan of operation to the
director-general.

Tonight Mr. McAdoo issued his first
formal order designed to speed up
freight movement, telegraphing all
railroad presidents and directors in-
structions to modify their schedules to
convenient and direct routes. At the
same time he ordered them to continue
operation of their lines in conformity
with the president's proclamation until
they are under government control.

There was no indication tonight whether
Mr. McAdoo intended to displace the
organization of his own or to continue
its organization for the duration of the
war. It was made clear, however, that
it will continue to function until the
director-general decides that a better
system can be devised.

The order that brought more by the
most expedient means possible the
order of traffic impossible
heretofore by reason of statutes de-
signed to prevent the practice by car-
riers operated under private direction.

It takes from the ships the most direct
route its freight as it wishes, and
leaves to the railroad traffic manager
the task of sending it most directly
and where there is least congestion.

ATTEMPT TO ROB
BANK AT DUNDAS

Four Hamilton Men Placed
Under Arrest and Com-
mitted on Suspicion.

Special to The Toronto World.
Hamilton, Dec. 28.—What is believed
to have been an attempt to rob the
Royal Bank at Dundas was responsible
for the arrest of four Hamilton men
yesterday.

On Thursday night Constable Lumden
of Dundas noticed three men attempt-
ing to get into the rear of the bank.
When he called on them they ran in
the direction of a motor car which
was standing on the Market square.

When Roy Holrum, alias Paddy Lewis,
237 East Barton street, was arrested,
the clearest burglar in the city and a
much sought individual by the local police
force was apprehended.

Altho only 18 years of age, Holrum
has had the term of the Guelph farm,
and when the Dundas authorities are
thru with him the local police will be
able to get back to another several charges
of theft and housebreaking.

It was learned at the city hall today
that the city council, irrespective of the
wishes of the ratepayers, will proceed
with the erection of a new Central Mar-
ket. This means that it is not necessary
for the council to submit a by-law to the
people to ascertain what their views are
on the matter.

Controller Wright stated that all that
was necessary was to secure the consent
of the minister of finance to issue de-
bentures, owing to the fact that it would
be impossible to provide for the expense
from the current revenue.

YORK COUNCIL AND
SUBURBS

DEPUTATION ASKS
HYDRO EXTENSION

Unionville Citizens Want Line
Carried Over Gap to
Agriculture.

LABOR IS SCARCE
Engineer Promises Work
Done Late in Fall of
Next Year.

A deputation from the Village of Union-
ville, composed of G. A. M. Davison, A.
L. Brown, John Graham, W. M. Smith
and Archie Brownlee, waited upon the
Ontario Hydro Power Commission at its
offices on University avenue yesterday,
relative to the extension of the hydro
power system from Agincourt to the
Village of Unionville. They were met by
Mr. Gaby and Fred T. Stooking, the
latter chief engineer of the commission,
and there was a thorough discussion of
the whole matter in respect to the extension
of the line to the village.

WARD SIX LISTENS
TO ITS CANDIDATES
Economy and Efficiency in Handling
City's Affairs Advocated.

"Every business man should stand
for economy and efficiency in the
city council and if returned as a
representative I will be always on
the job," said George Birdsell at a
well attended meeting of the ward six
payers of Earlscourt in Earlscourt
School last evening.

EARLSCOURT RESIDENT
HAS HIS FOURTH FIRE

Early Morning Blaze Destroys Home
of Frank Cronk, North Earlscourt,
While Family is Absent.

TWO COUNCILS TO MEET.
York and Ontario Counties Will Sit
on Boundary Question.

HOTELMAN DIES SUDDENLY.
William Burke, Weston, Found Dead
in Chair Yesterday.

CORONATION LODGE AT HOME.
Coronation Lodge, L.O.L., No. 215,
East Toronto, held a very successful
at-home in Snell's Hall, corner Main
and Gerrard streets, last night.

FEW CANDIDATES
ATTEND MEETING

Ward Seven Ratepayers' As-
sociation Hear Speeches
From Some Aspirants.

At a meeting called by the Ward Seven
Ratepayers' Association, held in the
Annette Street Public School last night,
at which H. S. Mott presided, mayoralty
candidates were invited to attend, but
only the following were present: Ald.
Robbins, Ryding, P. H. Grant, W.
H. Weir and R. G. Agnew.

YOUNG WOMAN HELD
FOR CHILD'S DEATH
She is Alleged to Have Killed Baby
Three Hours Old.

Virginia Ellis, New Gormley, was
arrested yesterday by Detective Kos-
ter at the home of her parents in
that town. She is held on a charge
of manslaughter. It is alleged that
she had killed her child when it
was three hours old.

ETOBICOKE TOWNSHIP
Percy W. Ball and Dr. Frederick Davison
Among Those Aspiring for Muni-
cipal Honors.

MISSION BAND CONCERT.
Eglinton Presbyterian Church Children
Enjoy Program Last Night.

HYDRO EXTENSION PROGRESSES.
The work on hydro extension in
Scarboro Township is progressing
splendidly.

YORK COUNCIL WINDS UP.
The closing meeting for the year of
the York Township Council was held
yesterday afternoon in the township
offices, King and Jarvis streets.

DANDRIDGE BY ACCLAMATION.
James Dandridge, market gardener,
of Etobicoke, who has been acting-
reeve since the death of Reeve Charles
Silverthorne last summer, has been
elected by acclamation to the position
for the coming year.



Dineen's Furs
SPECIAL SALE
BEFORE STOCK-TAKING

After a very busy Christmas rush, and a highly satisfactory
season of holiday selling, we are free to glance through our
stock and make bargain offerings in several attractive lines.
These are our regular lines of high-class stock, which uni-
formly represent 15 to 25 per cent. in quality advantage over
the prevailing standards.

- 3 Taupe Wolf Muffs, new round
muff, finished with head and
tail, velvet inner lining, silk trim
around hand hole and wrist
cord ..... \$25.00
2 Round Badger Muffs, lined
with heavy quality satin \$16.50
2 Round Badger Muffs, lined
with heavy quality satin \$13.50
5 Natural Wolf Scarfs, animal
shape, silk and crepe lined, fin-
ished with head, tail and paw
tips ..... \$20.00
10 Black Siberian Wolf Muffs,
round and pillow shape, cu-
mmerbund, silk lined, head, tail
and cord ..... \$10.00
4 Badger Stoles, lined with
heavy quality satin, paw fas-
tener, head and tail ..... \$16.50
6 Black Siberian Wolf Stoles
silk lined, slightly curved at
neck, finished with head, tail
and paw ..... \$16.50
6 Black Canadian Wolf Muffs,
pillow shape, very fine down
bed, silk lined and wrist cord
..... \$20.00
3 Taupe Wolf Scarfs, slightly
curved at neck, lined with silk
and silk trim ..... \$25.00
1 Natural Wolf Muffs, round
shape, velvet inner lining, silk
trim, head and tail ..... \$22.50
6 Black Canadian Wolf Stoles,
lined with heavy quality satin,
large animal or cape effect, fin-
ished with head, tail and paw
tips ..... \$27.50
3 Black Siberian Wolf Stoles,
animal style, lined with silk
..... \$25.00

Special reductions also apply in our Department of Women's Wear, throughout a carefully
selected and assorted stock of exclusive lines in shirt waists, winter coats in velours, broad-
cloth, Whitney, beaver cloth, and plush; suits, skirts, and sweater coats.

W. DINEEN Company
Limited
140 Yonge St., Toronto. Hamilton--20-22 King St. W.

Etobicoke Township
VOTE
For the Election of
P. W. BALL
As Councillor, 1918
Election New Year's Day

Etobicoke Election
1918
ELECT
Frederick
Davidson
AS SECOND DEPUTY REEVE.
Business Methods and Fairness to All.

AMERICA TO IGNORE
ENEMY PEACE FEELER
Washington Considers President
Has Already Sufficiently Out-
lined Terms of Settlement.

W. M. GRAHAM
THIRD DEPUTY REEVE,
YORK TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL.
Energetic, progressive, a good
friend of public ownership, and al-
ways on the job.

RE-ELECT GRAHAM
Capable, progressive, and one of
the best all-round men in the
council.
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WAR SUMMARY
THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

British forces in Palestine have re-
sisted Turkish attacks and advanced their
own lines on a nine mile front on the
Turkish front. This was the first time
the coast of the Mediterranean, north of
Jaffa, and it has a depth of about two
miles and a half.

The most important semi-official allied
actor taken on German peace feelers
came from the British National Labor
Congress yesterday in its virtually de-
clared for only a peace with victory.

The Germans have proposed to the
Bolshevik that the Bolsheviks mediate
between them and the allies and that,
if the mediation fails, they should allow
the Germans to occupy certain strategic
centres in Russia. This would enable
the enemy to bring to bear certain pres-
sure against the allies, according to his
representations. This information illu-
minates one of the real objects of the Ger-
man peace proposals. They are to give
an excuse to the Bolsheviks, when ex-
pected by the allies, of negotiations,
to hand over certain important
Russian centres to Germany. The enemy
expects by this peace offensive to gain
some really first-rate military advantages.
It is in this respect that the German
peace offensive is really dangerous.

WAR SUMMARY
THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

official and therefore subject to repudia-
tion at any time suitable to the Ger-
mans, are meeting with varied suc-
cess. The allies welcome reception. The
press officially placed their war aims be-
fore the world in their reply to President
Wilson's inquiry of a year ago, and
President Wilson's officials have given
utterance to much the same views,
certain newspapers, mostly of suspected
loyalty, seize the opportunity to issue
lies to formulate them again. These
lies are of a nature which would imply
the issuing of a new set of aims, less
drastic, would imply that the allies were
weakening in their resolve. If the allies
fell into the trap and declared anew their
aims with modifications it would be a
gain for German diplomacy. Certain of
the so-called pacifists are also eager to
start a debate on terms before they have
curtailed the enemy. It is like disposing
of the skin of a tiger. For this reason
the United States Government will
make no answer to the German attempt
at parleying, at considers that in his
reply to the Pope and in his recent mes-
sage to congress President Wilson has
sufficiently disclosed the objects of Amer-
icans.

Russian affairs keep chaotic with many
indications of armed clashes between the
warring factions. Both sides claim the
victory in the fighting between the
Soviet and Ukrainians at Bielgorod. The
Bolsheviks reported the capture of
Kornilov a short time ago; the Ukrainians
report the defeat of the Bolsheviks
last report is probably the correct one.
Being the first news of a habit of
communication, issued for the first time
since the month of June in existence
of the Russian front is in evidence.
This means that the anti-anarchists have
taken that much of the front from the
Bolsheviks. An unconformity report
previously circulated by the Bolsheviks to
quiet popular apprehension, that
General Kadanev has concluded an
armistice with Trotsky and Lenin. If
so, he does not intend to trade with
arm Russia. The white Russians, after
the example of the Ukrainians, Cosacko,
Siberians and Caucasians, have declared
themselves independent and have sum-
moned a Rada at Minsk. It will furnish
a delicate task for statesmanship to weld
these sovereign states together.

selections was given by local talent. A
feature of the afternoon was the reading
of an interesting part in patriotic
work, spending large amounts of wearing
apparel and delicacies to the members of
the 12th York Rangers Battalion, a large
number of whom were recruited from
the northern part of the county.

YORK CANDIDATES
PRESENT THEIR VIEWS
Public Meeting in Oakwood School
Well Attended Last Night to
Hear Speakers.

The public meeting held in Oakwood
School last night for the discussion of
York Township matters in general
was well attended, all the candidates
for municipal honors being present
and addressing the gathering more or
less briefly. The chair was occupied by
F. Norman, president of the Oak-
wood Association.

DR. SPOULE WASN'T THERE.
Did Not Speak in Favor of Miller and
Graham at Mount Dennis.

DR. SPOULE OF MOUNT DENNIS in-
formed 'The World' yesterday that he
was not present at the meeting held
in Mount Dennis schoolhouse on
Thursday night in the interests of
Fred J. Miller and W. M. Graham, and
consequently did not make the speech
credited to him in 'The World.' The
information was given to 'The World'
by a man who was present at the
meeting and mistook one of the
speakers for Dr. Sproule. But as Dr.
Sproule was not there, of course he
did not make the speech.