

ALD. RICHTER LIKENS HIS ATTACKERS TO NEW YORK GUNMEN

"If I Were in New York They Would Have Me Assassinated," Says Chairman of the Finance Committee to Those Seeking His Downfall.

CALLS MR. GLAUBITZ FIGUREHEAD UPON WHOM CITY IS WASTING \$4,500

Declares That City Will Save Thousands of Dollars by Adopting Businesslike Methods—The Good Roads Policy—An Interview Straight to the Point.



Ald. Richter.

"If I were in New York, the interests that are now endeavoring to malign me before the people of London would hire a gunman and have me assassinated. As it is, they use a willing newspaper, pen, ink and type, instead of pistols. The act is none the less dastardly, and the spirit that animates it is just the same."

This was the reply of Ald. J. G. Richter to the attack of Mr. Beck upon him through the latter's newspaper. He said it without anger, for "the finance minister" is just as cool under fire as he is when addressing a young man's society or talking to his board of directors.

A THOROUGH GOOD ROADS POLICY.

The man who has without fear or favor stood up to every situation that has confronted the city in his three years' service, does not believe that the citizens believe him to be acting against their interests. Rather is he leading public thought in London. He has inaugurated a good roads policy for the city that will be a monument to his name; he realizes that it cannot be done in a day, that no mystic Aladdin's lamp can convert every boghole into a smooth pavement; but he has the faith in the policy that once the city has had the opportunity of developing its policy, London will be unrivalled among Canadian cities.

DIFFICULTIES TO OVERCOME.

There are many things to be done before the policy shall have become a reality. The city must have storm sewers, either paid for with debentures voted by the people, or out of the general fund; it must have some direct authority head who shall be able to tell the water commissioners that their work must be done simultaneously with other work, and not delayed for a whole summer, as in the notorious case of Stanley street in the past year.

Ald. Richter believes that the board of control measure that the ratepayers are to vote on this year, will have the effect of putting the city of London upon a better business basis, and that there will be direct control of some officials who are at present only in indirect touch with the needs of the city.

Ald. Richter believes that great saving can be effected in the million dollars that the city of London spends every year. He thinks that close business methods, though not niggardliness, should result in giving the city many thousands of dollars upon which to advance the works that are standing still today.

DISPENSE WITH MR. GLAUBITZ.

For instance, Mr. Richter believes that General Manager Glaubitz is a mere figurehead in the hydro-electric department, and that he and his \$4,500 a year salary could be dispensed with nicely.

Mr. Hunt and Mr. Buchanan could run this department nicely," said the alderman. "There is no doubt that both are capable, and that Mr. Glaubitz is not required."

What the city needs is a chief engineer, he further believes, such as Mr. Van Cleve was to have been. But Mr. Van Cleve was not the sort of man who would work against the city of London in favor of other interests, and eventually he was gotten rid of. Mr. Richter's idea comes pretty close to the German idea of having a general manager for the whole city at a good salary.

PRAISE FOR GOOD ROADS POLICY.

The newspaper that is seeking to put Mr. Richter out of the municipal race for all time, was not feeling that way at one time. For instance, when the council, headed by Ald. Richter, inaugurated the good roads policy, the same newspaper pointed to the immense amount of money that had been wasted on graveling in the past, and on one occasion said:

"We take off our hats to Ald. Richter, Ald. Mitchell, Ald. Cooper, and the others who have courageously turned the corner in the matter of street improvements."

The same newspaper stated that the work must take many years before the citizens would see the good results, but that a start must be made, and they praised the same alderman they are now attacking for giving his efforts to the initiation of the policy.

There is one man in London who cannot be bulldozed, and the citizens of London know that he has no interest to serve but theirs. If he enters the municipal campaign, he will undoubtedly have the strongest support. Because he thought it his duty, he aided the Labor members of the council in the sidewalk investigation. The ball did not start rolling until he returned from the West, and then there was a real investigation upon his request. The Labor men of the city have not forgotten his efforts in their behalf, and if he sees fit to enter the race, there will be the most interesting revelations, it is understood, in connection with several phases of civic administration.

TROUBLE BLOWS OVER

Grand Opera House and Its Employees Are at Peace.

The trouble between the Grand Opera House and the stagehands employed there has been satisfactorily

settled. It was stated today to The Advertiser, Mr. A. J. Small, owner of the Grand, arrived in the city Saturday, and he and the local members of the Stage Workers' Union held a conference, arriving at an agreement which was entirely satisfactory to both parties.



THE NEW DOVE OF PEACE.

C. N. R. PEOPLE WILL NOT COME BACK THIS YEAR

Colonel Davidson and Other Representatives Are Now in the West.

L. AND P. S. R. BOARD CALLED TO MEET

Mayor Explains That the Session Was to Protect the C. N. R. Regarding Agreement.

The representatives of the Canadian Northern will not return to discuss the lease of the London and Port Stanley this year, so Mayor Graham announced today. Colonel Davidson is at present in Victoria, B. C., and Judge Phippen and Engineer Macrae are also in the West.

When they will return his worship was at a loss to state, but as the meeting of the council tonight will close out the business of the year, no possibility of arranging an agreement remains. The negotiations have been called off until next year.

Some surprise was evinced today that a meeting of the shareholders of the London and Port Stanley board had been called for Dec. 20.

To protect the C. N. R., Mayor Graham said that this was done to protect the C. N. R. during the negotiations. Had an agreement been arrived at between the C. N. R. and the city relative to the railway it would have to be ratified by the shareholders of the London and Port Stanley Railway. His worship announced that he had called the meeting to protect the C. N. R., so that the deal could be closed this year. However, as the negotiations have been called off, business to come before this meeting.

Not Back This Year. "The Canadian Northern will not come back this year," declared his worship today. "Col. Davidson is at present in Victoria, and there is not sufficient time to reopen negotiations before the end of the year. I told Col. Davidson when we were discussing the question some time ago, that if it came forward with the best offer he intended making. He others were simply preliminary. He did not do so, and the matter is at a standstill at the present time. Had he made an attractive offer, the London and Port Stanley board would have dealt with him."

Looking Ahead. "The London and Port Stanley shareholders were called in case an agreement was arrived at between the city and the C. N. R. Had this been done, a meeting of the shareholders on Dec. 20 would have settled the whole question. Nothing will be done this year, so far as I am aware at this time."

A PARTIAL VICTORY

U. S. Govt. Secures Decision Against Hard Coal Trust.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The Government won a partial victory in its prosecution of the hard coal trust today when the supreme court today held that the so-called 65 per cent contracts between the hard coal roads and coal operators were illegal; sustained the Government's former victory over the declined to sustain the charges of a general conspiracy among the hard coal roads.

FRENCH LABORITES STRIKE AS PROTEST AGAINST WAR

All Workmen of Republic Throw Down Tools for One Day to Demonstrate Power to Paralyze Government Should It Declare for War.

[Canadian Press.] Paris, Dec. 16.—A general strike of the whole of the working population of France, ordered to be carried out today by the General Federation of Labor as a protest against war, was partially successful. It was understood that all workmen were to throw down their tools for one day only in order to show the strength of the laboring classes, and to demonstrate their power of paralyzing the Government in the event of a declaration of war.

WOODSTOCK WOULD LIKE TO GET C. P. R. REPAIR SHOPS

Officials in This City Deny a Story to the Effect That Company Contemplates the Move—Shops Are Kept Here by Agreement Made When Road Came to London.

The Woodstock Sentinel-Review contains a story to the effect that the C. P. R. will remove their shops from London to Woodstock in the near future, but this is denied at the offices of the company in London.

It was stated that the C. P. R. had not the slightest intention of removing the shops from London. It was pointed out that an agreement had been entered into between the company and the city to maintain the divisional shops, for which the company received a bonus of \$25,000, and Wellington street was closed to accommodate them.

Further proof was added when the officials explained that the C. P. R. had completed the expenditure of many thousands of dollars in building shops, roundhouse, etc., and a new station at Quebec street. The land secured there gave them plenty of room for expansion for years to come.

"Nothing in it, whatever," declared the official in question. "We are in London to stay, and we do not intend to remove. The shops here are absolutely necessary, as we have a long stretch of track between London and Windsor. They will be increased rather than diminished in the future."

FELL FROM LONDON STREET CAR; DIED AS RESULT OF HER INJURIES

Mrs. Hannah Mason Met With a Fatal Accident On Central Avenue.

Mrs. Hannah Mason, 889 Central avenue, fell from a Belt Line car on Central avenue, between Colborne and Cartwright streets, at 8:20 o'clock on Saturday evening, sustaining injuries that resulted in her death at St. Joseph's Hospital on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Coroner MacLaren is investigating and will hold an inquest.

Mrs. Mason boarded the car down town to go home. After passing Colborne street, she gave the signal to stop the car, and walked to the rear platform. It is thought that she intended stepping to one of the lower seats, but missed her footing and was thrown headlong off the car. She alighted on her head, the fall rendering her unconscious.

Taken to Hospital. The car was stopped and the injured lady was carried into the home of Mr. J. B. Keenleyside, and Dr. Scho-

REPORTED THAT MR. BORDEN WILL TAKE LAURIER PLAN

Prolonged Conclave of Ministers Saturday Said To Have Dealt With Question of Permanent Naval Policy and the Liberal Idea May Be Adopted.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Dec. 16.—If credence is to be placed in the latest rumor which is current in the corridors of Parliament, Canada is in a fair way to become something of a naval power. It is reported that the Borden Government is seriously considering the adoption of the new Laurier naval policy in addition to its own.

G. T. R. BUSINESS IN LONDON SHOWS VERY LARGE INCREASE

Sunday Was a Record Day For the Middle Division of the Big Railway.

The phenomenal growth of business on the middle division of the Grand Trunk, and particularly in London and district, was emphasized on Sunday, when a record day's business was handled, the congestion of freight in the local

A NEW STORY WILL BE DISCUSSED BY THE COUNCIL

Last Regular Meeting of the City Fathers Will Be Held Tonight.

SOME WALKS ARE IN BAD CONDITION

But Engineer Brazier Does Not, However, Blame the Contractor in His Finding.

The last regular meeting of the city council will be held tonight when the business of the year will be wound up. It will be followed by an informal lunch tendered by Mayor Graham to his colleagues and the city hall officials, at the Teumseh House. The business to be disposed of makes a rather lengthy budget, but the most of it is not debatable.

The great question that arises out of the reports is that relative to the inspection of sidewalks, made by City Engineer Brazier. Some time ago he was instructed to make a report on the works, on which the guarantee expires this year. He made a superficial examination of some of them, and has recommended that repairs be made on those constructed by Mr. W. J. Anthistie, the contractor who built the Dundas and Richmond street pavements this year, are William street, from Chesapeake to Grosvenor, Colborne street, from Regent to Huron street; Adelaide, from St. James to Grosvenor.

These walks, Mr. Brazier points out, are in a very bad condition, but he will not say that the defects are altogether due to bad workmanship and material. It may have been due to defective drainage or the action of the frost. He reports that nothing further has been done with the Dundas and Richmond street walks, owing to the cold weather.

Not Satisfied. Ald. Bennett and Ald. Richter, who have been largely instrumental in bringing the question of the defects of these walks to the public gaze, are not altogether satisfied with the report, and are of the opinion that the present city council should have insisted that the contractor should be sent to the factory, and that the matter be brought to the attention of the council.

What course of action they will take has not been definitely decided, but it is probable that both aldermen will have something very important to say when this matter is brought to the attention of the council.

Committee Reports. The various committee reports will give the statistics of the meetings held by the various committees during the year. The board of works comes first with 57 meetings, with the other committees close at hand.

According to unofficial statistics, there were 152 meetings during the year. At these the attendance was: as follows: Mayor Graham 92, Ald. Richter 56, Ald. Bennett 32, Ald. Spittal 68, Ald. Johnson 54, Ald. Coles 74, Ald. Murphy 44, Ald. Wright 55, Ald. McCreary 40, Ald. Blanford 60, Ald. Robinson 61, Ald. Rose 40, Ald. Ashplant 52.

Of course, this number does not include the meetings of the city council, the London and Port Stanley board, nor the Western Fair board.

The members of No. 2 committee who attended regularly have a remarkably good showing in the figures.

Special Meeting. A special meeting of the board of education has been called for this afternoon at 5 o'clock to hear the report of No. 1 committee on the readjustment of the salaries of kindergarten teachers. This is the only business to be transacted. The board will meet between Christmas and New Year's to complete the year's work.

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A NEW STORY

The Advertiser will commence a new serial story entitled "The Guardian," by Frederick Grim

Barlett in the issue of Wednesday, Dec. 18.

Readers who remember the fascinating qualities of "The Seventh Noon," published some time ago in The Advertiser, will look forward with interest to a second story by this clever writer.

In "The Guardian," Mr. Bartlett has told a story of everyday people and every-day life that is immensely appealing. It concerns principally the affairs of two brothers, Nat and Gene Page, who both love the same "little schemer."

A graphic picture of life in the lumber camp is also given by Mr. Bartlett. Watch for the first installment.

ARCH. A. M'ARTHUR DEAD AT WINNIPEG

City Controller of Manitoba Capital Was a Native of Lobo Township.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 16.—Arch A. McArthur, city controller for the past four years, re-elected last Friday, died Sunday night, aged 69. He was born in Lobo, Middlesex County, the son of a Scotch farmer, and lived on the farm there until he came west in 1881.

He was stricken Dec. 5 with paralysis while cleaning snow off his veranda and sustaining a severe fall. His forth wedding anniversary was to have been celebrated on the day of the seizure. He is survived by one son, Fred, barrister, and the widow.

NAVAL FIGHT OFF ISLE OF LEMNOS

[Canadian Press.] Constantinople, Dec. 16.—The Turkish fleet engaged the Greek fleet off the island of Lemnos this morning, according to an official telegram from the Dardanelles. The Greek fleet was compelled to withdraw from the action.

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