

RAILROAD ISSUES

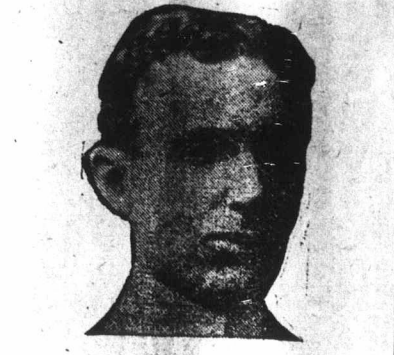
Although industrial stocks, stocks, and the copper time monopolized the lively, good judges believe issues will soon have a such as Union Pacific...

TOLD TO WITHHOLD EVIDENCE SAYS WITNESS AT INQUIRY

Corroborated by Neighbor but Insurance Agent Denies Charge—Smelt Coal Oil in House—Alleged Incendiary Committed for Trial. In the course of his investigation of a fire which occurred in the home of Napoleon Lavigne, 140 de la Roche avenue on April 15, Fire Commissioner Lalonde yesterday afternoon was told by one witness that there was a distinct smell of coal oil in the house, while another declared that an insurance agent had told her to say she knew nothing if called on to give evidence. This the agent in question denied. Captain Elzear Robert, of Station 16, said that when he arrived at the house there was a distinct smell of coal oil, and the flames were shooting out back and front, as there was little for them to feed on. The circumstances generally caused him to regard the fire as suspicious. Mrs. Delvina Savage, a neighbor, also admitted that the fire looked suspicious. She then volunteered the statement that some time after the fire an insurance agent named Francoeur had called at her house, ostensibly to ask the address of one of his clients, had engaged her in conversation, and had advised her, if she were called on to give information or to testify before the fire commission regarding the Lavigne fire, to say she knew nothing, and that the authorities could find out about it for themselves. Alexandre Roy, a fifteen-year-old boy, said that he had been in Mrs. Savage's house when she had been advised to plead ignorance of the fire. A man, not Francoeur, and a boy, neither of whom he knew, discovering that he had overheard what had been said, told him to forget having heard anything, and to tell nobody what had passed. Joseph Francoeur, an insurance agent, living at 215a Fabre street, was then called. He said that he was the agent for four companies. He had insured Lavigne's household goods in 1914 for \$1,000, estimating at that time that they were worth about \$1,500. He swore that he had not advised anyone to plead ignorance of the fire before the fire commissioner. "Mrs. Savage has appeared here," said the commissioner, and has testified that you called at her house and asked her for the address of one of your clients, and—" "Yes, I did that."

PERSONALS

Mr. C. G. Stewart, of Ottawa, is at the Windsor. Mr. J. D. Caron, of Quebec, is at the Place Viger. Mr. J. S. Mitchell, of Sherbrooke, is at the Windsor. Sir Rodolphe Forget, M.P., was in Ottawa yesterday. Colonel S. J. A. Denison, C.M.G., is at the Ritz-Carlton. Mr. J. H. Ashcroft, of Edmonton, Alta., is at the Windsor. Captain E. Butham, St. John, N.B., is at the Place Viger. Mr. Newcombe, Deputy Minister of Justice, is at the Ritz-Carlton. Major-General the Hon. Sam Hughes was at the Windsor yesterday evening. Mr. E. M. Macdonald, M.P., for Pictou, N.S., returned to the Windsor yesterday from Boston and left for Toronto last evening. Dr. F. C. Douglas, of Park Avenue, who dislocated his shoulder on Sunday, has recovered sufficiently to be back at his surgery, and the Montreal Dispensary. The following gentlemen were introduced on 'Change at the Board of Trade yesterday: R. A. McLellan, Kingston, by H. D. Dwyer; A. H. Bailey, Toronto, by H. W. Raphael; E. M. Ramey, Toronto, by W. H. Lamer; L. H. Peters, Boston, by H. S. Philips. CARTAGE CONTRACTOR DEAD. Mr. Thomas Thompson, of the firm of Thompson Bros., cartage contractors, is dead, after an illness extending over fifteen months. He was forty-one years of age and a native of Quebec City.



MAYOR T. L. CHURCH, of Toronto. The city has completed arrangements for the insuring of 10,000 members of the Overseas Contingents.

CAN INSURE 10,000 TORONTO SOLDIERS Metropolitan Life Undertakes to Issue 3,700 More Policies on Overseas Contingent CARRY RISK OF \$10,000,000

Cost for Year Will be \$576,000—Some Men Have Named No "Next of Kin" and City is Beneficiary. Toronto, May 6.—The city of Toronto is making progress in the clearing up of the problem of insuring its soldiers who have gone or are going to the front. The Metropolitan Life Company of New York, in undertaking to insure 3,700 more than it originally took, makes it possible for the city to cover about 10,000 fighting men with full policies of \$1,000 each. There are still two points to be cleared up, however. One is as to the covering of men who do not live within the city limits. No definite decision has yet been made by the Board of Control as to the insuring of soldiers who live on the city's fringe. It might be taken up with the York Township Council and settled without delay. If the city refuses to include these men, and the controllers seem to take that view, the township people might force their councillors to assume the same liability that Toronto is shouldering for its residents. The new Metropolitan agreement is big enough to include these men. The city has about 300 such cases on its list now. The second matter that needs attention is the delay of the military men in giving the city the full list of the men to be insured. Letter after letter asking for this list has gone out from the City Hall to Exhibition camp, but there is delay after delay, and many of the soldiers have left camp probably without being enrolled on the insurance list. One result of the new arrangement with the New York firm is that the policy is to have its full face value of \$1,000. The first agreement provided for the city to pay the first year premium of \$43 and the second and third year premiums were to be a charge against the policy. By the new arrangement the city pays the company \$17 on each policy, and the policy remains intact. This was done as an inducement to get the extra insurance. There is another new feature to the insurance matter. It seems that many of the men who are on the list named no "next of kin" for their policies to be paid to, and in each of these cases the city stands to get \$1,000 if the insured man is killed. There are said to be a large number of such cases. The city has asked Ottawa militia authorities to supply civic officials with a copy of all Toronto casualties so that a close check can be kept on such cases. With the new payment of \$17 on each of the Metropolitan Company's policies, the city's obligation is much increased, and the cost of carrying the insurance for one year is estimated to be about \$576,000. The insurance companies, however, in insuring 10,000 men are carrying a risk of \$10,000,000 and a war risk that means something in view of the heavy Canadian casualties at Langemarck. It is likely that Mr. George Moore of the City Treasurer's Department, will remain in charge of the civic insurance matters, though he is trying to carry on his other departmental duties at the same time. The Board of Control seems to have dropped the idea of engaging an expert insurance man to handle the matter.

REAL ESTATE AND TRUST COMPANIES

Table with columns: Bid, Asked, and various real estate and trust company names like Aberdeen Estates, Beauville Land Co., etc.

REAL ESTATE

Michaud and Desrosiers sold to Joseph Drouin part of lots Nos. 984, 886, 30-1, 880-21-1, St. James Ward, with buildings fronting on St. Timothy street, for \$15,200. Eusebe Lecavaller sold to David Fourier lots Nos. 180-58, 85 and 86, Cote des Neiges, Mount Royal Ward, having a superficial area of 13,115 square feet, fronting on Lacombe avenue, for \$9,800. Frederick Birks sold to William Meldrum the northwest part of lot No. 218-17, parish of Montreal, with buildings at 655 Grosvenor avenue, Westmount, measuring 37 x 111 feet, for \$14,250. Louis Masson sold to Mrs. Lecavaller a lot of land forming part of lot 8-24 Cote St. Louis, containing 42 x 130 feet, and fronting on St. Denis street, and on the southeast by Belanger street, for \$20,000. Felix Larose sold to Hormidas Maken lots Nos. 153-2-2b, Cote de la Visitation, with buildings consisting of tenements, Nos. 1790-1792, 1794-1796-1798, 1800, fronting on Cartier street, for \$7,500. Joseph Charpentier sold to Anselene Letang, a vacant emplacement composed of lots 277-19, 83, and 277-21-2, parish of Montreal, having a superficial area of 5,261, situated on the northwest side of Westmount avenue, in Westmount, for \$6,050. Alonzo Charles Matthews sold to Mrs. Ernest S. Sutcliffe a certain emplacement, being the northwest part of lot 217-63, parish of Montreal, with a dwelling house, No. 699 Victoria avenue, Westmount, and containing 35 x 117 feet, for \$11,100. Among yesterday's 27 realty transfers was a transaction involving the sum of \$15,000, this being registered when Joseph Cantin sold to Cyrille Cantin lots Nos. 3912-3 and 33, parish of Montreal, Emdard Ward, each measuring 25 x 82 feet, with buildings 121 to 127 Monk Boulevard. Mrs. O. Letourneau (Mrs. Limoges) sold to S. Sauvageau an emplacement situated in Notre Dame de Grace Ward and composed of lot No. 189-212-1, 189-213-1, 189-213-2, parish of Montreal, containing 60 x 100 feet, with buildings thereon fronting on Grey avenue, for \$21,539. Mrs. Joseph D. Major, sold to Andrew D. Swan the southeast part of lot No. 218-84, and the northwest part of lot No. 218-85, parish of Montreal, having a total superficial area of 4,162 square feet, with buildings at 636 Grosvenor avenue, Westmount, for \$13,255. Mrs. Thomas J. G. Dawson sold for \$12,500, to Frank H. Weir, the northwest part of lot No. 282-125, parish of Montreal, fronting on Argyle avenue, measuring 12 x 187 feet, and the southeast part of lot No. 282-126, parish of Montreal, measuring 20 x 187 feet, a total superficial area of 6,094 square feet, with buildings, fronting on Argyle avenue, for \$12,500.

"NINE YEARS AFTER" EVENT CELEBRATED WITH SUCCESS

Underwriters from all Over North America Visited San Francisco Exposition for Insurance Week—Began Season's Activities. San Francisco, April 27.—An auspicious beginning for the series of insurance events, which will extend throughout the season of the Panama Exposition, until the World's Insurance Congress in October, was provided by the recent "insurance week." From pledges already made it is evident that there will be little difficulty in filling the 5,000 seats at the congress. Some organizations have already practically filled their quota of one hundred or more members, and President Morgan G. Bulkeley, of the Aetna Life Insurance Company, who was the guest of honor at the celebration on Saturday, April 17, pledged himself to bring at least one thousand of his men here to attend his agency convention and everyone of these delegates will endeavor to secure a seat in the congress through some national organization. The parade on April 17 was the largest and most impressive since the rebuilding of the city. There were seven divisions headed by Exposition, City and State officials. Then followed a body of U. S. Army and Navy forces, under the command of Major-General Arthur Murray, thus giving signal recognition to the work done by the army in maintaining law and order during the strenuous times immediately after the great fire, and by General Gorgas in his sanitation work in the Panama Canal zone. The parade was over two hours in passing one point, and the attendance at the Exposition grounds for the day was over 67,000, nearly double the average attendance for some time past. The exercises on the grounds during the afternoon consisted of competitive drills by firemen, the burning of shacks and demonstration of the Biello fire-proofing process, and exhibition by United States Life Saving Crew. The special Thanksgiving Exercises on Sunday in the Court of the Universe on the Exposition grounds was an epoch in underwriting history. The tributes paid insurance by the clergy of all denominations, 6,000 educators and others, on account of the service rendered humanity, was unusual and should have a nation-wide influence in giving the public a better understanding of the spirit of co-operation upon which insurance in all forms is founded. On Monday night another great throng visited the Exposition grounds to witness a special fireworks display, the burning of a barge in San Francisco Bay, and extinguishing of the flames by the fire boat, and the special illumination of the Tower of Jewels by red fire. Wednesday was "Fire Underwriters' Day," which was observed by a special programme and parade of fire underwriters. Thursday was "Fraternal Day," which brought prominent supreme officers of the fraternal societies from all over the United States. Speeches, competitive drills, and other exercises filled the afternoon, and a grand ball and reception in the California Building in the evening closed the "Insurance Week" events, a remarkable record of five days of continuous celebration.

Table with columns: Yield on, Low, Low, Mkt. price, 1915, 1914. Rows include 5.7, 6.4, 5.9, etc.

TRIC RAILWAY.

Rich Columbia Elevators for March, 1915. 1914, Decrease \$ 717,250 \$160,115. 516,007 21,412. \$5,752,621 \$997,938. 4,923,222 297,731. \$1,828,859 \$59,207.

PACIFIC

10.50 p.m. 8.45 a.m. 10.00 p.m. Standard Sleeping

QUIET KING'S BIRTHDAY.

King George has expressed the wish that on his birthday this year, which occurs on June 3rd, only flags shall be flown but that no dinners, reviews, salutes or other celebrations shall take place.

ONARIO PREMIER ILL.

Toronto, Ont., May 6.—Hon. W. H. Hearst, the Provincial Premier, is confined to his home with a serious attack of threatened pneumonia. His friends regard his condition with some anxiety.

SIR JOHN VISITS OTTAWA.

Sir John S. Willison, of Toronto, is spending a few days at the Chateau Laurier in Ottawa.

Solid Growth. At December 31st, 1914, Assets of the Sun Life of Canada totaled over \$64,187,000, an increase for the year of over \$8,461,000—the largest annual increase in the Company's forty-four years' history. Sun Life of Canada Policies are SAFE Policies to buy. SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA HEAD OFFICE—MONTREAL



SIDEWALKS

NOTICE TO RATEPAYERS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the assessment rolls of the cost of the construction of sidewalks in the following streets, viz.:

Table with columns: Street, Side, From, To. Lists streets like Ivershville, Piedmont, Lavender, etc.

are deposited in my office, at the City Hall, where the interested proprietors may examine the same until 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, the 15th of May, 1915, when I shall hear all complaints that may be made against said rolls.

JOHN R. BARLOW, Office of the Engineer Sup't, Road Department, City Hall, Montreal, April 30th, 1915. Engineer Sup't, Road Department.