EMPHATIC DENIAL TO MERGER STORY

Is Given by the Dominion People.

Radial Will be Extended to Toronto at Once.

Annual Meeting of the Local Company To-day

General Manager Hawkins treats the stories that have been appearing in the Toronto papers of a gigantic merger of the Dominion Power & Transmission Company with the Electrical Develop ment Company, of which William Mac kenzie is said to have secured control as a huge joke. Seen to-day after the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Dominion Power & Transmission Company held in the Terminal Station building, Mr. Hawkins said he had not read the stories, but when told what they hinted at he smiled broadly, and gave them a most emphatic denial. had no doubt, he said, that the Electrical Development Company would like to be coupled with the Dominion Power & Transmission Company, but declared

passed.
At the annual meeting of the Dominion Company to-day the annual statement was not prescrited, because it could not be prepared in time. It will be mailed to the shareholders shortly, however. It was stated that it was entirely satisfactory. The old officers and directors were re-elected.

were re-elected.

It has been practically decided to proceed at once with the building of the Radial from Oakville to Toronto, although no action was taken because it was considered this would be premature until the Senate dealt finally with the build be the recently was passed by the

barrelled shotgun to the home of his som though no action was taken because it was considered this would be premature until the Senate dealt finally with the bill, which recently was passed by the Dominion House. The road to Brantford will also be completed.

The Hamilton Street Railway will probably present to the city this afternoon the proposition, naming the conditions under which it will fix up its system, and a conference has been arranged for 3 o'clock between the Board of Works Sub-committee and Hon. J. M. Gibson and General Manager Hawkins, representing the company. Mr. Hawkins to-day declined to discuss the proposition. The company, he intimated, was prepared to buckle down to business and negotiate with the city over the matter until a satisfactory settlement was something that could not be done in a rush, but would require carriell consideration. It was also intimated that the company had no desire to delay the matter now that the Radial bill was out of the way.

It is generally believed in municipal circles here that the Dominion Power &

Circus Man Dead

New York, Feb. 17.-Wm. Sells, son of one of the three brothers who organized the famous Sells Brothers' circus combination, died suddenly in his apartments in West 35th street, early to-day. He had been ill for several weeks, but his condition had been improving steadily, and it was believed he was on the road to recovery. Early this morning he had a sudden change for the worse, and died before a physician reached the house. Gastritis was given as the cause of death. He was 42 years

SULTAN'S TROOPS

Moving Rapidly on the Persia and Russian Frontier.

Tiflis, Feb. 17. -Reports received here from Armenia declare that all the Redifs or Turkish army reserve forces in Van. Mush and the other Villayets of that there was absolutely no foundation for such a story.

"We are quite content the way we are," said Mr. Hawkins.

The Toronto Telegram on Saturday printed a story in which it practically charged a conspiracy between the Mackenzie & Mann interests and the Whitney Government to defeat the Hydro-Electric project, and calls on Hon. Adam Peck to declare himself. The Toronto World followed this up yesterday with a story in which it intimates that Chas. M. 'Hays, of the Grand Trunk; William Mackenzie and Hon. J. M. Gibson are in a deal to bring into existence a giant electric and transportation merger. It has been stated before by officials of the Dominion Power & Transmission Company that the time when the interests controlled by that company might hitch up with Mackenzie & Mann has passed.

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SHOT HIS SON.

Father Deliberately Kills His Son After Quarrel.

Whine, of this place, took a doublebarrelled shotgun to the home of his son John, in Locust Gap, near here, last

ful one, and the author and reader was tendered a vote of thanks. It was lis-tened to by quite a number of ladies, the meeting having been thrown open after routine business was transacted. Among the visitors present was Rev. Giles G. Brown, a missionary, of Ceylon.

circles here that the Dominion Power & Transmission Company will make a strong bid for the electrical business of Brantford. At the banquet of the Board of Trade there last week, Mr. John Knox, one of the directors, deciared that the company was prepared to give Brantford power at one-third the price quoted in Toronto for the future supply. Mr. Knox told them the consumer would pay for what he used, with 10 twenty minute peak load trick about it. Mr. Gibson also touched on Radial matters, stating he believed that with the new Radials between Hamilton, Brantford and Toronto the people of these cities would have quicker, cheaper and much better communication with (Continued on page 19.)

MADE GREAT COMMOTION AROUND A BARBER SHOP

Gas Left Turned on While Connection Was Being Made Caused a Fire.

This morning the firemen were called to F. Woods' barber shop, 111 James street north, where a fire in the cellar was burning fiercely and threatening the whole line of stores with destruction. When the department got there holes were quickly cut in the floor, and the fire was soon under control. S. Gooderham, a plumber working for Rodgers, was changing the councctions of the store for natural gas, and by some mistake the natural gas was left turned on while he made the coupling. The was a caught of Fays and some took towels and clothes with them. The loss will total up to between \$200 and \$300. Shortly after this the department was buying a Tooth Brush.

Mr. McKelvey will likely look for the fat stock show in view of the stock show in view of the fat stock show in view of th he made the coupling. The gas caught fire and there was a report like the dis-charge of a gun. He was blown half way across the cellar; his bair was badly chimney did \$50 worth of damage. singed, and his face and hands burnt, but he managed to get out of the cellar and to the street. After the firemen had the blaze pretty well under way they way across the cellar; his hair was badly

NEARLY FATAL.

Children Had Close Call From Asphyxiation.

S. Schreiber, a tailor, living with his wife and three children, came near suffering the same fate as that of Mrs. Martin and her son Leonard in their house, on Hughson street north. Schreiber lives with his family at 15 York street, and yesterday morning he got up bright and early, and as the house up bright and early, and as the house was cold he lighted a natural gas stove which was in the children's bedroom. Some time after this the youngest child came tottering to his father and mother and said he was sick, and an investigation proved that their room was filted with the sticky atmosphere peculiar to a closed room in which gas had been burned in large quantities. The two older children were found to be unconscious, and Mr. Schreiber ran for help. Constables Yaxley and Hawthorne responded and the former saw immediately what was wrong. The two set to work to resuscitate the children. Mrs. Schreiber had been in the room for some time and she suddenly collapsed and had to be brought round by Dr. Davey; who soon arrived. All will recover, but they and she suddenly collapsed and had to be brought round by Dr. Davey; who soon arrived. All will recover, but they had an uncommonly narrow escape, and had not the policeman understood first aid to the injured, it is not improbable that death might have occurred in one

A SPORT'S SUICIDE.

Money and Luck Gone, He Turned on Gas.

Friday last the body of Herman Lancelot, aged thirty-five, said by his ac- known. quaintances in resorts of the neighborhad to have come for the Buffalo racing season from his home in Hamilton, Ontario, was found in a poorly furnished room on the top floor of 250 East Hous-ton street. He had ended his life by ton street. He had ended his life by turning on gas, the smell of which had disturbed a neighbor the night previous. disturbed a neighbor the night previous. This neighbor effected an entrance through a window after daylight and discovered the suicide. Lancelot, it was stated to the coroner and police, had quite a large bankrell won on the Buffalo and Fort Erie races when he arrived here and immediately began to play in local gambling houses until about a month ago, having lost all his funds, he became despondent and when in his cups threatened self destruction on several occasions, saying that luck was dead against him and he had no hope of winning again. He is said at one time to have had an interest in a hotel or road house in Hamilton, out of which he have had an interest in a hotel or oad house in Hamilton, out of which he cquired considerable money. His friends in the Bowery have offered to the coroner to chip in and give the body decent burial, provided no one claims the body from Hamilton. Nothing in his meagre baggage shows whether he had relatives at Hamilton or elsewhere.

Local race followers recall a Herman ancelot having been around this city a few years ago.

A DEFIANT ABBE

Loisy Well Go on Writing Proscribed Books.

Paris, Feb. 17.-The Archbishop of Paris has issued a decree condemning the last two works of Abbe Loisy's "Synoptic Gossis" and his reply to the papal encyclical against modernism. The

papal encyclical against modernism. The lecree forbids the elergy and laity under penalty of special papal excommunication from reading, keeping, printing or defending such books.

In an interview Abbe Loisy declared that he would continue the work. He had no intention, he said, to create a revolution in the church, but merely wished to instruct the elergy whose education was that of the seventeenth century.

NECKLACE STOLEN

German Countess Loses One Worth Thousands.

Berlin, Feb. 17.-A pearl necklace and pin of much beauty, valued at \$60,000, have been stolen from the Countess Von Wartensleben. Upon her return from the opera Saturday evening she placed the necklace and pin in a jewel case in the necessing room, and then went to supper. Returning in about half an hour she opened the jewel box to place other articles in it and found that the

other articles in it and found that the necklace and pin were missing. The po-lice were notified at once. The necklace was composed of excep-tionally darge pearls, the string measur-ing five feet in length.

BENNETT'S GOLD.

Mr. McKelvey Has Gone to See the Sights In Guelph With It.

Mr. Hamilton McKelvey, bookkeepe for the Canadian Transfer Co., has gonto Guelph, Ont., on a sight seeing trip. Mr. McKelvey will likely look for the

Buying a Tooth Brush.

If you want a tooth brush you should

ALL THREE DISCHARGED.

Not Sufficient Evidence to Place Them on Trial.

Norman Chrysler Held on Two Old Charges.

Josie Freeman Pleads Quilty to Child Desertion.

Charles Yates, James Fuller and William Hennessey were all discharged this morning for want of evidence to connect them with the theft from Lee's butcher shop, on which charge they were up. Through Mr. M. J. O'Reilly, K. C. they all pleaded not guilty, and declined to elect. Lee said that the first he knew of the case was from the police, who awakened him and asked him to search the shop. They had three men in their charge then, but the three were putting up a grand argument as to their innocence. After looking through the shop he was unable to discover anything missing, and as the three insisted that they were innocent, the constables who had them in charge, Constables Tuck, R. Duncan, Brannon and Myers, allowed them to go. Next morning the complainant discovered that his store had been entered through the window. Two pieces of pork were gone. He notified the po-New York, Feb. 17. - (Special- On lice, and they went out after the three men again, with the result already

> Budimir Protich lives near the store and his wife saw some men in the vicinity on Thursday morning early. awakened Mr. Protich, and after watch awakened Mr. Protich, and after watching them he decided they were there for no good, and called up the store. Mr. Lee, however, was hard to waken, and after two or three futile calls he notified the police. He denied that he had spoken to the alleged burglars, as a local paper stated he had. He said that while ne was waiting he saw a light inside the store, as of somebody lighting a match. Constable Tuck said that he and the other three officers had been told to go to the store by the sergeant, and as they

> to the store by the sergeant, and as the were approaching it they saw three mer coming away from the store. They ar rested them, and then went to examine the store. They found, everything secur-as far as they could see, and after mir-ute inquiries allowed the three men t ate inquiries allowed the three men to go. He said that Lee was so sure it was all a mistake that he sold one of the burglars a plug of tobacco, and then wanted to treat the crowd to cigars. Next day he discovered his mistake.
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> The other constables corroborated his testimony. Mr. O'keilly said there was no evidence at all to connect the three

no evidence at all to connect the three men with the burglary, and asked for their dismissal. The Crown Attorney admitted there was little to hold the prisoners for trial on, and the three were

prisoners for trial on, and the three were allowed their liberty.

March 27 of last year was the date that Constable Tuck got a taste of jiu jitsu wrestling at the hands of Norman Chrysler, a local wrestler he was arresting for theft. Tuck arrested him on James street north. While taking him to the City Hail Chrysler suddenly threw the officer, and, slipping off his coat, to which Luck was holding, he made good his escape. A few days ago a little oird went to the police office and told them that Norman was rusticating with his sister on the mountain top. Yesterday morning early Constables Myers, Tuck, morning early Constables Myers, Tuck John Clark and Thompson went to the house, about two miles from the brow of the mountain, and started to hunt for Norman. Tuck found him, and he nailed Norman. Tuck found him, and he nailed him hard and last. Unryser made no resistance, and was soon lodged in the jail. This morning the police asked for a remand till Wednesday, which was granted. There are two charges against him. Walter Anderson lost some copper kettles and pans on March 2 of last year, which the police accuse Chrysler of stealing, and the other charge is escaping from Tuck on March 2i. J. G. Farnur, K. C. obtained bail for the win Farmer, K. C., obtained bail for the pris oner in the sum of \$500 on each cl

oner in the sum of \$500 on each charge, charge.

Josie Freeman, 334 Hughson street north, who was arrested on Saturday for abandoning her infant, pleaded guilty this morning and elected to be tried by the Magistrate. His Worship requested the police to inquire into the details, to see what danger the child was in, if any, from being placed on the doorstep. In the meantime Josie will have to stay in jail. Josie is a domestic, and could not get a place while she had the child, so decided to leave it to the tender mercies of the first person who found it.

Hattie Delaney, charged with neglecting two children, agreed to turn the children over to a local society, and she was acquitited. She was remanded on a charge of vagrancy.

Jimmie Lindsny, charged with kicking

charge of vagrancy.

Jimmie Lindsay, charged with kicking in a door in the house of William Godden, said he did nothing of the sort. He den, said he did nothing of the sort. He was boarding there, and was turned out on Saturday. When he was told he could not go in he "knocked on the door with his knuckles and two panels fell out." The Magistrate ordered Jimmie to pay for the door. If he does so he will be allowed to go, but if he does not he will be brought up again.

MARTIN INQUEST. The Coroner's jury, inquiring into the death of Mrs. Robert Martin and her son teonard, which met at noon on Saturday at the City Hospital, after viewing the remains, adjourned to meet again in No. 3 Police Station on Wednesday night, at-830 o'clock

The funerals of Mrs. Martin and her

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables. TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

Labor Notes—Thomas C. Watkins early closing movement and Stanley Mills & Co's. co-operation deserve recognition

The fresh air won't hurt you. Have

*The Chief of Police should join the Citizens' League and get posted—also post it.

If you don't want to patronize the heatre send your sick children's hospital subscription to the Times office,

Club that it might be cheaper to move than to pay rent? The fifteen members of the Legislature who stayed away from the Lieut. Governor's State dinner because Gamey did not get an invitation may just have taken this step with a view to getting their pictures in the paper.

Here's a hint to Mr. Steele or the Hamilton Improvement Society—offer prizes for the best cleaned sidewalk af

Ald. Farrar's statement that this year's City Council is not as good as last year's may only mean that he is not enjoying himself as well this as last year. But wait until the sandsucker weighs anchor.

But the Citizens' League shouldn't ex-pect to get all the graces that adorn the human character even in a policeman. He's human just like ourselves.

If the School Board should refuse to add wings to the Sophia street school I wouldn't be surprised to see Trustee Allan go down in his own dip for the money. That's a way he has. But the Citizens' Committee hadn't a' word of condemnation for the people who

were fined for not cleaning the the sidewalks. How was that? I still think that the proposed new Y. I still think that the proposed new Y. M. C. A. building could have an auditorium attachment that would please the most fastidious. I would mention the matter to Mr. Best, only I think I am still in his bad books.

If Mr. Allan Studholme would take time to think between his sallies of silence, he might find that it is not yet too late to speak a kind word to his con-

I have come to the conclusion that Col. ibson is a much over-worked man, and that it would pay him to hire a man to do his thinking for him while he takes a

How is it that in Toronto the tariff or a breach of the snow by-law is \$1 and \$2 in Hamilton?

Is Whitney going to hang on to the

ABOUT BRIDGES.

Townships and Counties to Make Agreements.

Toronto, Feb. 17 .- (Special)-J. H. Carnegie, M. P. P. for East Victoria, will ntroduce a bill at this session of the Legislature to make it legal for counties nd townships to come to an agreement for the building and maintenance of oridges. The law as it now stands sets

MORSE IN COURT.

Pleaded Not Guilty But May Change His Plea.

New York, Feb. 17 .- Charles W. Morse, the former banker and commer cial promoter, was arraigned before Jus tice Dowling to-day on two charges of grand larceny and misappropriation of funds of the Mercantile National Bank. He pleaded not guilty, and asked for a postponement of two weeks, with per mission to change his plea if desired. The court fixed the hearing for next Monday

1.000,000 CHINESE

To Drive Europeans From Country-The Coming Nation.

San Francisco, Feb. 17. -At a meet ing in the Young Mon's Christian Association headquarters the Rev. N. G. Poon Chew, editor of the Chinese World, told his audience that China was raising an army of 1,000,000 men to drive the

an army of 1,000,000 men to drive the European nations from the empire. "China," he continued, "is just awakening from her slumber and she is getting ready to go to arms. When she does she will send Germany, France, Russia, England and other grasping and thieving nations home in a hurry. If Russia ever tries again to grab any Chinese territory we will fill her full of gory holes—just as Japan did. China is deatined to be the greatest nation on earth."

DR. NELSON NOT NOW A PRESBYTERIAN

Foul Murder

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 17.-Spe cial Agent J. P. Crawford, of the Southern Railway, was shot by unknown persons and the body placed on the tracks at Twentyseventh street, where it was run over by an in-coming passenger train last night. No clue has been found as to the perpetrator of the

OPENED THE LINE

Harvester Cars to Run Over Wilson Street Track.

eited when a gang of about a hundied men started to work on Saturday at midnight to clear the old Radial tracks on Gore street, which have been blocked with snow nearly all winter, and which have not been used since the Terminal Station was opened. Superintendent Miller said this morning that there was no mystery about it. At the time of the big snow storm the tracks were covered to such a depth that the company did not think it would pay to have it removed. Since the fire at the car sheds, when a number of cars were destroyed, the company has had to use one of the Dundas cars for the Decring line. It has been obliged to send these cars down Main and King street to Sanford avenue. It was not thought advisable to take them down James and Barton street and it was decided to clear off the old Radial tiacks. The thaw was doing the work nicely until it began to freeze again on Saturday. When the company noticed the change in the weathed. Superintendent Miller said this pany noticed the change in the weath er they put the men to work.

THE BLACK HANDS.

Nearly 300 Men Captured by Police in Pensylvania.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 17.—With 270 en captured in 32 raids conducted by the state police department in its war against black hand bands that have been terrorizing the foreign population various sections of the commonwealt the authorities count on crushing the out before the operations can extend

intericans.

Lately there have been signs of the errorizing being extended to Northum erland County people of native birth.

A GROWING CHURCH

Charlton Avenue Methodists Had Very Prosperous Year.

At the third quarterly meeting of the Official Board of Charlton Avenue Methodist Church, held during the past bridges. The law as it now stands sets forth the size of the bridges which townships should assume, and in many counties agreements have been made with certain townships whereby each party pays a portion of the cost of bridge maintenance, and in some cases the counties have held that such agreements are illegal. Mr. Carnegie's bill will give townships and counties the sole right to make such agreements.

**The membership is now over the 400 mark, while the average Sunday contributions have reached a point about \$10 in advance of any quarter in the townships and counties the sole right to make such agreements.

**The membership is now over the 400 mark, while the average Sunday contributions have reached a point about \$10 in advance of any quarter in the church's history. The popular paster, Rev. R. H. Bell, was unanimously invited to continue his pastorate another according to the continue his pastorate another according to the

Nestle's Milk Chocolate.

Kindly call and sample any of the following lines: Nestle's milk chocolate. Peter's milk chocolate, Macking tosh's toffee. The above lines will be demonstrated all of this week at our store. Bring your friends and sample them.—Bain & Adams, 89, 91 King street east.

GOT 60 DAYS.

Tornoto, Ont., Feb. 17.—Because the Magistrate believed that she had led her was sentenced this morning to 60 days in jail for shoplifting. The Magistrate alsemence.

And His Closest Friends Are Surprised.

Minneapolis Church is a Congregationalist

And Its People Are Very Much Pleased.

rised to learn that when Rev. S. Banks Nelson, D. D., left Knox Church, this ity, to go to Minneapolis, he also left the Presbyterian Church. It was announced in the papers at the time that he was to become pastor of Park Ave-

nue Presbyterian Church, at Minneap lis. When the matter was before the The curiosity of some people was ex- | Hamilton Presbytery the | Minneapolis Church was referred-to as the nue Presbyterian Church and the members of the Presbytery certainly under-

bers of the Presbytery certainly understood it to be such. But it is not. It
is a Congregational Church, and the
Congregationalist, the official organ of
that denomination in the United States,
thus alludes to the matter:
At Park Avenue, Minneapolis, now
with a membership of 625, from which
Dr. G. S. Rollins was recently called to
Hope Church, Springfield, there is great
rejoicing over the coming of Dr. S. B.
Velson as pastor. He comes to Congregationalists from the Presbyterian denomination, and has filled important
pastorates in that body in Rochester,
N. Y., and Hamilton, Ont., resigning the
latter charge to undertake the work of
Park Avenue. Born in Ireland, where
his mother still resides in the old home,
Dr. Nelson received his education at
Princeton, Uniting with fervid oratory
the research and broad preparation of
the scholar, he has already attracted
attention in the city and promises to
mentain the high traditions of Park attention in the city and promises to maintain the high traditions of Park

When spoken to to-day, Dr. Fletcher, clerk of the Hamilton Presbytery, said he fully understood. the Minneapolis Church to be Presbyterian, but the fact that it was not could not have made any difference. Dr. Nelson simply resigned his church here and withdrew from the Hamilton Presbytery. It was not a case of the Presbytery transferring him, and he had the right to where he pleased.

NOT TILL MARCH

Will the Theaker Arbitration Be Proceeded With.

Mr. Wm. Bell, the Street Railway ompany's arbitrator, stated this mornng that Mr. J. G. O'Donoghue had asked the Minister of Labor to appoint the the Minister of Labor to appoint the third arbitrator in the Theaker arbitra-tion, as the two had not been able to agree on the third man. He said that the union's representative had held out for Prof. Shortt, of Queen's University, but on Saturday, when the Kingston pro-fessor said he could not act, Mr. O'Don-owher stated he would request the Minster to make an appointment, the time allowed by the Act for the two arbitratallowed by the Act for the two arbitrators to agree on the chairman being up.
As Col. Gibson, who will present the
company's side of the case, will be engaged this week, and Mr. O'Donoghue
will be engaged in a labor arbitration
in Montreal next week, the arbitration
here cannot be gone on with until the
week after next. It is not thought more
than two days will be taken up in hearing the evidence.

Judge Monck stated this morning that

vited to continue his pastorate another year, and greater things are confidently looked for by this enterprising congregation.

Judge Monek stated this morning that he had been asked by the Government to act as the third arbitrator. He has not given his decision, whether he will

accept the post or not

GOT 60 DAYS.

WANTED TO CHASE OUT THE SPOONING CONDUCTOR.

But Younger Car Men Thought It Was a Job and Stood by Him.

At the meeting of the Street Railwaymen's Union on Saturday night there was
a lively time for a few minutes when
some of the older men asked to have the
conductor who was caught the other
night by Superintendent Miller at the
north end of the James street line making love to a maid in his car, with the
of the Tracker case, dropped off at Hamilton on his return from Buffalo, and attended the meeting with President Bird,
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of the Tracker and Lagrage a night by Superintendent Miller at the north end of the James street line making love to a maid in his car, with the lights out, dismissed from the union. They said they thought it was a reflection on the whole association, and that they did not want any members in the union who could not behave. The conductor who was doing the spooning act in the dark was a married man.

It is also said that he was one of the men who took around a petition for the younger men asking for a new schedule of hours, because the young men had to work every night. The younger members of the union thought it looked like a put-up job to get even with the conductor, and they fought so hard on his behalf that the matter was dropped.

For a long time there have been oming rumblings about dissatisfaction

toring of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, and other valuables.

RADERS BANK OF CANADA.

English Smoking Mixture.

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