

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 Development Company...

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...

At the annual meeting of the Dominion Company to-day the annual statement was not presented, because it could not be prepared in time...

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...

It is generally believed in municipal circles here that the Dominion Power & Transmission Company will make a strong bid for the electrical business of Brantford...

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...

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...

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 Asia Minor have been called to Tiflis and are proceeding rapidly for the war-like plans of the Sultan...

SHOT HIS SON.

Father Deliberately Kills His Son After Quarrel.

Shamoken, Pa., Feb. 17.—Conrad White, of this place, took a double-barreled shotgun to the home of his son John, in Locust Gap, near here, last night, and after a quarrel shot the young man dead...

A CAMPAIGN

In Interest of Temperance to be Started Here.

Rev. Wm. Kettlewell, of Toronto, representing the Dominion Temperance Alliance, addressed the Ministerial Association at its regular meeting this morning in regard to a temperance campaign of an educational nature in this city...

Don't Forget This One Minute.

No store in Hamilton has equalled our bargains in garments of correct make and quality. If you have waited until now, our prices will not allow you to hesitate long...

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 was cold he lighted a natural gas stove which was in the children's bedroom...

A SPORT'S SUICIDE.

Money and Luck Gone, He Turned on Gas.

New York, Feb. 17.—(Special)—On Friday last the body of Herman Lancelot, aged thirty-five, said by his acquaintances in resorts of the neighborhood and Fort Erie, who 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 acquired considerable money...

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 Gospels" and his reply to the papal encyclical against modernism...

NECKLACE STOLEN.

German Countess Loses One Worth Thousands.

Berlin, Feb. 17.—A pearl necklace and pin of much beauty, valued at \$600,000, 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 her dressing-room, and then went to supper...

BENNETT'S GOLD.

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

Mr. Hamilton McKelvey, bookkeeper for the Canadian Transfer Co., has gone to Guelph, Ont., on a sight seeing trip. Mr. McKelvey will likely look for the fat stock show in view of the fact that he won the purse of gold last week at Bennett's theatre given to the person who made the nearest guess at the weight of Hayes & Johnson's, the big sketch team...

ALL THREE DISCHARGED.

Not Sufficient Evidence to Place Them on Trial.

Norman Chrysler Held on Two Old Charges.

Josie Freeman Pleads Guilty 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., Constables Xaxley and Hawthorne responded and the former saw immediately what was wrong. The two set to work to resurrect 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 had an uncomely narrow escape, and had not the policeman understood first aid to the injured, it is not improbable that death might have occurred in one case or more.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

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 some ventilation.

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

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

Has it occurred to the Conservative 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 Gamely 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 after the next snow storm.

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. Wait until the sanduscker weighs anchor.

If the Citizens' League shouldn't expect 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 South 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 snow off the sidewalks. How was that?

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 constituents.

I have come to the conclusion that Col. Gibson 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 week or two's sleep.

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

Is Whitney going to hang on to the last minute?

ABOUT BRIDGES.

Townships and Counties to Make Agreements.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—(Special)—J. H. Carnegie, M. P. P. for East Victoria, will introduce a bill at this session of the Legislature to make it legal for counties and townships to come to an agreement for the building and maintenance of 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.

MORSE IN COURT.

Pleaded Not Guilty But May Change His Plea.

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