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FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 25.

The Rival Plans.

In the two resolutions adopted by the executive of the Hydro Radial Union on Wednesday, there is a clear indication of the feeling of the Hydro authorities regarding the proposal of Mayor Carter of Guelph to hand over the radial potentialities of that city to the Grand River Railway. The first resolution directs the officers of the Hydro Radial Union to assist the citizens of Guelph to defeat the bylaw in which it is proposed to hand over the streets of Guelph and its traction franchises to the Grand River Company, a subsidiary of the C.P.R., without any return, but a promise of a fifty-fifty division of profits, which is balanced by an undertaking on the part of the city to pay for all losses. It is obvious that such an agreement is not in the best interests of the citizens and that it is not in the interests at all of the other municipalities with which Guelph has gone in partnership.

The second resolution of the Hydro-Electric Railway Association thru its executive calls on the Hydro-Electric Commission to refuse its consent to agreements in conflict with the proposed Hydro-Electric railways, which are expected to cover the province, and of which important sections are planned and about to be constructed in the Galt, Guelph, Kitchener, Hespeler, Waterloo, Elmira, St. Jacobs, Hamilton and Niagara districts. There are 300 municipalities represented by the executive, which thus advises the municipalities, and it cannot be imagined that an agreement is factious or trivial. The freedom of the municipalities and their people is involved in the defeat of the Guelph bylaw, for no proper system of radials can be constructed for fifty years if Guelph is to be omitted from the territory to be served.

The proposal of Mayor Mercer of Galt to go ahead with radial construction which will link up all the territory in question; give access to the north, and the most direct route to Hamilton, St. Catharines and Niagara Falls, is to be considered next Thursday at Galt when Sir Adam as chairman of the Hydro system will be present. The Guelph people will have an opportunity of learning which plan is calculated to give them most convenience, most profit, most control over their own property. In all these respects the verdict will be in favor of the Hydro.

Getting Taxes in Germany.

Recognition should not be withheld from the German government for the prompt and businesslike way in which the difficulties of the financial situation have been faced. The organizing and executive genius of the German people bids fair to stand them in as good stead as the thrift and loyalty of the French in 1871.

As a good beginning the national assembly has adopted a motion ruling out any member of any family that ever reigned in Germany as a candidate for the presidency. It is probably intended as a token of good faith, but it is at any rate a token of good sense. The heavy levies to be made on the German people will fall on the wealthy to a great extent. Stocks and bonds have usually been the most easily concealed form of wealth. The German government is not going to be fooled, however. It has decided that all stocks, bonds and coupons must be presented to the government to be restamped. Incidentally, of course, the owner will be taxed. If this negotiable property is not presented for stamping it will be rendered forfeit to the government.

This is a plan which our government here could easily adopt. The stamp tax need not be heavy; two cents per document would cover the cost of handling probably. But any paper not stamped would be forfeit to the government. Under this plan it would be found that many more than 31,000 gentlemen were eligible for income tax in Canada.

Nationalizing Coal in Britain.

Apparently the British government is to adopt the Sankey report after all. Mr. Bonar Law's statement that the increase in prices was preliminary to this measure was received with mixed sentiments yesterday, a good many believing that an effort was being made to scuttle the ship as it was being launched. A great deal depends on the amount of production that will result from the new system, but the labor men assert that they will speed up for the public benefit, but not for private interests.

The innate prejudice against the public operation of public utilities or public resources dies hard for two reasons. The first is the result of the long corporation training which so many business men have had, and the second is the fear on the part of a large section

of the population that under a system where nationalization was in favor everybody would have to work. To some people this is an awful fate. To the wise man it is a wise and wholesome provision.

There is no reason why work should be made odious and wholly disagreeable. Long hours, which have been one of the evil features of our social system, are now practically a thing of the past in civilized communities. For the more disagreeable and more arduous occupations there must be corresponding compensations, and there is no more reason why society should not adjust itself to such reasonable demands than it does to the rewards sought by the imperiled pearl diver or any other risky business.

It has been very frequently pointed out in the last twenty years that the discoveries of science, the inventions of the ingenious and other advances of civilization have not added to the sum of human happiness. One reason for this is caused by the totally fallacious idea that production should be limited, a notion first promulgated by the capitalist manufacturer and then foolishly adopted by the actual producer. It is a product of the private ownership system. Under public ownership the more that is produced the richer the community will be and the more easily will everyone be able to get his share. Machinery should be applied to increase production in the case of the coal mines under public ownership, because everybody will then be more easily supplied and the country as a whole will be more prosperous. All the other trades should benefit equally from the coal workers' efforts, but the coal worker will expect to benefit also from the extra exertions of the other classes of workmen.

From this point of view it is a total misconception that leads Mr. Bonar Law to raise prices until he sees the result of the new policy. In any case the verdict cannot be long delayed. The men are on test. It is in their hands to free England industriously and to continue and increase her prosperity—or to ruin her.

Citizens' Liberty League.

The World publishes this morning the preliminary announcement of the Citizens' Liberty League, Toronto Central Branch, Province of Ontario. It is stated that the league has been organized to oppose all legislation, Dominion or provincial, that tends to curtail the liberties and lawful rights of the citizens. Its executive and council are made up of many of Toronto's leading financial, professional and business men. We understand that the league proposes to actively oppose prohibition during the coming election. It will be a new element in fights of this kind and will undoubtedly exercise a powerful influence.

OTHER PEOPLE'S OPINIONS

The World will gladly print under this heading letters written by our readers, dealing with current topics. As space is limited, letters must be longer than 200 words and written on one side of the paper only.

Constitutional Methods for Labor.

Editor World: As a labor man, I would be pleased if you would enable me to present a few ideas with the view of getting a few others, at least, to think about them. This is a reconstruction era, and to come to the point, don't you think that our labor organizations need to be reconstructed? Look just a moment at the history of strikes, and ask yourselves: Have strikes got us anywhere yet? Do not the combines increase the cost of living faster than we can increase our wages? We were much better off when we were receiving 60 per cent. less than what we are asking for today. Then, if one bus stick out of work for a time he could stand it. What of today—think! How long can you stand being out of work or strike? What of the future? Is there anything to point that the cost of living will not increase? And when it has increased another 100 per cent. can you exist at all if out of work or on strike? It all indicates that we (labor) went in at the large end of a stick and came out at the small. Even suppose that we always win a strike, what of the mass of people who cannot participate in a strike? What of the thousands who are unemployed while they are obliged to get along upon starvation diet, etc.? Is it fair that we neglect those, simply because they have no masters to strike against, and their lives are fast becoming more and more difficult? There is only one way by which to fight this evil, and that is by constitutional methods—"law and order"—so let us start at once, and for the good of all people, and organize an all people's council. Then they will be in sympathy with us, and save no more strikes; the day of the strike is at an end. It is the road that leads to nowhere. Let us in a very cautious manner, using our intelligence (not our emotions), take the road that leads to Queen's Park and to Ottawa. We can reclaim this forest of unrest and almost at once we will only start the oil it will spread rapidly over this troubled sea. It is a question of international, and the only kind of a "one big union" that can ever succeed. Call all people brothers and not make any distinction between the rich and the poor, the white and the colored, the black and the yellow. Think for the betterment of the world and not our selfish particular craft union.

FIRE AT KINGSTON.

Special to The Toronto World. Kingston, Ont., July 24.—One of Kingston's chief business blocks came near being wiped out by fire at 3 o'clock this morning when a blaze of unknown origin started in C. E. Marzocchi's photograph gallery which was gutted. The stock of Treagold's sporting goods store was flooded with water. The damage will reach \$20,000, gates.

POLITICAL NOTES

The community is insistently curious as to the date of the provincial general election. The attorney-general, who is the only member of the cabinet, recently as a joke, and says in good time Premier Heaton will tell the people all that it is good for them to know.

Yesterday The World was informed that the government has not yet cast the die or decided the day, that reports coming in from the country tell of circumstances where the government should win, in an alarmingly backward state of organization and that there would not be time to organize them by the end of September. Before such practical arguments as these the government may be obliged to add another month to the period of waiting, which would place the elections in the last week of October.

Attorney-General Lucas says the announcement of the election will be made by the premier himself. He does not indicate whether or not it will be made at Queenston on the 30th.

The Globe has an advice from Masford that the date will be the latter part of October or the first week in November.

Canvassers from house to house for the prohibition party are having an unwelcome parade thru the residential sections of Toronto. The trouble appears to develop from the hesitancy of the agents to say who they are. They rather strive to give the impression that they are election officials, and in cases where the enumerators have been ahead of them they arouse suspicion. If they are to be followed by coopturers from the Liberty League, the political parties and the warriors against profiteering the electors are going to be kept busy for the next few months answering questions.

The newest factor in the situation is the announcement in today's paper of the Liberty League under the chairmanship of Sir Edmund Osler, ostensibly to fight against prohibition. It may be very active and attract a lot of support.

There will be a session of parliament early in the fall: first of all to discuss and ratify the peace treaty and to take a stand on the league of nations; next to settle certain nagged ends that arise out of orders-in-council passed under the war measures act, such as prohibition, racing, etc.

The reconstruction of the government shows no progress made. Sir Robert Borden may not be back at Ottawa for another month. Mr. Thompson White is here in Ontario on a holiday. He is still in the cabinet, but expects to withdraw from it officially before August first. No one knows anything of the new minister that may be taken in.

The episode of R. C. Henderson, M.P., having retired from the presidency of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, has been approved by the directors of his vote for the cabinet of minister of agriculture. He couldn't get a look-in for the seat if there was an election this year or any time in three years. In fact, the thing that Sir Robert is up against is getting his new minister elected. There will be the smallest measure of cabinet reconstruction. The game now is to keep everyone in the cabinet that can be kept in. That almost makes Mr. Henderson, or Maclean minister of finance; or perhaps Mr. Rowell, in an emergency. Where is Sir Harry Drayton to get a seat if he is called to the cabinet?

Could Mr. Macdonald get back from Perth and this morning, all being victims of heart failure.

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GRAIN GROWERS HOLD TO FARMERS' PLANKS

President of Manitoba Association Resigns—Says Motives Misjudged.

Brandon, July 24.—In resigning as president of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, Mr. R. C. Henderson sent the following letter to the executive: "This certifies that a witness has been accused on the street and threatened. I intend to place this witness in the box and to prove that this threat is a result of the 'fire' started by the defendants." Mr. Henderson said, when T. J. Murray, attorney for the labor men, demanded that he prove connection between the accused and the intimidation of the witness.

Mr. Henderson made the announcement in objecting to Mr. Murray's demand that the names of employees who had worked during the strike for the Venice Cafe, during the examination of T. K. Kershnan, treasurer of the cafe. In announcing it, he said he did not connect any of the accused directly with the "outrage." It was not until Mr. Murray had objected to his making the statement that it did not affect the men on trial, that he declared his intention of proving that they were indirectly responsible for it. As this point, Magistrate R. M. Noble said: "I want it understood that there must be no tampering with the witness. This is a serious matter. If anything comes to my attention I'll see to it that it is properly attended to."

The whole morning session was taken up with evidence of E. A. Fullerton, the Kensington Cafe, T. K. Kershnan of the Venice and James M. Carruthers of the Crescent Creamery Company. They told of conditions at the Venice and of the early part of the strike.

WILL PERPETUATE REGIMENTS' NAMES

House Will Decide on Reorganization of the Canadian Militia Forces.

Ottawa, July 24.—The policy of the Dominion government in regard to the reorganization of the militia forces of the Dominion is likely to be definitely decided upon this autumn in time to be announced at the special sitting of the house to be convened in October for the special purpose of ratifying the peace treaty.

Some months ago a special committee was named to consider the question of the after-war militia establishment. This committee is now at work and will probably be in a position to take a report to the minister of militia within a few weeks.

In connection with the organization of the militia forces on a new and permanent basis it is proposed to perpetuate the names of the regiments of the militia within a few weeks.

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ALLEGED WITNESS WAS THREATENED

Tampering Must Cease, Says Magistrate in Winnipeg Strike Cases.

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RAINS IMPROVE CROPS IN ALBERTA

Normal Yields in Places Where Bad Reports Were First Made.

Edmonton, Alta., July 24.—Hon. Duncan Marshall, minister of agriculture, made a run yesterday thru some of the country along the Grand and Pacific Railways' Calgary line, and in a stretch of about sixty miles between Delburne and Ghost Pine Creek he found the crops uniformly good. The hay was light, but wheat pretty nearly everywhere gave promise of from twenty to twenty-five bushels and oats from six to eight bushels.

Reports gathered by the minister from the country along the Grand and Pacific line west of Wetsakwin. The first reports of the Red Deer River, were to much the same effect, the crops there had been raised very much better since the recent rains.

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OSGOODE HALL NEWS

Master's Chambers.

Before George M. Lee, Registrar. Roberts v. Robert—Huggard (Clerk & Co.), for defendant, obtained on consent order dismissing action without costs.

Ponsford v. Ponsford—H. S. White, for plaintiff, on motion for judgment and for discharge of his pendens. Referred to judge-in-chambers.

McDermitt v. Cook—J. E. Jones, for defendant, moved for judgment and for discharge of his pendens. Referred to judge-in-chambers.

Kerton v. C.P.R. Co. (MacMurray & Co.), for defendant, obtained on consent order dismissing action without costs.

Before Sutherland, J. G.T.R. v. Steele—F. McCarthy, for G.T.R., K. Lennox, for owner. Motion for warrant for immediate possession. Order to issue upon payment into court of \$2600. Application for appointment of arbitrator withdrawn.

McDermitt v. Cook—J. E. Jones, for defendant, secured order for leave to proceed and discharge of his pendens. Referred to judge-in-chambers.

Before Kelly, J. Rex v. Tremblay—J. M. Ferguson, for accused, on motion to quash conviction by police magistrate at Hearst, on charge that accused had in his possession beaver skins without necessary coupons. Fine of \$500 set aside and conviction quashed; beaver skins to be returned.

Cutcliffe v. Gas Heating Co. J. H. Cooke, for landlord, creditor for \$272.90, secured order winding up the company. N. L. Martin appointed interim liquidator, with a reference to J. A. C. Cameron.

Weekly Court. Before Kelly, J. Re Morton v. Carey—J. M. Ferguson, for purchaser, on motion under V. & P. act. W. J. Clark, for vendor. Leave to set down motion and motion enlarged one week.

Goodman v. Yollack—R. T. Harding and D. B. Goodman, for plaintiff, on motion for possession of premises at 78 Stafford street, and for sale of goods. S. J. Birnbaum, for defendant. Reserved.

Macdonald v. Heyd—H. S. White, for plaintiff, obtained order for recovery of \$100.00. Plaintiff's claim reduced to \$298.35 to \$401.63. Annie Nowosielski's claim for relief against mortgage dismissed. Costs to plaintiff fixed at \$100.

Before Kelly, J. Hutchinson v. Toronto—T. R. Ferguson, C.K. for plaintiff; Irving S. Fairly, for defendant. Action by Mrs. Elizabeth Hutchinson to recover \$5000 damages for injuries sustained in fall on Galt avenue on night of Feb. 20, 1918. Judgment: The fair inference from the evidence is that the defective condition of the walk and not necessarily the ice was responsible. This constitutes gross negligence. I award damages of \$2500, for which sum and costs she is entitled to judgment.

Attaching Orders in Archbishop's Accounts. Special to The Toronto World. Kingston, Ont., July 24.—Attaching orders against the accounts of Archbishop Spratt were taken out this afternoon by A. B. Cunningham, counsel for Sister Basil, in the Bank of Montreal, Royal Bank and The Canadian Freeman, the Catholic newspaper published in Kingston. These accounts are returnable in a few days.

Alberta Offers Help to Troubled Farmers. Calgary, Alta., July 24.—Hon. Duncan Marshall stated to the Canadian Press last night that arrangements had been made to ship free of charge two carloads of stock for any one man into the feed areas from any one point in southern Alberta. It has also been arranged that free transportation will be provided for seven cars of hay for any one man from any point in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta to the drought areas. Mr. Marshall stated that a good deal of hay and feed had been located in the northern part of Alberta.

Will Reorganize "Little Black Devils". Winnipeg, July 24.—Reorganization of the 9th Battalion of the Winnipeg "Little Black Devils" was initiated at a meeting here last evening. A constitution was adopted, the objects of the association being to collect relics, souvenirs and data of the war and to act in conjunction with the regiment to stimulate activities and to secure employment for members.

Cannot Find Body. No trace can be found of Mrs. W. Watcott of 2 Fernwood Park avenue, who left her home on Tuesday last to go swimming at the foot of Maclean avenue. The police were notified on Tuesday night and a search was made, but the life-saving crew, who searched for the body with no avail.

Collapsed With Heat. Antonio Chinelourki, living at 15 Stanley avenue, collapsed at the corner of Queen and Roncesvalles avenue last night and was taken to the Western Hospital. It is believed that the heat was responsible.

Accidental Death. Accidental death was the verdict rendered at the morgue last night by the jury which investigated the circumstances surrounding the death of Bartley Ford, a young man who was killed while walking on a motor car made by the Coroner Dr. W. J. Wigham.

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