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IS KITCHENER TO BE SAVIOR?

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Would-Be Railroad Man Is Only Four Years Old.

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Policeman Stops Fire Truck to See if Driver Possessed License—Easter Eggs Will Be Cheap This Year—Student Calmly Watches Purse Snatcher Get Away—British Cabinet Holds Protracted Meetings to Discuss Ulster Questions—Radial-Waterways Delegates Return Well Pleased.

STOPS FIRE TRUCK TO SEE IF DRIVER HAD AUTO LICENSE

Policeman Halts Big Motor, Rushing for More Hose.

FIRE CHIEF WAS WRATHY

Draws Controllers' Attention to Action of Legal Sticklers on Force.

Fire Chief John Aitken will not meekly submit to the demand of Chief of Police W. T. Williams that drivers of fire trucks be equipped with chauffeurs' licenses.

Chief Aitken reported to the board of control this morning that during the Abattoir fire on Wednesday, he had sent the motor truck back to the station for more hose. While the truck was returning, the driver, a policeman, ran out into the road and held up his hand for the driver to stop. Russell Edyvane, who was at the wheel, brought the machine to a standstill only to be met with a demand for his name and a question as to whether or not he possessed a chauffeur's license.

Driver Summoned to Court. This morning, Edyvane received a summons to appear in police court next Tuesday to explain the absence of the license.

The controllers agreed that there was no occasion for such a demand on the part of police and the acting-chairman, Controller J. P. Moore said that an altogether wrong construction was being placed upon the motor regulations.

Rather Expensive? "It'll be a pretty expensive piece of business if we have to pay licenses for all our officials," remarked Controller G. E. Ross.

It was decided to leave the matter in abeyance pending the return of the mayor from Ottawa. His worship will be asked to take the matter up with Chief Williams.

Want Solicitor's Opinion. The city solicitor's opinion will be secured as to the city's position in regard to an old bridge near the Dominion Abattoir property. County Engineer Charles Talbot has written that the bridge is badly in need of repair, but according to City Engineer W. N. Ashplant that is matter for the county.

Next week the controllers will meet to discuss the biggest item of which will be the estimates for the year's expenditure. With an overdraft of \$17,000 from 1913, and increased expenditures in practically every department, the problem of keeping down the tax rate will be mighty one.

FORD COMPANY BONDS FOUR-ACRE SITE ON C.P.R.

Local Representatives Take Option on Rodgers Home-stand for Factory.

London real estate representatives of the Ford Motor Company completed a deal yesterday whereby they bonded four acres of property on Adelaide street adjacent to the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The property is known as the Rodgers home-stand, and consists of about four acres on the west side of Adelaide street and runs, with the exception of a few feet, along the Canadian Pacific railway for an entire block.

The real estate men today communicated with the Ford management at Ford City and received a wire from the latter to the effect its representatives could be expected in London any day.

HARRY THAW AGAIN. [Canadian Press.]

Concord, N. H., March 27.—The final brief on behalf of Harry K. Thaw, on his petition for a writ of habeas corpus and for admission to bail, pending a decision on the matter of extradition, were filed in the United States district court by counsel today.

EXPENDITURE OF \$1,639,000 AUTHORIZED FOR LONDON

Private Bills Committee of Ontario Legislature Ratifies the Passage of 1914 City of London Bill This Morning—No Changes in Money Clauses.

Authorization of an expenditure of \$1,639,000 was granted London this morning by the private bills committee of the Ontario Legislature. The city of London bill came before the committee that passed its various money provisions without alteration.

The important expenditures that the bill authorizes are:

Electrification of the London and Port Stanley	\$700,000
Storm Sewers	400,000
Dennis Wire and Iron Company Loan	25,000
Alterations to Victoria Hospital	25,000
Court House Repairs	50,000
Waterworks	80,000
Hydro Electric Service	176,000

Just a Section of the Huge Radial-Waterways Delegation



Some of the 2,000 Western Ontario Men Snapped by Special Advertiser Photographer in Front of Parliament Buildings at Ottawa yesterday.

FOUR-YEAR-OLD EXPRESSES WISH TO BE RAILROADER

Attempts to Board International Limited to Carry Out Desire.

REFUSES TO MAKE UP As Train Pulls Out Blasted Hopes Given Expression in Fearful Howls.

"I want to be a railroad man," piped 4-year-old Joe Hagar, son of Samuel Hagar, 117 York street, last night, when he was found by Grand Trunk switchmen attempting to board one of the Pullman cars of the International Limited, just a moment before the Flyer pulled out of the station on its long, non-stop run to Detroit.

"I want to work on the railroad," he tearfully reiterated, when interrogated as to his identity. "I want to do."

Home Unknown. "Where do you live?" he was asked. That proved to be a point of doubt in the tot's mind. He wasn't sure whether it was north, south, east or west. Even his name seemed to have left him, and railmen who gathered around the diminutive figure, were perplexed to know what to do with the would-be knight of the rail.

"All aboard," reverberated through the station, and the express began slowly to pull out, westward, on its long run. Also the kiddie started to pull, but not in the manner of the huge, super-heater locomotive that uttered rancorous coughs and chesty groans, as it felt its way through the maze of switch points. He wanted to get aboard. He had a mind of his own, and was not adverse to expressing his feelings in the matter, either.

Ship Came and Went. As the red tail-lights of the train grew smaller and finally disappeared in the distance, the echoes from "switchmen," the youngster set up a howl that would make a full-fledged siren envious. All attempts to "get acquainted" were frustrated by a barrier of howls. Like so many others, his "ship" has come in—then gone without him. Hence the demonstration.

Search for Home. Peace was at length made between the wee man and Patrick Andrews, who was waiting for a train, on the platform, and the two started on a search for the "lost home." It was a case of Mohammed getting up and going to the mountain, and whether the "mountain" was near or far, was where the rub came in. Rescuer and rescued started walking north on Richmond street. It was when they were passing the Tecumseh House that the boy, figuratively speaking, lost his compass and located his bearings.

"Down this way," he cried hopefully, pointing west on York street. After that it was plain sailing and the youthful excursionist was restored to his parents.

STEAMER SINKS WITH 18 OF CREW

French Vessel St. Paul Striking Rock near Brisbane, Australia, Goes Down—Was a New Vessel.

[Canadian Press.] London, March 27.—Eighteen of the crew of the French steamer Saint Paul were drowned today when she struck a rock and sank while entering the port of Brisbane, Australia, according to a Lloyd's dispatch. The Saint Paul was on the way from Noumea to Sydney.

She was a new vessel, having been built in 1912, and she was commanded by Capt. Cerec. She was the property of the Oceanic Navigation Company of Bordeaux, France.

PRESIDENT WILSON WINS FIRST ROUND

House Refuses to Continue Discussion on 20 Hours' Limit.

A RECOGNIZED TEST VOTE Probably Foreshadows Fairly Correctly the Result of Vote on Exemption Repeal.

[Canadian Press.] Washington, March 27.—President Wilson won the first battle of his fight to repeal the Panama tolls exemption today, when the House, by a vote of 207 to 176, refused to continue discussion on the rule to limit to twenty hours the debate on the Sims bill.

[Canadian Press.] Washington, D. C., March 27.—Administration and anti-administration forces put forth every effort today to gain the advantage in the opening round of the fight in the House over the bill to repeal the free tolls clause of the Panama Canal Act.

The leaders of both sides kept their tongues busy roundly up their followers and working with the doubtful voters. Prompted by the vigorous statement denouncing the proposed special rule to limit debate on the bill, issued last night by Speaker Clark, the opponents of the measure directed every effort toward forcing the amendment of the rule. As presented by Chairman Henry of the rules committee, the rule would prevent the amendment of the bill. With an hour of debate left today, Representative Henry was prepared to move the previous question on the rule, thus cutting off debate Continued on Page 16.

May Bring Back Kitchener to Take French's Position

Persistent Rumor Given Some Credence in London—Other Changes Forecasted.

[Canadian Press.] Montreal, March 27.—A cable to the Daily Mail says one of the most persistent rumors in political circles last night was that Lord Kitchener is to be brought back from Egypt to replace Gen. French in the war office, and restore order in the army.

Another report stated that Mr. Asquith is contemplating the appointment of John Burns, now president of the board of trade, as secretary of state for war. Mr. Burns worked in a London factory as a boy, and his appointment as the head of a Government department whose tendencies are all on the side of the aristocracy would be a severe shock to the army clique.

There also is a rumor this morning that Col. Seely will go to the colonial office in place of Lewis Harcourt, who, like John Burns, is named a possible candidate for the war ministry.

SAYS M'BRIDE CAN BE COMMISSIONER

Prominent Politician Asserts British Columbia Premier Has Strathcona's Place Cinched.

[Canadian Press.] Victoria, B. C., March 27.—A statement made by a prominent politician is that there is now no doubt that Sir Richard McBride can have the high commissionership of Canada for the asking. In fact the party referred to goes so far as to state that McBride has it in his pocket and has had for some time. He added significantly that Sir Richard had attended his last session of the Provincial Legislature.

"PUBLIC UTILITIES" NEW TITLE OF COMMISSIONERS

Change in Name Ratified by Private Bills Committee of Ontario Legislature.

Gone is London's water commission! This morning the private bills committee of the Ontario Legislature authorized the change in the name of the water commission of London to that of the public utilities commission. It is a foregone conclusion that the change will be ratified by the entire Legislature and no longer will the water commissioners in charge of the hydro-electric system be the somewhat sonorous title borne by the commissioners.

Ever since the advent of Hydro electric power in London and its transfer to the control of the water commission there has been an agitation to change the somewhat misleading name of "water commission." The change has at last been effected.

FATHER DREAMS OF DAUGHTER'S TROUBLES

[Canadian Press.] Kingston, March 27.—In police court this morning Magistrate Farrell committed for trial Charles Blucher, a bachelorette, on a charge of assault on a girl under 14 years of age. The father of the girl, in giving his evidence, stated that he had dreamed that his daughter was being ill-treated, and this led to discovery of offence.

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JOE HAGAR.

Y. M. C. A. DIRECTORS MAKING ATTEMPT TO BUY CONVENT

Negotiations Said to Have Been Reopened for Site for New Building.

WILL OFFER \$125,000

Canvass Reveals Many Who Are Willing to Buy Residential Sites.

Negotiations for the purchase of the Sacred Heart Convent property have been reopened by the Y. M. C. A. Although the directors turned it down at the first of the month, because of the uncertainty of selling part of the property, a quiet canvass of the city reveals the fact that a number of local people would like to get hold of part of the Queen's avenue frontage for residential purposes. With this assurance, the directors feel more confident in purchasing such a big place.

Suitable Property. Scarce. Corner property in the downtown districts, with the depth that this affords, is at a premium. In fact it would be hard to find another large enough for the needs of the association without paying an enormous price for buildings that would be of no use and which would mean an additional cost to remove. The directors are said to be willing to give \$125,000 cash for the site, and intend making this offer to the owners.

Not Considered Worth \$150,000. At present the property is not considered worth \$150,000, the price asked. Although it is certain to come to that valuation in a short time.

It is said that the board of control would pass an appropriation of \$125,000 for a site for the industrial school on the east end of the property, the deal would be clinched. However, if the owners look with favor on the cash offer the sale would be made within 30 days.

BELOW ZERO IN WEST

[Canadian Press.] Winnipeg, March 27.—All points in the Prairie Provinces registered below zero weather last night. Regina taking the honors with 29 below. Lethbridge was second with 16 below, with Calgary and Edmonton eight and six respectively.

THE WEATHER.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London for the 24 hours preceding 8 a.m. yesterday: Highest, 56 above; lowest, 42 above. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: Highest, 54 above; lowest, 41 above.

TOMORROW—COOLER. Toronto, March 27.—8 a.m. Forecasts.

Today—North and northwest winds; showers.

Saturday—Easterly winds and cooler.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: High. Low. Weather. St. Catharines. 48. 32. Clear. Port Arthur. 18. 4. Clear. Parry Sound. 48. 22. Cloudy. Toronto. 55. 40. Rain. Ottawa. 48. 36. Cloudy. Montreal. 38. 25. Cloudy. Quebec. 48. 32. Cloudy. Father Point. 42. 30. Clear. Minus (—) means below zero.

Weather Notes.

The disturbance which was just west of the Mississippi yesterday has almost disappeared, and the western area of high pressure has spread eastward and southward over the Great Lakes, bringing northerly winds and a slight fall in temperature.

Rain has been pretty general in Southern Ontario.

The temperature continues below zero in the Western Provinces.

NO ASSURANCES FOR FUTURE MAY BE ASKED BY OFFICERS

And Superiors May Not Inquire Into Subordinates' Hypothetical Attitude—New Army Order Issued—Cabinet Wants French and Ewart to Remain.

[Canadian Press.] London, March 27.—The resignations of Field Marshal Sir John French and Lieut. Gen. Sir John S. Ewart have not yet been withdrawn, and Premier Asquith, after deferring his statement twice, was able only to announce in the House of Commons this afternoon that the Government was still awaiting the reply of the army officers to the cabinet's request that they remain at their posts.

Premier Asquith reached the House of Commons straight from the second cabinet meeting held today, both of which were attended by the chief of the general staff, Field Marshal Sir John French. The Premier said matters in the question involved great complexity and difficulty, and seemed to the Government to require a full consideration. A partial or provisional statement would be unsatisfactory.

No Difference of Views. Sir John French and Lieutenant-General Sir John S. Ewart, the adjutant-general of the forces, had intimated a wish to be relieved of their offices, Mr. Asquith said, not because of differences between their views and those of the Government as to the military situation, but because the army should serve or should be employed in the aid of civil power, but having issued the memorandum to Brigadier-General Gough, they thought this course would be worthy with them. Premier Asquith then added that the Government had conveyed to them the wish that as there is no difference of opinion on any ground or policy they should not persist in their request, the carrying out of which the Government would regard as a serious misfortune to both the army and the state.

We still are awaiting their final reply. "These two gallant officers believe that in the circumstances they were justified in believing their action was in accordance with the instructions of the cabinet, and that they were transmitting those directions to the officers concerned. It is clear to us and to them that there has been a misconception—a genuine misconception—in regard to the intention and purpose of the proceedings in Ireland, out of which these difficulties have arisen."

"In view of these misconceptions, and to obviate the possibility of their recurrence in the future, the army council has today—Field Marshal Sir John French and Lieut. Gen. Sir John Ewart being present—unanimously determined to issue a new army order."

The premier continued: "The new order to the army is headed 'discipline.' It has three articles, which are as follows: 1. No officer or soldier shall in future be questioned by his superior officers as to what attitude he will adopt or as to his action in the event of his being required to obey orders in the future or on future or hypothetical contingencies."

2. An officer or soldier is forbidden in future to ask for assurances as to orders which he may be required to fulfill. 3. It is the duty of every officer and soldier to obey all lawful commands given them through the proper channels, either for safeguarding public property, or to support the civil power in the ordinary execution of its duty, or for the protection of the lives and property of the inhabitants in case of a disturbance of the peace."

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He said: "It is altogether untrue that the Government or any member of the Government ever contemplated active operations of an aggressive character in Ulster or any operations which now or in the future would impose on the army any duty or service which was not amply covered by the terms of this order. To that I have only to add that the Government adheres to all the declarations it has made."

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ULSTER UNIONIST'S RESIDENCE BURNED

Destruction of General Sir Hugh MacCallum's Mansion Blamed on Suffragettes—Loss \$75,000.

[Canadian Press.] Belfast, Ireland, March 27.—A militant suffragette "army" squad in Belfast has been responsible for the destruction by fire early this morning of Abbeylands, a splendid Ulster Unionist residence belonging to Major Gen. Sir Hugh MacCallum, near White Abbey on Belfast Lough.

The house, although fully furnished, was not occupied except by caretakers. The damage is estimated at \$75,000.

No evidence of that kind of handwork were found, but as the women recently threatened to start war against the Ulster Unionist leaders because of the refusal of Sir Edward Carson to support the movement of the suffragettes, the authorities lay the blame on them.

The grounds of Abbeylands, which is only four miles from Carrickfergus, a British army station, have been used recently for drilling the Ulster Unionist "volunteers."

Gen. Sir Hugh MacCallum took part in the Red River Expedition. He is retired from the army.

CALMLY WATCHED THIEF SNATCH WOMAN'S PURSE

Student Witnessed Deed, But Disliking Police Court Notoriety, Refused Aid.

Because he did not wish to get mixed up in a police court case, a medical student calmly watched a purse-snatcher grab a purse from the hands of Mrs. J. Thompson, of Mitchell, on Queen's avenue, near Cartwright street, Thursday, and refused to aid the woman or send for the police. The purse contained a large sum of money.

Detectives Robert Eglston and Harry Down, who have been investigating the theft, discovered that a young medical student had witnessed the whole affair from the window of his room. Questioned by them, he stated that his desire to avoid publicity was his reason for not giving chase to the thief.

Mrs. Thompson, who was a delegate to the Women's Auxiliary convention, was proceeding along Princess avenue, near the Macbeth homestead, when her purse was snatched by a young man, who ran up behind her. So far he has not been apprehended.

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