

MAYOR WARM OVER REPORT

Of Friday Night Power Meeting.

He Would Not Accept Sothman as Authority

Difficult to Keep Tax Rate Down.

Mayor Stewart was one of those who were not shivering to-day from the icy gale that made most people's teeth chatter. On the contrary, His Worship was quite warm. It was the report of the power meeting in the Times on Saturday that sent his temperature to fever heat. "An unjust and unfair report. A tissue of lies from beginning to end," was the way he commented on it. "Why, to read that you would not think that I knew anything about the power question. I know more about it than any man who was at the meeting, with the exception of Engineer Sothman."

The Mayor's sweeping assertion of the incorrectness of the Times' report was not borne out by his arguments. He showed one statement to be inaccurate, had a reasonable explanation for another, and dismissed the rest with this argument: "I place no reliance on what Sothman says, because it is a contract with the Government we are making."

At the meeting on Friday night, Engineer Sothman did say that \$30,000 was not for equipment to carry power to the asylum and instal incandescent lighting in civic buildings, but to build a duct system sufficiently large to provide for the future. The Mayor says Mr. Sothman explained, however, that the \$30,000 for the asylum was in a previous estimate, and in support of this the Mayor produced a statement, with Engineer Sothman's name attached, showing that such an estimate was made at one time. These are the figures he read at the power meetings held before the by-law was endorsed. The Mayor was asked about this point by the Times on Saturday, but could not get his explanation before press time.

The other point which was inaccurate was that Chairman Sweeney could have carried the motion to appoint an independent expert had he voted for it. The Mayor points out that there are eight members on the committee and it would have been a tie.

This was another statement that the Mayor took offence at. "Instead of being in a position to call for tenders at once on the proposed municipal lighting plant, as intimated by Mayor Stewart, Hamilton will have to wait four months to have specifications prepared."

LEAVING THE SAN.

Dr. Unsworth to Pursue Studies on Continent.

Dr. Unsworth, physician-in-charge of the Mountain Sanitarium, is leaving this institution next month, and it is his intention to sail for the continent, where he will spend a year or more in hospital work.

The position of physician-in-charge being vacated, the directors of the institution are advertising and will receive and consider applications for resident physician if sent in to the secretary, W. J. Southam, Spectator building, not later than Thursday of this week.

APPLE SHIPPERS

Wrongly Marked Barrels Cause Trouble at Leeds.

Ottawa, Ont. Feb. 3.—(Special).—Canada's commercial agent in Leeds writes the department that the Fruit Act's mark is not being observed and that all kinds of apples are being put into a barrel and wrongly marked. This, he says, should be remedied. In one case a dealer paid 17 shillings for a barrel and had to sell them for 15 shillings. There were some very fine barrels sent from Ontario, but because of the dissatisfaction which arose from defective marking the price was not realized.

WILL RESIST ANY EFFORT AT REDUCTION OF WAGES.

Garment Workers' Unions From All Over Canada Held Conference Here on Saturday.

Fourteen local unions—three district councils of the United Garment Workers of America—held a conference at Labor Hall on Saturday, dealing with matters pertaining to the interest of the trade and union conditions of labor in Canada. Delegates represented Montreal, Sherbrooke, Port Hope, Toronto, Hamilton, Dundas, London and Seaford, while reports were received from Windsor, Winnipeg, Vancouver and Victoria.

C. Banf, of Hamilton, called the meeting to order, after which he was elected permanent chairman, with W. F. Bush, Toronto, secretary, C. M. Pearce, London, treasurer.

THE LATE KING AND THE DEAD PRINCE



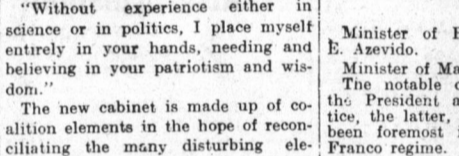
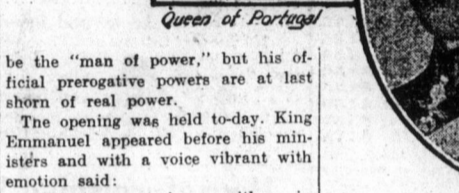
FRANCO NOW QUILTS THE JOB

New Portuguese Cabinet Formed To-day.

No Further Disturbance in Lisbon.

Young King Delivers a Short Speech.

Lisbon, Feb. 3.—Premier Franco has relinquished power and a committee has been formed with Admiral Ferreira de Amaral as its president in the place of the late dictator Franco. This step signalled the practical withdrawal of Franco from power. He agreed to this measure as one calculated to pacify public opinion when only a spark was needed to inflame the whole country and drag it headlong into revolution. It is believed that Franco will still



be the "man of power," but his official prerogative powers are at last shorn of real power. The opening was held to-day. King Emmanuel appeared before his ministers and with a voice vibrant with emotion said: "Without experience either in science or in politics, I place myself entirely in your hands, needing and believing in your patriotism and wisdom."

TWO FEASTS.

Candelmas and St. Blaise Celebrated in Catholic Churches.

Two well-known feasts, Candelmas Day and the Feast of the Purification, and the feast of St. Blaise, were celebrated yesterday and to-day throughout the Catholic world and in the Catholic Churches of the city. His Lordship Bishop Dowling was present at the high mass at St. Mary's Cathedral yesterday and blessed the candles.

The Feast of the Purification is one of the oldest in the Church of Rome, having been established at least as early as the end of the sixth century. The feast is more commonly known to-day as that of Candelmas, it being the custom to bless candles on that day. These must be of pure beeswax, and are kept by the faithful to be lighted by the sick bed or in case of death.

To-day the church celebrates the feast of St. Blaise, the throats of Catholic parents and their children being blessed. This afternoon the children had their throats blessed in various churches and the blessing will be continued at the services this evening. To perform the ceremony candles are placed in the form of a cross beneath the child's chin, and the words of benediction are then pronounced. The blessing is to invoke the protection of God and St. Blaise to keep all diseases that afflict the throat away from the child.

St. Blaise was Bishop of Sebaste, in Armenia, and suffered martyrdom about the year 316.

High Class Cigarettes.

Vasfades, Celando, Osborn, Yildiz, Nestor, Melachrino and Craven mixture cigarettes are all of superior quality and are sold in this city at peace's cigar store, 107 King street east.

BIG VESSEL MERGER

Said to Be Contemplated by Ontario Companies.

In the absence from the city of Mr. A. B. MacKay it was impossible to secure any official confirmation to-day of the story of a big merger of many of the navigation companies. Mr. R. O. MacKay said he was not in a position to discuss it.

The merger would likely include the New Ontario Coal & Dock Company, the Hamilton & Fort William Navigation Company and the local boats affected would probably be the Strathcona, Donnacona, Neepawa, Wacouah, Gleneath, Dundee, Dunedin, Winona, Rosedale and Dundurn. It is probable that the Hamilton & Fort William Company's charter will be used and the capitalization spoken of is \$2,000,000. It is said that after a valuation the present shareholders will exchange their stock for scrip in the new company.

CANADIAN CLUB

Will Have Night at Bennett's—Other Notes.

At a meeting of trustees of the Canadian Club, it was decided to have a Canadian Club night at Bennett's Theatre in connection with Miss Lewis' Hospital scheme. The details will be announced later. About fifty new members have been admitted since the last meeting. The competition in public speaking, open to all Young Men's Clubs in the city, will take place about March 20th. Three prizes will be given, books to the value of fifteen, ten and five dollars, respectively. The next open meeting will be Monday, February 10th, at 8 p. m., in the lecture room of the Conservatory of Music, the subject for discussion being "The Proper Treatment of Council."

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING.

This is sometimes a bad policy, but something for everybody is all right and this is what C. R. Robertson, African explorer, says will be in the programme to-morrow evening, when he gives his illustrated stories of adventures in Association Hall. Those who are fond of pictures will be delighted with what will be thrown on the canvas. Those who are fond of thrilling adventure tales will be fully satisfied. Those who want to learn something about the climate, the geography and the condition and peculiarities of the people will spend a most profitable evening, and Mr. Robertson will throw many sidelights upon the difficulties and possibilities of the missionary work among the wild black tribes that he encountered.

FROZEN TO DEATH.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—William Brace, a lawyer, was found frozen to death yesterday within 50 yards of his residence in Highland Park, a suburb. It is thought that Brace slipped on an icy sidewalk and was stunned by the fall, succumbing to the cold before recovering consciousness.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

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The Hamilton Herald is not so blind as it pretends to be. When it can't answer an argument it says it sees no argument to answer. But that is only a blind.

I don't know what to think about the Y. W. C. A. ladies. For a long time I tried to push along the building fund, but without much success. Now the prospect is not altogether pleasing. If I were a millionaire the rest would be easy.

John Patterson can't begin the building of his road any too soon to suit the hundreds of idle men in Hamilton.

Mayor Stewart's power policy has got the city into a queer kind of a fix. It can neither go backward nor forward.

The Canadian Club might get up a lunch for the unemployed.

There is a difference between the N. P. hard times and the present. Any distress that there may be at present is caused by the prosperity of the country attracting outsiders here.

Take care of your pennies, children, and the pounds or dollars will take care of themselves.

If Thaw had been a poor man his body would have been food for worms long ago.

WATCHFUL POLICE

Prevented What Might Have Been Bad Fires.

Two fires were averted on Saturday night and early Sunday morning, by the work of Constables Venard and Brown, which might have caused a great deal of loss and trouble, if they had not got well started. Constable Brown noticed one at 11:30 on Saturday night in the second floor of H. Levitt's tailor shop on Rebecca street. He turned in an alarm and the firemen soon put the fire out.

Carelessness in leaving the gas burning in a tailor's goose was the cause, and little damage was done.

At 2:19 Sunday morning Constable Venard noticed a fire in the basement of Littlewood's drug store at MacNab and York streets. A barrel, which was almost full of gasoline, was burned half way through. It was put out before it exploded, but it was a close call for the tenants above the drug store. No cause for this fire is apparent, and there will be an investigation by Chief Tomzyk.

HERE'S AN ACCOUNT.

Washington & Martin, on behalf of the administrator of the estate of Ilio Marco Hadji Dine, have issued a writ against the Grand Trunk Railway for unstated damages for the death of Hadji Dine. Gregor Rousse Hadji, an uncle of the deceased, is the administrator. The deceased was killed by an engine running over him on Sept. 4 last. Another uncle of the deceased, who had charge of the funeral of the dead man, has put in a rather unique bill for the expenses. It amounts to \$334, and some of the items are: Monument, \$185; coffin, 85c; candlesticks, \$40; board for candlesticks, \$4; cabs, \$60. There are also items for 120 hours' lost time.

FOR AMENDMENT.

Department of Labor Sent Application Back. Ottawa, Feb. 3.—(Special).—The Labor Department is still waiting the return of the application of the Hamilton Street Railway Company for the appointment of a board of conciliation to deal with the dispute between the union and the company. It was returned for some amendment. There is as yet no notice from the company as to whether it will agree to a reference.

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

ECHOES OF THE TRAGEDY.

Great Heroism of the Widowed Queen.

Something About Some of the Assassins.

Spain Despatches Cruiser to Lisbon.

The horses moved away across the Praça do Comercio, and where the carriage should have turned the corner to the arsenal suddenly a young man stepped out from the crowd and jumped up on the back of the carriage. Before anything could be done he aimed a revolver pointblank at the King. The first shot pierced His Majesty's throat, the second struck him full in the back, and the King, putting both hands to his head, fell sideways on the Queen. At the same moment, in the confusion, a bearded man rushed forward with a rifle drawn from under his cloak, and aimed point blank at the Crown Prince. The Queen, with piercing shrieks, despairingly and piteously attempted to beat off the man from the side of the carriage with a bouquet, which had been given to her on her arrival, endeavoring to protect her sons. The Prince Royal, however, already mortally wounded, fell into the arms of his young brother, who was himself struck by a bullet in the arm. Indeed, so near was the shot fired that it singed his uniform. As it was, his life was probably saved.

MAD CHINESE

Thaw's Ward Mate in Matteawan Asylum.

Matteawan, Feb. 2.—Harry K. Thaw spent his first night at the Matteawan State Hospital in ward No. 1. His companions, numbering about six, paid no more attention to him than is accorded to any other new arrival at the institution. Thaw was assigned to a cot beside Quimbo Appo, the Chinese murderer, who slew Paul Kelly, the prizefighter, 33 years ago, and for an hour or two was compelled to listen to the maudlin ravings of the old Celestial, who imagined that he is the owner of a hundred or two ten million dollar hotels and all that goes with them. The men in the ward are white with the exception of Appo and a negro who occupied a bed three or four beds from Thaw. Many of the patients imagine themselves millionaires and Thaw is looked upon as a pauper by them.

Thaw passed a very restless night, and had just slipped the leashes from his fevered brain for a few moments when he was awakened by an attendant in company with the other inmates of the ward.

NOT ONE DISSATISFIED WITH THE UNION'S ACTION.

Young Men of Street Railway Union Stand Firm For the President.

Notwithstanding the threats of certain young members of the Hamilton Street Railwaymen's union that they would make trouble at the regular meeting of the union on Saturday night, the meeting was harmonious, and there was no effort to upset the business of the previous meeting in regard to Mr. John Theaker. The following resolution was carried unanimously: "The local repudiates the statements that appeared in some of the city papers that they were going to object to the arbitration going ahead in regard to President John Theaker; and we wish the public to know that this local is standing firm for President Theaker and the union's principles, as we do not know who may be discriminated against next for being a member of the organization."

Not a word in opposition to the motion was made, and no one voted against it. In the course of the meeting one of

IS JARDINE IN SNOWDRIFT?

Council Could Not Meet This Morning

Because the Clerk Was Not on Hand.

Safe to be Opened This Afternoon.

There was no session of the Council this morning owing to the absence of the County Clerk, Joseph Jardine. The Council was to have been opened at 10 o'clock, but the councillors were given to understand that the County Clerk had left the city on Saturday afternoon for St. Catharines and had not returned. It is thought that, owing to the lateness of the trains, Mr. Jardine has been unavoidably delayed. No word has been received of him from St. Catharines, so that the councillors are very much in the dark as to his whereabouts. The safe will be opened this afternoon and the work will be gone on with. The warden and councillors figured on finishing up the business of the county to-day, but this delay will in all probability cause another meeting to-morrow. The report of the auditors and some items in connection with the Finance Committee have yet to be dealt with.

INNOCENT SUFFERS.

Hamilton Young Man's Name Was Wrongfully Mentioned.

The name of Frank Roach, of this city, has been drawn into the recent watch stealing case at London. As a matter of fact, Frank Roach had no connection whatever with the case; was not in London; and was not in any way suspected. He has been quietly following his trade in this city and behaving himself like a respectable citizen should. Nor was he ever charged with incendiarism or any other crime, either here or in any other place. It is most unfortunate that his name should have been brought into troubles he had nothing to do with, and he feels it keenly. The Times takes pleasure in setting him right before the public.

WILL CO-OPERATE.

Ministers' Committee to Work With Temperance Executive.

A deputation of members of the Hamilton Temperance Executive waited on the Ministerial Association to-day and asked that the preachers co-operate with the Executive in the movement for a reduction of licenses and for other matters pertaining to the cause of temperance. The ministers expressed sympathy in the work of the executive and appointed a committee to co-operate with that body. The spokesmen of the deputation were Messrs. Thomas Morris and H. A. Martin.

Rev. E. Crummy, Toronto, was to have delivered an address to the association to-day on "Miracles in Modern Thought," but he was unable to be present. He will speak at a later meeting.

GIRL SUICIDES.

Hespeler Miss Takes Poison and Dies From Effects.

Hespeler, Feb. 3.—Miss Hannah Lantz, about 16 years of age, took a dose of Paris green on Saturday night, and died soon after notwithstanding everything possible was done by the doctors who were called in to save her young life. The girl admitted to the doctors that she had taken the poison. The reason is not known for her action.

YOU ARE INVITED.

Jell-O will be demonstrated all of this week at our store. Drop in and see the many delectable ways of preparing it. It's time well spent. You haven't the slightest idea of the many nice dishes that can be prepared from Jell-O and Jell-O Ice Cream Powder. Mrs. Christie will be pleased to tell you all about it.—Bain & Adams, 89, 91 King street east.