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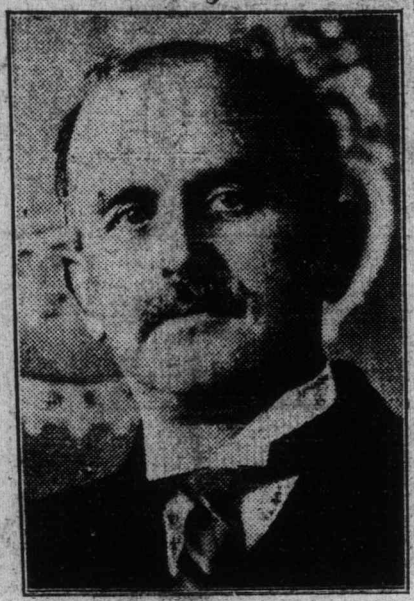
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## NEW MAYOR OUTLINES A PROGRAM OF CIVIC PROGRESS AND IMPROVEMENT AT INAUGURAL MEETING

Ald. Graves is Chairman of the Finance Committee, Ald. Dakers of Board of Works, Ald. Avery of the Fire and Light Committee; Ald. Riffer Again Heads Railway Committee.

The inaugural meeting of the new City Council was held today, opening at 11 o'clock with a dozen spectators in attendance, among them women. Mayor Elson, former Aldermen Eagle, Smith and Westwood and Secretary Cunningham of the G.W.V.A., were among the spectators. W. B. Burgoyne accepted an invitation by Mayor Lovelace to act as the platform. Former Mayor Elson had to leave shortly to catch a train and could not accept the invitation. City Solicitor Kingston and the Assistant Solicitor H. L. Cummings were also on the dais. Assistant City Clerk McBride read the election results. City Clerk Pay



ALD. JAMES DAKERS  
New Board of Works Chairman.

Mayor Lovelace in his inaugural address said:

"As this inaugural occasion I desire to congratulate you most sincerely on your selection by your fellow citizens to administer the affairs of this City during the year upon which we are now entered, and to express the hope that, when the year shall have ended we shall jointly and mutually have the consciousness that our efforts have been prompted by the most worthy motives, and that some measure of happiness and profit shall have accrued to the citizens at large, because of those efforts. In this way may we best show our appreciation of the confidence that is reposed in us, and of the responsibilities that rest upon us because of that confidence.

"It is but reasonable to expect that the years immediately following the close of the great war will be years of unsettled conditions in the business and industrial world, at least until such time as the soldier and military forces engaged in the colossal struggle shall have become re-organized and re-established in their proper places in the production of the several communities which they belong. Happy it may be stated that our returned soldiers are quite generally imbued with a sense of the duties of good citizenship, and only require to have the opportunity, in order again to become a value to the community with the zeal that, you will freely admit, has characterized their war effort, and which brought them so great renown in their sacrifices on behalf of British liberty and of true citizenship while overseas. It should be regarded as one of your primary duties to facilitate this work of re-establishment that it may never be said that you have been in the slightest degree unmindful of the great sacrifices, and probable consequent needs, of those men and women who so gallantly responded to the call in our Empire's hour of need. I feel sure that in all respects where Civic Employment offers, this matter will be foremost in your minds.

"During the past half dozen years because of the war, it has been felt that only most pressing civic needs and requirements should receive special attention, with the result that several matters of urgent importance remain to be dealt with in the immediate future. Chief among these may be cited our Educational requirements, for which it will become our duty to meet the financial obligations in connection therewith on presentations from the recently constituted board of Education. Permit me to bespeak a hearty and cordial spirit of co-operation between the members of that Board and yourselves.

"Railways and Highways. Also eliciting a considerable public attention is the question of the extension of the present local system of electric railways, not only with a view to increasing the accommodation and needed facilities within the confines of the city, but also in mind the larger and very important need of establishing local railway connection with outlying por-

tions of this rich and especially favored district, of which our City is so logically the business centre.

"In this connection I would also like to remind you of the need of a greater attention to radial highways, which appear to have been overlooked in some measure. To the extent that we endeavor to establish means of ingress and egress to and from our confines, will we establish our City as the real metropolis of the Niagara Peninsula.

"Industrial. "Every effort should be put forth to assure the continued expansion of the City along industrial lines with railway and shipping facilities as at present existent throughout the district. St. Catharines must not be permitted to slacken the industrial effort that characterized our progress at the beginning of the decennial period of which we have now entered the last year. This should engage the attention of all, but particularly of the Railway and Industrial Committee.

"The Local Market. "In view of occasionally heard murmurings of discontent concerning the local produce market, it becomes us to study closely the conditions in this respect, not only with a view to enhancing its value to that portion of the public which relies largely on the Market for its supply of produce, but also to ascertain if the civic revenue obtained therefrom might not be very materially increased.

"The question of just weight and measure in the sale of market produce may also profitably engage your attention.

"Finance and Assessment. "The question of our Civic financial condition is one worthy of your most earnest attention, with a view to some re-adjustment that may permit of this Board meeting the needs of the hour, yet with an extremely careful regard for the burens of the (Continued on page 2)

### THE WEATHER

TORONTO, Jan. 12.—The weather is fair and moderately cold in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces and a moderate disturbance is now moving eastward across Manitoba will probably be followed by colder conditions in the west.

FORECASTS—Fair today, higher temperature tonight with strong south west winds. Tuesday: Light snow at first, followed by north west winds and colder again by night.

## Vincent Griffin To Be Released On \$3,000 Bail

Vincent Griffin, who is charged with perjury in connection with the Battistie inquest was brought here yesterday from Toronto and in police court today was remanded for a week in order to allow the Crown to call witnesses.

The alleged perjury was in connection with the Battistie inquest. Griffin, it appears, found Battistie dead in the Griffin Opera House and went to the rooms of several men about 7 o'clock and reported the fact.

At the inquest he denied doing this though the other men swore positively that he did so.

Crown Attorney Brennan agreed to accept \$3,000 bail which will likely be raised.

## Ontario Plans Increasing of Housing Fund

Attitude of the Public Works Minister Augurs Better Results in 1920 in the Housing Scheme.

Walter Rollo, the new public works minister for Ontario, is planning to make a much larger fund available for housing purposes next year than was available last year. In fact, the information received here states that about three times as much money will be available. "The government does not regard money invested in the housing proposition as an expenditure," he says, "but as an investment, and a good one, too." Owing to the guarantees required by the local council last year, few applications were made for loans, and not a home was built through government housing proposition funds. It is expected that several homes will be constructed by that means next spring, however.

CHAIRMANSHIPS  
Finance—E. C. Graves.  
Board of Works—J. Dakers.  
Fire and Light—F. H. Avery.  
Market and Buildings—Samuel McLean.  
Parks and Cemeteries—M. J. Murphy.  
Railway and Industrial—J. E. Riffer.

## Two Runs For Firemen Early Sunday A. M.

The firemen had two runs early Sunday morning. Just after midnight a man burning a mattress in a backyard on Lovel avenue was the cause of a run by the Lake street brigade. Such a thing is contrary to law. Chief Early wishes to inform the public. Three men were named defendants. "These men have acquired the checking concession in most hotels and cafes," said Miss Stires. "They pay girls \$9 to \$15 a week and compel them to drop tips in a small iron bank, which is camouflaged with paper."

"I was checker for two years and turned in more than \$25,000 in that time."

The Hydro electric Commission has decided to take over the Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg Railway. The Saskatchewan Government proposes to advance a million dollars to enable the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Co. to almost double its storage capacity at the Port Arthur terminals.

## No Writs Likely For Several Days

U. S. Committee Will Meet Again About Middle of the Week.

Hon. H. C. Drury and his two weary with standing colleagues must wait yet a few days before they hear of a place to sit down. The special committee of the U. F. O. organization and members-elect entrusted with the task of finding seats for the Prime Minister and his Ministers will not meet again until about the middle of the week, according to J. J. Morrison, U. F. O. secretary and unofficial whip. In the intervening time, it is understood, further conversations with U. F. O. members will take place.

About the only really definite result to date is the securing of the East Kent seat, J. B. Clark, the elected member, over a wax ago offered to make way for Hon. Manning Deherty, and he has followed this up, it is stated, by placing his seat at the disposal of the Government to do with as those in control think best.

It was stated yesterday that Mr. Clark had placed his resignation in the hands of two U. F. O. members according to the rules of the House which, when the House is without a speaker, permit of a resignation being offered to two members.

In some quarters the time taken in finding seats for the seatless Ministers is contrasted with the facility with which leaders or the older parties found places. But conditions are different. In the good old days the man who resigned his seat generally found a paying appointment in his mail shortly thereafter. The U. F. O. professions do not allow room for this sort of use of provincial posts, and the committee had to begin its task with nothing in hand but generous praise to offer the farmer member whom they asked to give up a \$1,400 year post that will take him away from the farm only at a time when farm duties are light.

ALLIES WILL TRY EX-KAISER EVEN IF ACCUSED IS ABSENT

MANCHESTER, Eng., Jan. 12.—The Manchester Guardian hinted that a solution of the difficulty with regard to the trial of the former German Emperor will be found.

The "ex-Kaiser" will be summoned to trial before an Allied commission and if he does not answer—it is possible he may not—he will be tried in his absence," the newspaper says. "By this course his full guilt will be made manifest to the world by the testimony of witnesses, including Germans, his correspondence and other documents. Sentence will be pronounced, and if it cannot be executed, it will, at any rate, be on record. One possibility is that on evidence available from Germany and Holland the ex-Kaiser will be proved a criminal lunatic."

## Married For Love, Cut Off With Lands Worth \$6,000,000

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Tracts of property in the heart of New York city valued today at \$6,000,000, which the late Henry Astor inherited from his grandfather, John Jacob Astor, who bought the land in 1797 for \$25,000, will be sold at public auction next March, trustees of the estate decided shortly after his death in 1918, to dispose of his realty interests.

Henry Astor was the forgotten son of William B. Astor, who cut him off in 1871 for marrying Malverina Dinehart, daughter of the gardener on his father's estate near Rhinebeck, N.Y. It is estimated he lost \$25,000,000 by the disapproved marriage. After suffering the ostracism of the family, he bought a far mat Copake, Columbia county, and lived there in obscurity with his wife until his death. During the years he lived as a recluse, the valuable New York city real estate was held in trust.

The land was the Eden farm when it was bought by the founder of the Astor fortunes and on it now stand theaters, private dwellings, factories and tenement houses.

## BABY 2 DAYS OLD ALREADY HAS 2 TEETH

WARREN, Pa., Jan. 12.—Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Hutlman of this city are the proud parents of a new son who possesses two teeth. The youngster is but two days old, yet two teeth have forced their way through his gums.

## Plans to Organize New Militia Force

First Step an Order Which Provides For Disbanding Every Unit.

OTTAWA, Jan. 12.—The first step in the re-organization of the Canadian active militia is taken in the publication today of an order laying down the general lines which will be followed in bringing the new force into being. The order is not concerned with details and gives no indication of the policy to be pursued in the matter of naming units, but it provides for the disbandment of every militia unit in Canada—a complete cleaning of the slate—and the immediate creation of the new force.

"The rank and file being automatically discharged," says the order, "the commanding officer has a clear field for re-engagement in suitable ranks, and vacancies for new men of overseas experience, not former members of the unit."

"For some time past, a committee, of which Major General Sir T. C. Otter was chairman and Major General W. G. Gwatkin, Sir Edward Morrison and Brig.-General A. G. L. MacNaughton were members, have been considering the question of re-organization. They have visited all the military districts of Canada, and it is understood that they have made recommendations with regard to the working out of the plan outlined in the order issued today. Today's order, which is signed by Major General E. C. Ashton, Adjutant General, was recently passed in Militia Council.

Selection of Officers. It provides that a commanding officer, preferably with overseas service, will be selected, after due consultation with the old officers of each regiment, both overseas and militia, to command a new unit. The new commanding officer will prepare a new slate of officers, with due regard to war service, previous military service. (Continued on page three.)

## Funeral Aid Has Now 415 Membership

The 47th annual meeting of the Oddfellows Funeral Aid Association of the counties of Lincoln and Welland, was held in the Empire Lodge when the reports of the Directors, Secretary and Treasurer were presented, showing that during the past year the Association has very much improved both numerically and financially. Directors were elected: From Union No. 18, Empire No. 87, Niagara Falls No. 53, Cataract No. 103, Livingston No. 130, Orient No. 134, Freemasons No. 215, Electric City No. 313, St. David's No. 367, Empress Rebekah, Truth and Blue Bell Lodges.

The Directors elected the following officers for 1920: H. G. Woolley, President. J. L. Wilbur, Vice President. Geo. E. Jones, Treasurer. D. M. Walker, Secretary. The total membership is now 415. Total cash assets \$4441.08.

## FOUR SAY THEY ROUTED 100

Siege of Barrels Raised by Quartet of Constables, Dublin Asserts

DUBLIN, Jan. 12.—Police barracks six miles from the village of Tuam, Galway county, were attacked Thursday evening by about 100 men, according to reports reaching this city. They fired repeated rifle volleys which rattled the doors and smashed the windows. Two or three bombs were thrown, one wall being demolished and a police sergeant being slightly wounded. The occupants of the barracks returned the fire.

Four constables heard the explosions of the bombs and hastened to the scene. When they arrived they attacked the besiegers so vigorously that they abandoned the field.

## LOOKIT! CHICAGO PUTS JIT-NEY TAX ON FREE BATHS

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—The high cost of living has finally reached free bathing. The city council license committee, which is extending the license system to make up for lost liquor revenues, has ordered a five cent tax on baths at the municipal free bath-houses. The tax will cover soap and towels.

## STILL ANOTHER EARTHQUAKE ROCKS MANY MEXICAN CITIES

Alarm Among Oil Companies, Geologists Reporting That the Quakes Might Change the Course of the Oil Subterranean Rivers.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 12.—Earthquake shocks were registered at the port of Vera Cruz at 6.20 p.m., seemingly of great intensity. The walls of many houses were cracked, and citizens were thrown into considerable alarm, abandoning their houses. The shock was accompanied by violent subterranean noises, which continued until late last night. Seismic disturbances were felt throughout the same districts as during other previous shocks. Intense seismic disturbances were registered yesterday at the observatory of Tacubaya, near the capital. In the Orizaba district, according to advices received, no further damage was done, but many ruins were leveled.

Recent arrivals from the port of Vera Cruz deny a new crater in the Orizaba volcano, claiming that only deep fissures were opened on the sides, omitting gases and vapors.

Thirty four more bodies were recovered today from the River Rinconada. Destitute natives are being cared for in the larger towns in barracks erected for them by the Government, and where soup kitchens have been established. Agular is supervising the relief work and soldiers are burying the dead, clearing away the debris and dynamiting many badly damaged buildings.

Of 600 inhabitants of the village of Barranca Grande, 40 remain alive. Only one attempt has been made by rebels to ambush relief expeditions, and in this the rebels were severely routed.

From the village of Perote, near the volcano, the whole hill near burst and sunk in the level of the ground. Where once was the high hill an immense dust cloud hangs. On the slopes of the Orizaba Mountain vast canyons have been discovered many miles long, which did not exist before. Frightened natives, Officers and soldiers of the army will contribute one day's pay for the relief fund. Only a part of districts are covered by relief parties.



ALD. F. H. AVERY  
New Chairman of the Fire and Light Committee.

workmen on the ranches, are fleeing to Perote, fearing the disappearance of villages in the ground, the same as the hill. Officials declared that press despatches are little exaggerated, and that the loss of life has been high.

There is alarm amongst the oil companies, reports issued by geologists say the earthquakes might change the course of the oil subterranean rivers. Three prominent oil representatives of United States companies told the correspondent that no news had been received up to now from the oil fields as to whether production was less or more, due to the seismic disturbances. It is explained that the wells furthest to the south and those situated in Furber, many miles north of districts afflicted by the quakes may be affected.

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## GOOD LOOKING COUNCIL

It is a good looking Council, made up of men who look as if they knew their business. It is a good working Council, made up of business men of ability. The political phase doesn't enter largely into the make-up. That bugaboo will not interfere with the proper carrying on of the city's business as may have been the case years ago.

## Big Fire at Port Dalhousie On Sunday

A large building, comprising two stores and fourteen rooms, at Port Dalhousie was burned to the ground on Sunday evening and the large plant of the Dominion Dredging Company was endangered in the most devastating fire witnessed in the village for some time. The building, which was owned by Mr. Frank Baker, was occupied by a foreigner, and contained some \$4,000 worth of produce. The building itself will be a total loss close to \$20,000, only partly covered by insurance. The fire started at 6.45 o'clock and in the dusk the blaze was noted in St. Catharines, the report being spread that the machine shops of the Dominion Dredging Co. had been a prey to the flames.

Men employed by the Company were stationed on the roofs of the large plants with fire extinguishers and squelched the sparks as they landed from the burning structure. Workmen with fire extinguishers also succeeded in saving the house next to that of the burning building although it was severely scorched.

## EPIDEMIC OF MAIL THEFTS IN IRELAND

DUBLIN, Jan. 12.—An epidemic of mail holdups is sweeping Ireland. Masked men, apparently members of a Sinn Fein organization, held up the driver of an automobile carrying mail near Galway. The men clubbed the chauffeur and looted the bags.

Masked bandits riding bicycles held up a mail car near Rochford Bridge, looting the mail bags and taking money found in registered letters. There have been no arrests.

## City Clerk Pay Fell on Ice and Breaks Arm

While on his way to the city hall this morning City Clerk J. Albert Pay slipped on a bit of ice and falling broke his right arm. He was taken home and will be incapacitated from work for some time to come, but came up later to the inaugural meeting.

## GAUNTLET THROWN DOWN TO PRES. WILSON UNDER FREAK LAW

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 12.—Under the primary law in this state, if an independent candidate for president issues a challenge, to a regular nominee for a joint debate, failure on the part of the challenged candidate to meet him in at least one joint debate in this state, bars him from the primary election. Under this provision James O. Gerard, independent candidate, has challenged Woodrow Wilson.

President Wilson was endorsed by the Democratic state convention on December 2, but he did not file his acceptance.

## SMALL CHILD ONLY SURVIVED IN THE VILLAGE OF SANTITO

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 12.—One small child is said to be the only survivor of all the inhabitants of the village of Santito, State of Puebla, which was overwhelmed by poisonous gases. Indian refugees arriving at Juatusco from the San Higuel region are unable to give any details regarding the loss of lives there, but say hundreds of persons were killed. Six hundred met death at Barranca Grande. Government despatches, which were filed after the confusion had ended, give estimates of 2000 dead.

## SOVIET ARK DOCKS AT KIEL FOR REPAIRS

BERLIN, Jan. 12.—The American transport Buford, the "Soviet Ark," reached Kiel last night and docked for repairs. It was not known how long the vessel would remain there, but her ultimate destination was reported to be either Litau or Riga.

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