

ENGINEERS WILL EXPLAIN TO L. AND P. S. R. BOARD

Men Who Drew Up Scheme Will Lay Their Version Before Citizen Representatives—People Want Independent Experts to Go Over the Report.

Engineers Storor, of Syracuse, and Gabey, of the hydro-electric commission, Toronto, are expected in the city on Friday of this week to explain the proposition to electrify the London and Port Stanley, to the L. and P. S. R. board.

Mayor Graham has been in touch with them, and they have promised to be present. Efforts are being made to have them address the board of trade the same evening to explain to the committee investigating the report of Engineer Gabey. It is expected that the meetings will be held.

So far no effort has been made to secure the services of a practical railwayman to explain to the aldermen if it is possible to increase the revenue of the London and Port Stanley Railway one year after electrification, \$10,000 more than both the London and Port Stanley and the Lake Erie Traction line receive at the present time.

Efforts were said to have been made to secure the services of Mr. F. H. McGuigan, formerly of the Grand Trunk,

but so far he has not yet been obtained. A St. Thomas man has also been mentioned in connection with the place, but so far no appointment has been made.

Friends of the Scheme.

Mr. Storor and Mr. Gabey have come at the solicitation of the friends of the scheme. They are making no effort to secure outside expert advice, claiming that the opponents of the plan should secure that. Of course, the committee of the board of trade requested independent expert opinion, but such has not been obtained.

However, something will likely be done in the meantime, and it is probable that experts will be obtained to give a report. "It is manifestly unfair to have the engineers who made the report on electrification present the case to the aldermen or the board of trade as independent experts," said a prominent member of the board. "What is wanted is some person who knows the situation and who would report without prejudice on the merits of the case."

BULGAR AND TURK TALKING ARMISTICE

Preliminary Negotiations Aiming at Peace Got Under Way Today.

MEET IN NEUTRAL ZONE

Intimated That the Invaders Will Greatly Modify Original Demands.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Nov. 25.—The plenipotentiaries of Turkey and of the allied Balkan nations held their first meeting this afternoon to discuss the preliminaries for the negotiations for an armistice.

The plenipotentiaries met at the village of Baghtche, near Biyuk Chek-mendye, in the centre of a small zone which has been declared neutral for the period of the parleys. Beyond an intimation that the victorious invaders are prepared to modify their original demands in regard to the evacuation of the Tchataldja lines by the Turks, and also to permit the Turkish garrison of Adria-nople to march out of that fortress with the honors of war, nothing has been allowed to transpire as to the discussions between the delegates. Unless significant can be attached to the unusually long armistice of eight days, reportedly to have been agreed to, there is nothing to give a clue to the probable outcome of the discussions.

While the principals are thus engaged in efforts to arrange a truce between the opposing armies preparatory to a definite peace, preparations elsewhere for possible trouble on a larger scale show no signs of abatement.

While the intentions of the great European powers undoubtedly remain peaceful, Austro-Hungarian procedure seems to foreshadow separate action which will render difficult the realization of the plan of Premier Asquith for the settlement of the near eastern questions as a whole when the war is over.

A Turk Success. London, Nov. 25.—A special dispatch from the Turkish headquarters at Hadim confirms the report that the Ottoman troops captured 800 Bulgarians and Serbs during the last day of the fighting. The Bulgarians also left six field guns and one machine gun on the field. Another special dispatch from Antivari says Austria-Hungary is mobilizing a place of the garrison of the Austrian fortress at Spizza, in Dalmatia, has been sent.

Ochrida Captured. Belgrade, Nov. 25.—The Servians have captured Ochrida, in Albania, without resistance.

In response to an inquiry from a Servian general as to whether Greece could provision the Servian troops operating along the Adriatic coast, the King of Greece has replied that he would be glad to supply the administration for the boundless bravery of the Servian army by sending Greek ships for that purpose.

CONNAUGHTS' WREATH ON CLOUSTON'S BIER

Remains of Noted Financier and Banker Were Cremated At Montreal.

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, Nov. 25.—The funeral of the late Sir Edward Clouston, first vice-president of the Bank of Montreal, took place this afternoon, after the cremation of the remains. Among the mourners was Captain T. H. Rivers Bulkeley, C.M.G., M.V.O., representing his royal highness the Duke and the Duchess of Connaught and the Princess Patricia, who sent a wreath. Upon the card attached to it was the following:

"A token of great regard and deepest regret, Arthur, Louise, Margaret, Patricia."

Another wreath from their royal highnesses' staff had a card attached upon which the following was inscribed: "In grateful remembrance of many kind-nesses."

ADRIET IN STORM WITH SMALLPOX ABOARD

Terrible Plight of Steamer Turret Crown at Eastern End of Superior.

[Canadian Press.]

Sault Ste. Marie, Nov. 25.—Disabled and with smallpox aboard, the steamer Turret Crown is adrift at the eastern end of Lake Superior. Word was sent here from Fort William to have men handle the lines on her arrival Saturday night, and police have been on duty at the locks ever since to prevent anyone from coming ashore. She was last seen Saturday night, when she was lost sight of by her consort in a snowstorm. She is bound for Georgian Bay ports, where she will be quarantined. A tug has been sent to her assistance.

GOMPERTS IS ILL; MAY HAVE PNEUMONIA

President of American Federation of Labor Seriously Ill at Rochester.

Rochester, N. Y., 25.—President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, is seriously ill at his hotel here and is threatened with pneumonia, according to his physicians. President Gompers was to have welcomed the delegates to the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, which convened this morning, but he is unable to attend. A physician in attendance upon Gompers has issued strict orders for quiet.

HOME OF PRIVATE ARCHIE PINEL; HOW THE MONEY WAS SPENT



The above is a cut of the recently-renovated home of Private Archie Pinel, of Dorinda street, who has been confined to his bed for the last eight years, through an injury received during the South African war. Mr. Pinel's condition was unknown to the majority of the citizens until brought to their notice by The Advertiser in May. The result of the publication of his story was that sufficient funds were subscribed to completely change the surroundings of the bedridden veteran.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS. In July the committee in charge of the expenditure of the fund had the house wired for electric lighting and installed gas and a gas range. About a month ago the repairs to the house were completed at a cost of \$500, and as a result Mr. Pinel is enabled to enjoy the fresh air and sunlight all the day, whereas before he had not been out of his bedroom for eight years. The house, which was previously a frame one, has been brick veneered and a verandah 20 by 10 feet erected on the front. One half of the verandah is constructed as a sun room, and here the invalid is able to enjoy the outside world, which had been denied him previously. A stone foundation was built under the house, and the roof of the house replaced by a new one, from a fund other than that donated by the public.

A HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT. Besides the alterations and repairs to the house the committee have purchased a complete hospital equipment for such a case, and the veteran is much more comfortable than when he had but the common appliances. A bedstead, toilet, hospital bed, air pump, back rests, and other articles which will give him more comfort, have been purchased. Perhaps the greatest comfort to Pinel is that the committee have obtained a lease on the house from his brother that will exist during his lifetime, and in case he should wish to leave the house he will be given the rent for his own use.

LIVES IN HOPES. As a result of the work of the committee he is in much better spirits and health, and expects to be able to leave his bed in a year or so. The committee expect to be able to secure a nurse soon, so that the invalid will be given the proper dieting and attention that such a case deserves.

WILL CIRCULATE PETITIONS ASKING FOR SUNDAY CARS

Advocates of the Change Are Holding Back Until Such Time as the Suburbs Are Annexed—Now Ready to Start Campaign.

The advocates of Sunday cars will make no move until the order annexing Pottersburg and Ealing has been passed by the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board. Petitions are ready to be circulated the moment the suburbs are added, asking the council to submit a bylaw to the people. The population figures of the city and the parts annexed, both on the Dominion

HEAVY BLIZZARD IN THE EAST; OTTAWA STREET CARS STALLED

Railways Seriously Handicapped and Roads Blocked in Eastern Ontario.

[Canadian Press.]

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—Eastern Ontario in the night and early hours of today experienced a storm of almost unprecedented severity for November. The storm set in early Sunday night, and though snow in most places ceased falling about 9 o'clock this morning it

THREE FUNERALS FROM ONE CHURCH

Last Services Were Conducted at St. Peter's Cathedral.

Rev. Mons. J. T. Aylward, in a sermon at St. Peter's Cathedral on Sunday, commented upon the fact that three funerals were to be held from that edifice this morning. The number of deaths, he said, is appalling, and this fact should serve its purpose in the lives of the people of the community.

The first funeral this morning was that of Daniel (Tovet) Belaskey, an Austrian, employed on a Grand Trunk construction gang, whose death resulted from injuries some time ago at Komoka. He was 32 years of age, and a native of Austria, where his wife and family still live. The funeral was held at 7:45 from the undertaking parlors of Smith, Son & Clark to the cathedral, where Rev. Mons. Aylward officiated. Mons. Aylward also took charge of the services at the grave.

The funeral of John J. Dwyer, printer, of Richmond street, who died after a two-days' illness from congestion of the lungs, was held at 9 o'clock, and at 10 o'clock the funeral mass of Percy Tracy, who was killed while engaged in railroad work at Cayuga was held. All three were interred at St. Peter's Cemetery.

EIGHTEEN PERSONS HURT IN RADIAL CAR CRASH

Confused by Snowstorm, Motorman on a Car Near Montreal Runs Past Switch and Collides With Another at Forty Miles an Hour.

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, Nov. 25.—Eighteen people were injured, nine very seriously, in a head-on collision which occurred on the suburban branch of the street railway between two heavy express cars at Abundant this morning. A heavy snowstorm was in progress at the time of the accident, and it is thought that the snow falling prevented one of the motormen from stopping at a switch. He passed it at a high rate of speed, and the two cars were within a few feet of one another before the motormen began to apply the brakes, which were unable to prevent the smash. Most of the passengers were hurt by flying glass after the impact took place. The cars were crowded with people coming into the city for their business.

SALVATION ARMY SECURED \$309 FROM LOCAL TAG DAY

The sum of \$309 was collected by the Salvation Army in their tag day campaign on Saturday last. This amount was collected by the sale of the tags. The army have not yet secured the total of about 100 boxes, which they placed in stores in various parts of the city.

C. N. R. SAID TO BE AFTER PERE MARQUETTE SYSTEM

May Explain Why They Want the L. and P. S. R. as a Link.

There is a rumor in circulation today that the Canadian Northern will absorb the Pere Marquette lines in Ontario within a short time, and operate them in connection with the main system through this portion of the province. The Mackenzie & Mann interests are anxious to tap the territory in Western Ontario, and would obtain an excellent feeder in this way, for a main line through London to Windsor. If the C. N. R. took over the P. M., and secured the London and Port Stanley, they could run their main line into London, connect with the Pere Marquette lines here, and run through to Detroit.

Their big electrical feeder to Sarnia, the London and Northwestern, would tap all the northern districts, and connect at both ends with their main line. Other feeders sent out in every direction would furnish them with splendid business.

Depends on the L. and P. S. R. If the London and Port Stanley is not secured, a radial road could be run from Brantford to St. Thomas. The St. Thomas board of trade, and the city council are making every effort to get the C. N. R. and make that place a much greater railway centre than it is at the present time. Mayor Graham stated today that the C. N. R. did not need the London and Port Stanley to come to this city. They would like to purchase it, or lease it, but it was not absolutely essential to the success of their schemes. However, others in close touch with the proposition claim that it is an important link, particularly as it concerns London.

MAN AND WIFE WERE TAKEN BY THE POLICE

Each Was Found Drunk and Arrested in Different Parts of the City.

While walking on his beat in the south end Saturday night Policeman Grovet picked up in different places a man and woman, both of whom he charged with being drunk and disorderly. At the station it was discovered that the pair were man and wife. They are well-to-do and the woman appeared in police court this morning in fashionable dress. The man was found on Hamilton road, and the woman on Simcoe street. They were assessed \$5 each, and paid up to avoid a month in jail.

An Elizabeth street woman charged her husband with having beaten her after a little celebration at their home Thursday night. While her husband complained that she is addicted to liquor she asserted that he brought her to the house for a party, the young ladies at which were furnished with the milder stimulants—ice cream. After the departure of the guests she stated that the husband assaulted her, bruising her face while he held his hand over her mouth to quiet her screams.

The husband was bound over in \$100 to keep the peace, while the lady declined to accept the court's suggestion that she go on the Indian list.

MR. WILLIAM LAWRENCE, G.T.R. WATCHMAN, DEAD

Mr. William Lawrence, of 284 Adelaide street, formerly Grand Trunk watchman at the Clarence street crossing, died at his home yesterday in his 55th year. He is survived by his wife, two sons and three daughters: Frank, of this city; William, of Chicago; Mrs. John Connor, of this city; Mrs. George Lersch, of this city, and Miss Edna, at home. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at Woodland Cemetery. Rev. W. H. A. Clark, of Southern Congregational Church, will conduct the services.

CHAIN PLACED ACROSS TRACK ATTEMPT TO WRECK TRAIN

Dastardly Deed East of the City at the Gravel Pit—Five Freight Cars Thrown Off Track Where Obstruction Was Discovered.

A deliberate attempt to wreck Grand Trunk Express No. 15, which is due out of this city for the east at 6:57, was made Sunday night near the gravel pit east of the city, when some person as yet unknown to the company's detectives, who are at work on the case, placed a heavy chain over both rails.

Outgoing manifest freight No. 422, which left half an hour before No. 15 was due, struck the chain and five cars were put off the rails. The line was blocked for a considerable time, and as the derailment occurred at a diamond it was found necessary to hold No. 16 for a considerable time at the city depot. The attempt to wreck the express was

deliberate and malicious, and every effort is being put forth by private detectives to locate the perpetrators of the outrage. Hundreds of lives would have been imperilled by the chain, which is one of the most dangerous contrivances when used for that purpose. The express usually travels at a rapid rate, and the result would no doubt have been exceedingly serious had not the slower-going freight have crossed the line first.

London auxiliary replaced the freight cars and the train proceeded. The chain was a heavy one and could not have fallen in the position in which it was found after the accident. The chain was securely fastened and would have been most effective in bringing about the purpose of the wrecker.

DR. KINGSMILL INJURED WHEN CROSSING GATES FELL

Local Physician Claims There Were No Lights on Richmond Street Crossing of the Grand Trunk Railway—Car Was Partially Wrecked.

Dr. H. A. Kingsmill had a narrow escape from serious injury while crossing the Grand Trunk tracks on Richmond street shortly after midnight on Sunday. He is laid up in bed, suffering from painful bruises. He was answering a call in South London, and drove his runabout. As he approached the crossing the gates, had no lights on, he claims. As he attempted to

PAY OF MEMBERS MAY BE INCREASED

Movement Started to Boost the Salaries to Three Thousand Dollars.

A POPULAR PROPOSAL

Unanimous Demand Likely To Be Made on Government Before Session Is Much Older.

[Special To The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Nov. 25.—A movement has been started to increase the pay of members of parliament to three thousand dollars. For the past six or seven years the allowance has stood at twenty-five hundred dollars. And last session an allowance was made for stenographic help. Sixty-five thousand dollars was voted for the purpose, which amounted to about four hundred dollars per member.

BUTCHER CONVICTED; SENTENCE DEFERRED

Thomas J. Flannigan Arraigned on Charge by Market Clerk.

Thomas J. Flannigan, a butcher, who refused to move out of a stall in the market for which he did not pay rent, and who also refused to take the position on the open square assigned to him by Market Clerk W. C. Maker, was found guilty of an infraction of the bylaw by Police Magistrate Judd this morning, but sentence was suspended on payment of \$5 cents costs.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR.

Forecast. Toronto, Nov. 25—8 a.m. Strong northwest to west winds, decreasing tonight; generally fair and moderately cold today and Tuesday.

Temperatures. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather. LONDON 44.5 32 Snow. Calgary 42 16 Fair. Winnipeg 26 20 C. at Port Arthur 30 12 Fair. Parry Sound 34 22 Cloudy. Toronto 40 28 Cloudy. Ottawa 36 20 Snow. Montreal 36 28 Snow. Quebec 32 22 Snow. Father Point 32 22 Cloudy.

Weather Notes. A pronounced depression covers the New England States, causing stormy conditions from the Great Lakes to the Maritime Provinces, while in the west the weather is fine and moderately cold. A heavy snowfall is occurring in the Ottawa and St. Lawrence valleys.

ASK FOR \$200,000 FOR STORM SEWERS

Opinion Appears To Be in Favor of Going Lightly in the Matter.

A special meeting of the board of works has been called for this afternoon to select an expert to check over the figures of the proposed storm sewer system. Two prominent firms are mentioned in connection with the proposition. The one is that headed by Mr. T. Aird Murray, of Toronto. The other is the Domestic Engineering Company, of Montreal.

In the opinions expressed by a number of the aldermen today, it seems likely that Mr. Murray will be selected. The board will also discuss the advisability of submitting the bylaw as a whole or in sections. The opinion prevails that to submit the bylaw calling for an expenditure of from \$600,000 to \$750,000 would be fatal to the chances of the scheme. To spread the expenditure over a term of years, say ten, would mean the outlay of probably \$100,000 a year, and at the end of the time the whole system would be completed.

CHRISTMAS RUSH IS STARTING ALREADY

London People Are Beginning to Buy For the Season of All Seasons.

With Christmas only thirty days in the future, London merchants are beginning to feel the early rush of Christmas shopping. Christmas goods are being prominently displayed in cases, on counters and in windows, and already there is a brisk trade. Merchants in every line of business affected by the Christmas season are busily preparing for the great rush which is only beginning. This year's Christmas business promises to be greater than last season. The country is in the midst of a wave of prosperity at present, and indications are that the record-breaking trade of last Christmas will be outdone. The great majority of shoppers, at present are people who are purchasing gifts to send away. However, the great rush of Christmas shopping does not begin until a couple of weeks from Christmas. Many people are just now beginning to realize how near Christmas really is.

ELDERLY LADY SUICIDES AT GUELPH

Guelph, Nov. 25.—Miss McKenzie, 70 years of age, living at the corner of New and Queen streets, committed suicide, this morning. Shortly before breakfast time she left the house, and going to the shed, killed herself by hanging from a beam. She had been despondent for some time.

SCHOONER GOES DOWN

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 25.—The schooner Horatia, of Machias, Maine, grounded off Savin Rock, on the west shore of the harbor, last night, during a heavy blow, filled and sank. Her decks are under water. The crew of five was taken off and brought to this city. The schooner was bound from New York for Eastport with 350 tons of coal. Capt. H. M. Clark commanded her.