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Tuesday, December 30, 1913

A NOTABLE VICTORY.

It will be noticed by the report of the proceedings at the Police Court this morning that the Brantford Gas Company has made a notable back-down.

In their behalf it was stated that within three weeks they could purify enough of the Tilbury gas, together with the supply still remaining in the Onondaga field, to furnish Brantford with 1,000,000 feet a day.

This is more than ample to meet all requirements. The victory is most satisfactory and complete and it is to acting Mayor Spence that the credit belongs of leading the fight right from the start to a splendid finish.

MR. WOOD'S CANDIDACY FOR MAYOR.

Mr. T. L. Wood, without a shred of experience at the City Council board is a last minute candidate for the office of Mayor.

Since 1878, when the first contest in the newly created city as such took place, not one man has sought this high office without first serving an apprenticeship as alderman.

Mr. Wood seems to think that he should be immune from any such training, that for some inscrutable reason he is fitted offhand to take up duties and responsibilities of which he is entirely ignorant.

The Courier, personally, has nothing to say against Mr. Wood. He is like most of the rest of us, an average citizen, who has attended to the duties and responsibilities of life as they have arisen to the best of his ability, but this paper does object, and most emphatically object, when he seeks without any preparation to attain a post of such importance; one to most decidedly warrant, and call for, some previous civic experience.

This objection becomes all the stronger, when it is remembered that as far as the Courier can recall, Mr. Wood has never taken any active part on behalf of the ownership by the people of public utilities, that method which is daily growing stronger in the estimation of thinking people.

It is not denied that he was allied with interests which fiercely struggled against the establishment of a Hydro Electric plant here under municipal control, and of his attitude with reference to pure gas and the acquirement of the street railway system by the corporation, he did not even put in an appearance at the nomination meeting to say one word.

Taking one consideration with another, the citizens of Brantford will do the best thing by letting Mr. Wood stay at home.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

It will be another case of Wood in the woods.

Now the question arises as to who wooed Wood.

Seems quite cheerful to have another fight on hand.

Now then, gentlemen, buckle up to it and never let up until the last available vote has been polled.

Hearty congratulations to Mayor Patterson of Paris upon receiving a term by acclamation. He had richly earned the same.

Members of the Wood family seem to think that the Brantford Mayoralty should be handed to them just like any other heirloom.

The United States Department of Agriculture makes the official report that the main cause of high profits is the middlemen. Improved methods of marketing are recommended as the only relief. Told you so.

In the natural order of things it takes civic training for a man to become an efficient Mayor. It would be as foolish to hand the municipal rudder to an absolute novice just as much as it would be to place one in the hands of a greenhorn on any ship.

CLOSE ALL STORES.

NELSON, B. C., Dec. 30.—In accordance with instructions from the police commissioners, all fruit and tobacco stores will be closed next Sunday for the first time in the history of Nelson.

MURDER MYSTERY IN NEW YORK

Police Are Confident That Trunk Scandal Will Soon be Cleared Up.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—By drawing in the net of investigation begun yesterday noon when the body of a man was found in a trunk in front of a Pitt street tenement on the East Side, the police are confident that the identity of New York's third trunk murder mystery in four years will be positively established. The two previous trunk mysteries remain unsolved. Yesterday the body was identified as that of John Kremen, 24 years old by a man who had worked with him in the West Virginia coal mines. To-day two house wreckers—J. F. Donovan and J. F. Dolan will view the body in an effort to solve the ownership of a time check bearing the initials "J.F.D." and the number "102" which was on the body. The police believe that the dead man was formerly employed by Donovan and Dolan and that one of them will be able to give some facts concerning his habits and associates.

To-day the police also hope to gather in a number of men answering the descriptions of the two who yesterday dumped the trunk containing the body from a push cart onto the sidewalk at the Pitt street tenement entrance.

BIG BUSINESS HOUSE GOES BANKRUPT

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Six enterprises controlled by the Siegel stores corporation of this city and in Boston, were thrown into bankruptcy to-day in a friendly proceedings instituted in the federal courts. The concerns did an annual gross business estimated at \$40,000,000 but it is understood that their Christmas business did not come up to expectations and they found themselves hard pressed by curtailment of banking credit. The failure had been discounted in the financial district and had no effect on the stock.

The companies for which receivers were named are:

The Fourteenth street store, New York.

The Simpson-Crawford Company New York.

Henry Siegel and Co. Bankers, New York.

Henry Siegel and Company, wholesalers, New York.

Merchants Express Company, New York.

Henry Siegel Company Boston, a department store.

The Greenhut-Siegel-Cooper Company of this city is not allied with the chain of stores in trouble and was in no way involved. Siegel, Cooper and Company of New York, although its stock is controlled by the Siegel Stores Corporation, is likewise not affected. On the other hand its business is declared to be in a highly prosperous condition. The banking business was conducted in connection with the Fourteenth Street Store in this city, but the amount of deposits or the number of depositors was not made known.

Counsel announced, however, that Henry Siegel and Frank E. Vogel principal owners of the stores had pledged \$3,500,000 in stock in the Siegel stores corporation toward the depositors' protection. The bank will proceed to liquidate.

Efforts will be made to reorganize the chain of stores as soon as possible. Meanwhile the business will be conducted by the receivers.

ANTOPSY HELD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—An autopsy performed to-day on the body of a man jammed in a trunk and dumped at an east side tenement doorway yesterday failed to reveal the exact way in which the victim had come to his death. The neck was dislocated, but this is believed to have been done when the trunk lid was closed more than likely after death. Asphyxiation through strangulation was the cause of death, but there was no signs of violence on the throat.

The police continued to prosecute a vigorous search for the men who left the trunk and attempted to clinch the identification of the victim as John Fremien, a young laborer.

ANOTHER CLASH OCCURS

SHELTON, Conn., Dec. 30.—Another clash between the police and strikers and sympathizers, during which a number of shots were fired occurred this morning in connection with the strike in the weave shop of Blumenthal Company's silk mill. Mary Smarsh, a nonpartisan, was struck by a revolver butt. Her wound will not prove fatal. Eight persons, two women and six men, were arrested. Eight strikers were arrested yesterday for rioting.

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MONTREAL STILL IN GREAT DANGER

Fifth Day of Inadequate Water Supply—Relief in Sight.

[Canadian Press Despatch] MONTREAL, Dec. 30.—This city has entered upon its fifth day of inadequate water supply. This morning a dangerous fire was only confined to one building on St. Lawrence street because of the absence of wind while prompt work by the firemen, many of whom have not had their clothes off for several days, accounted for no other blazes.

The St. Lawrence St. fire damaged the offices and store of the National Stove Foundry Company, the Miller Clothing Company and Lax and Rosenstein, clothiers. The damage done is estimated at around \$90,000.

The firemen were compelled to stand by idle for thirty minutes until the city's reserve force of water was turned into the empty mains. This morning Eugene Sullivan, resident engineer in charge of the construction of the conduit to the water works pump house which collapsed, was suspended by City Engineer Janin.

Indignation meetings have been called by all the important business organizations in the city, with the avowed intention of passing strongly worded resolutions condemning those responsible for the blunder and the scandal.

An official statement from the waterworks department of the city revealed water this afternoon, as repairs to the intake pipe had been completed.

ANOTHER FIRE.

MONTREAL, Dec. 30.—Candles burning beside the corpse of Ivan Waluka, a Pole, set fire to the cabinet in the morgue this afternoon and before the firemen could put out the flames with their chemical outfit the roof of the building was destroyed and damage to the extent of \$2,000 done. The corpse was saved.

City News Items

A Reception. New Year's afternoon a reception is being held at the Y.M.C.A. to which non-members are invited. A display of gymnasium work and sports in the tank will be put on and should prove very interesting. In the evening the seniors play a basketball tea from Toronto West End Y.M.C.A. As a preliminary to this game the seniors will play the local juniors leaders. The line up of the local seniors will be: Smith and Verity, forwards; Buckborough, centre; Waddington and Henry, defence.

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SIR THOMAS MAKES DENIAL

Statement That the C. P. R. Has Purchased M. C. R. Line Untrue, He Says.

[Canadian Press Despatch] MONTREAL, Dec. 30.—Sir Thos. Shaughnessy, president of the C.P.R., this afternoon denied the rumor of the purchase by his company of the M. C. R. lines in Canada, which has been put into circulation by despatches from Welland to Toronto morning papers. It is pointed out by the C. P. R. officials that the company's line from Montreal to Detroit is being double tracked and will run in competition to the C. P. R.

An official denial is also made of the rumors published here yesterday that the C.P.R. was behind the proposition to build a line in Maine from Caribou to Sherbrooks as a part of a new short line from Halifax to Montreal.

BLACKBURN, Eng., Dec. 30.—Eighteen weaving mills in this district have been closed within the past few days owing to the great slump in the cotton trade. Over 1000 work people have been thrown out of employment and it is understood that many more mills are about to cease operations.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell, K.C.M.G., celebrated his 90th birthday at Belleville in the midst of numerous relatives from far and near.

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4. He has had no part in bringing the Brantford Street Railway to time, has none of the threads in hand leading to that desirable consummation, and personally is out of touch with this as with regard to all other matters.

In short, a vote for T. L. Wood will be a vote to deny the value or the need of City Council service, a vote to uphold those who tried to keep Hydro-Electric out of Brantford, a vote to imperil the present measures for obtaining pure gas, and a vote to jeopardize the at present smooth-running course leading to Brantford acquiring ownership of the Street Railway.

Can you afford to give it?

COLD IN PARIS PARIS, Dec. 30.—Intense cold, the like of which has been unknown the past decade in France, Spain and Portugal, has caused numerous deaths as the population of these countries were unprepared for such a rigorous winter. The temperature registered in the south of France has reached from 4 to 6 degrees below zero Fahrenheit, while storms raged to-day along the Mediterranean, the Atlantic and the channel coasts, and heavy snow fell in Paris and the northern departments of France.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—The whole of Germany was to-day in the grip of violent storms, accompanied in many places by heavy falls of snow. Berlin itself is thickly covered with snow which is comparatively rare here. Four fishermen were drowned to-day at Swinemunde, where the sea shore was severely damaged, and some of the harbor works destroyed.

Dr. Henry Morgan, the great Canadian biographer, died at Brockville, Ont.

To The Editor

AND STILL ANOTHER

Editor of the Courier: Sir—To my surprise the Gas Company has sent in their bills; the nerve of some people. I bought a new gas stove about six weeks ago. I will soon need another one. You can scarcely turn the jets on, they are all gummed up. My stove is all rusted, my silverware all turned black, my flowers are dead; my little girl was very sick. We all have suffered with headache. The people of Brantford

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have certainly suffered and been patiently waiting for our city fathers to get rid of this horrible nuisance. The Gas Company should not be allowed to collect a cent; we all have had extra expense through loss, buying new stoves, lamps, getting our rooms wired, losing beautiful flowers. Will some one who knows reply what is going to be done. Is the gas here to stay. E. E.

Triplets, all boys, were born by the wife of Mr. F. Tiller, Niagara Falls, Ont.

FREE! 100 Beautiful Bronzed Clocks will be given away free to each purchaser who makes a cash purchase of \$20.00 or over. We have a smaller size that we give free with a \$10 cash purchase or over. These Clocks are good value from \$5.00 to \$10.00 each. Remember, that you get one free. This is a good chance to get one a Christmas present without any cost to you. We are doing this because we have to get a considerable amount of money between now and Christmas.

Brantford Home Furnishing Company 45 Colborne St. Telephone 1724 Nusbaum & Zipper, Prop.

Paris, Dec. 29.—The nominations last night attracted a large number of electors ever edged together in Paris on a occasion. The council chamber voted totally inadequate to hold crowd and fully as many were held away as gained admission. A field of candidates was brought ward for the aldermanic contest, with the interest shown meeting augurs well for a campaign. Mayor Patterson was turned by acclamation, as was Macfarlane to the position of and Light Commissioner, also three retiring members of the Board and the Separate School. In all the other positions there will be a contest.

The nominations resulted as follows: For Mayor, J. M. Patterson, by Chas. V. and H. Redder. For Reeve, A. L. Davidson, by Dr. Dunt C. M. Wells. Isaac Stewart, by F. P. Hurst and Geo. Wilson. E. H. Tucker, by R. J. E. and F. Drake. C. B. Dobinson, by C. Wells, H. Redder. Dr. Lovett, by H. Redder, Wells.

For Depute Reeve, Thos. Evans, by John Howell, Thos. English. Louis La Pierre, by F. Blau and J. W. Hibborn. Councillors, John D. Reynolds, by Frank den and Thos. Stewart. Edward Pitts, by Dr. Dunt C. M. Wells. Arthur Sayles, by C. M. Wells. John Folseter, by E. P. Hurst and Geo. Wilson. Charles E. Walker, by E. H. Redder, by Dr. Log J. M. Patterson. Henry Edwards, by Thos. wart and H. Redder. Isaac Stewart, by F. P. Hurst and Geo. Wilson. E. H. Tucker, by R. J. E. and F. Drake. C. B. Dobinson, by C. Wells, H. Redder. Dr. Lovett, by H. Redder, Wells.

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