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TO BUILD ROADS BY CONVICT LABOR

Automobile Federation of Canada Will Make Suggestion to Provincial and Federal Governments — Uniform Automobile License Law is Needed.

An effort will be made by the Automobile Federation of Canada to have convict labor used in the building of roads thruout the entire Dominion. The federation at its annual meeting, held yesterday afternoon in the Ontario Motor League rooms in the Lumsden building, decided to appeal to the various provincial governments as well as to the Dominion Government with a view to having this system established.

This system of road-building has been in vogue in many parts of the United States for two years and has met with great success. It was first started in the Western States and has rapidly grown until now it has worked itself into the Eastern States and practically every State in the Union is building its roads in this manner. The convicts will be allowed out on parole and will receive a salary for their work if this system is established in Canada.

The federation is offering this scheme to the various provincial governments as well as the Dominion body as one means of solving the roads question.

Uniform Law.

A campaign will also be started in the near future with a view to establishing a uniform regulation governing automobiles in all the provinces of the Dominion. At present in nearly every province there is a different rule regarding the placing of license numbers, the rate of speed, the placing of lights and the levying of fines, and it is with a view of having these regulations made uniform thruout the entire Dominion that the federation is starting this campaign. By establishing this new uniform regulation it will mean that tourists from one province to another will know just what the regulations are and will not be

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BURIED UNDER BRICKS BOTH HIPS ARE BROKEN

James Johnston May Die as Result of Internal Injuries.

While wheeling a truck containing 1000 bricks, James Johnston, 46 Pape avenue, an employe of the York Sandstone and Brick Co. was buried under hundreds of pounds of bricks when the apparatus overturned, spilling the contents on him. The accident occurred at the east end branch of the brick concern, at 5.30 yesterday afternoon.

He was first removed to his home, but Dr. East, summoned to attend him, considered his condition so serious that he was removed to the General Hospital in F W. Matthews' private ambulance. Both hips are broken, the right leg fractured, and the man is also believed to be suffering from internal injuries.

ISLAND LEGISLATORS TO ASSEMBLE IN JANUARY

Fishermen Will Be Strongly Represented in Newfoundland's New House.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 30.—(Can Press.)—Gov. Davidson issued a proclamation tonight summoning the legislature elected last October to meet Wednesday, Jan. 14. Sir Edward Morris, the premier, will continue in power with 21 members of the people's party, and Sir Robert Bond, former premier, will head the opposition, consisting of five Liberals and ten members of the Fishermen's Protective Union, which won large majorities in the northern districts.

AUTOMOBILE LICENSES TO BE ISSUED FRIDAY

Many Motorists Who Applied Yesterday at Parliament Buildings Were Disappointed.

Provincial automobile licenses for 1914 will not be issued at the parliament buildings until Friday morning.

A small army of persons anxious to acquire their new licenses beforehand were turned away disappointed from the provincial secretary's office yesterday

TASMAN SAFELY FLOATED.

THURSDAY ISLAND, Australasia, Dec. 30.—The steamer Tasman, which has been ashore for several days in the Gulf of Papua, was floated today with the assistance of the Japanese steamer Inaho Maru. She is said to have fifteen feet of watetr in her hold, but with her own pumps is keeping it from rising.

A HARASSING DOUBT

FREDDY: Mr. Robertson he says it's the City Hall, but, gee, it looks t' me like the Horspittle for Sick Children.

FIVE THOUSAND REBELS ENGAGE IN CONFLICT WITH FEDERALS CLOSE TO BORDER LINE OF U.S.

Battle in Progress for Thirty-Six Hours and Outcome is in Doubt—Rebels Are Aggressive and Losses Are Reported Heavy on Both Sides.

PRESIDIO, Dec. 30.—(Can. Press.)—The battle between 5000 rebels under Gen. Toribio Ortega and the northern division of the Mexican federal army, entrenched around Ojinaga, Mexico, across the border from this place, still was in progress when darkness fell tonight. No bullets came across the border.

The forces had been engaged for 36 hours and many had been killed and wounded on both sides.

Gen. Ortega, executing a series of flank movements, kept steadily on the offensive, gaining foot by foot the approaches to the federal stronghold. The federal forces, altho crippled and disorganized by the first rebel onslaught, which drove in their outposts, clung to the hillside trenches, where their leaders had decided to make a last stand.

Federals Gained Courage.

The federals rallied somewhat from the panic which seized many of them with the first volleys of the rebels, when daylight disclosed the position of Ortega's men and put up a plucky fight against heavy odds, altho their losses were heavy, both from wounds and desertions.

Many wounded and deserters waded waist deep thru the river to the American side.

It was impossible even to approximate the number of dead and wounded, altho many are known to have fallen on each side. Fifteen of the federal wounded who waded the river were allowed to remain and were cared for by United States army physicians, but several score unwounded federal deserters were disarmed by the border patrol under Major McNamee, and sent back across the border.

Carnage Heavy.

Army officers were convinced, from the fact that 15 wounded were able to make their way across the river, that the casualties had been heavy and Red Cross representatives therefore sent requests for more help and hospital supplies. They also requested permission to cross the border to attend the wounded on the battlefield.

Neither of the opposing forces is provided with hospital facilities, and the wounded have been left on the hillsides where they fell.

Servian Cabinet Resigns

BELGRADE, Servia, Dec. 30.—(Can. Press).—The Servian premier, N. P. Pachitch, today tendered the king the resignation of the cabinet. The war minister resigned from the cabinet a few days ago owing to the refusal of the ministry to pass the war budget.

WATER FAMINE NEARLY AT END

Repairs on Montreal's Broken Intake Pipe Completed—Filling Up Reservoirs First.

MONTREAL, Dec. 30.—(Can. Press.)—At 11.45 o'clock this evening the repair work on the broken intake pipe was completed and the water turned on in the presence of city officials and workmen who were employed to do the work.

By midnight quite a respectable flow of water was making its way thru the patched-up pipe, faltering gingerly past the seven-foot steel tubes that had been rudely inserted into what had been the nine-foot conduit, and so on to Point St. Charles, where the pumps, driven by the steam which had been kept up for hours by the continually-banked fires, were chuff-chuffing away as if their very mechanical lives depended upon it.

But the fact that the water was being drawn up to the pumping station in increasing flow did not mean that the citizens were getting water yet. The big reservoirs and the little ones on the heights overlooking the city had been standing empty for several days, and the first care was to fill them and so remove the imminent danger from fire.

LONDON TIMES ISSUES PACIFIC COAST NUMBER

British Columbia Among Various States Included—Reference to Panama Canal.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—(C.A.P.)—The Times published today a Pacific coast supplement to its ordinary issues in its forty-four pages. Each of the different states which make up Alaska, British Columbia, California, Oregon and Washington is dealt with separately, attention being given to the history and social condition of the people as well as to the industrial development of the country. Several commerce charts also are included.

DROPPED DEAD ON CITY STREET WHILE RETURNING FROM MASS

Daniel McCarthy, Late Storekeeper at Hamilton Asylum and Central Prison, Died Suddenly in Toronto.

Daniel McCarthy, late storekeeper at the Hamilton Asylum, and formerly storekeeper at the Central Prison, Toronto, dropped dead at the corner of Lansdowne avenue and Dundas street yesterday morning. It was not known who he was at the time and his body was removed to the morgue, where it was identified later in the day by his son, Herbert McCarthy, of the King Edward Hotel. Mr. McCarthy had attended mass at St. Helen's Church and was on his way home when his death occurred.

The late Mr. McCarthy was 82 years of age and was born in Cork, Ireland. He came to Toronto about 65 years ago. For 36 years he worked for the government. For 13 years he was chief storekeeper at the Central Prison, Toronto, and 25 years ago left to take a similar position at the Hamilton Asylum. He retired seven years ago. He was a widower for 19 years and leaves a grown-up family of five children.

The funeral will take place from his late residence, 103 Grenadier road, on Friday at 8.30 a.m. to St. Helen's Church. Interment will be in Mount Hope Cemetery.

DOWN IN LITTLE P. E. I. EVERYBODY'S LIVING HIGH

Foxes, When They're Brought in Pairs, Speedily Breed Millionaires.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I., Dec. 30.—(Can. Press.)—The outstanding feature of the year on Prince Edward Island has been the phenomenal development of the fox industry. The present value of ranches is $12,000,000, twenty-five per cent. more than the stock on the farm.

The government will receive $37,000 from fox taxes. Prices show no sign of decline, options for next year being sold at from $12,000 to $14,000 per pair, and next year will probably see more ranches established. This week options were taken on several companies, aggregating a capitalization of about a third of a million. A prominent Halifax promoter has gone to England to finance the merger.

Leading merchants of the island are almost unanimous in stating that the year has been the brightest in the island's history from the business standpoint. The money stringency, prevalent elsewhere, has been absent here.

OTTAWA'S MAYORALTY FIGHT.

OTTAWA, Dec. 30.—(Can. Press.)—The contest for the Ottawa mayoralty has narrowed down to two candidates, Mayor J. A. Ellis, M.L.A., and Taylor Meveity, former city solicitor. Alderman Beaulieu and ex-Ald. Black failed to file qualification papers, and announced their retirement.

There are nine candidates for the four controllerships.

VAUDEVILLE PERFORMER KILLED BY AGED FATHER

Englishman Shot at Paris as Result of Heated Altercation.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—(Can Press.)—An extraordinary tragedy occurred in Paris tonight A popular English vaudeville performer, known on the stage as Harry Fragson, was shot and killed by his 84-year-old father, Victor Pott.

Fragson had dined at a restaurant, and on the way to the theatre where he has been appearing called at the apartment which he occupied with his father in the Rue de la Fayette. He found the door bolted and was kept waiting a long time before it was opened by his father. High words ensued, and suddenly the father seemed to lose all control of himself. He drew a revolver and the son fell with a bullet in his head.

The feeble old man was greatly shaken and trembled as he told in a somewhat rambling way his story to the police commissary.

ITALIANS PROTESTED AGAINST FOSTER'S WORK

Meeting in St. George's Hall Endorsed James Simpson for Board of Control.

A mass meeting of about five hundred electors of the Italian colony of Toronto was held last evening in St. George's Hall for the purpose of protesting against what Controller Foster had done for the Italian colony in the past. The Italians were sympathetic towards James Simpson, candidate for the board of control, who, along with several other civic candidates, was present.

Speeches were made by R. Paulich, Vanni Oranova, Giovanni Colombo and Leone Zaccaria, who explained to the electors the purpose of the meeting and the candidates they should vote for.

Paris Gagliardini acted as chairman of the meeting.

FIREMAN WAS KILLED IN HEAD-ON COLLISION

But Seventy-Five Passengers Escaped With Mere Shaking Up.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec 30.—(Can. Press.)—Trains on the Valley branch of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad collided head-on seven miles south of here late today. Seventy-five passengers received a severe shaking up, and William Yates of Middletown, Va., fireman on one train, was killed. Medical aid from here and Winchester, Va., was summoned, but the railroad officials state none of the passengers were seriously hurt.

PROTESTS VOICED BY MONTREALERS

Civic Bungling as Exemplified in Water Situation, Roundly Denounced by Public Bodies.

MONTREAL, Dec. 30.—(Can. Press).—There was no beating about the bush in the statements made at the special meeting of public bodies today at the board of trade concerning the situation arising out of the break in the city's water supply. The hall was well filled with prominent business and professional men, who elected Huntley Drummond, president of the board of trade, to the chair. With him on the platform were C. B. Gordon, president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association; Principal Peterson of McGill University, and Hormidas Laporte, ex-president of the chamber of commerce.

Mr. Drummond, in opening the meeting, said that he, along with everybody else in the city, had been a sufferer from the conditions that had prevailed in Montreal during the past week. "I feel a determination," he said, "to do my utmost to end these conditions, and I don't care who suffers in the process. For years we have gone along like children, without paying much attention to what was being done in our name and by our representatives at the city hall.

"It needed some such calamity as this," went on the chairman, "to bring the thing home to every man in Montreal."

Similar sentiments were expressed with considerable force by several other speakers.

SIX BIG STORES FORCED INTO BANKRUPTCY

Siegel Chain of Establishments in New York and Boston, Doing Annual Business of Forty Millions, Unable to Weather Financial Gale — Crash Was Not Unexpected.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—(Can. Press.)—Six enterprises, controlled by the Siegel Stores Corporation in this city and in Boston, were thrown into bankruptcy today in a friendly proceeding 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 has been discounted in the financial district and had no effect on the stock market.

The Companies Involved.

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 Co., wholesalers, New York; Merchants' Express Co., 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 Co., of Chicago, altho 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.

One Banking Firm.

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.

GREEK UNDER ARREST LIVED WITH LOST GIRL

Police Believe Bessie and Josephine Carpenter Are Working in a Restaurant.

Thought to be aware of the present whereabouts of Bessie and Josephine Carpenter, 16 and 14 years of age, who have been missing from their home at 538 Delaware avenue for the last few days, George Panagtkos, a Greek living at 11 Wilton avenue, was arrested on Yonge street by Plainclothesman Grigg yesterday.

Panagtkos lived with the elder girl, first at her home and subsequently at a house on Mutual street, from which he was ejected when the landlady found that the pair were not married. He states that the younger girl followed them to this house, but that he told her to go home.

The police believe the girls are working in a restaurant. An attempt to find them will be made today.

THEATRE TICKETS STOLEN.

Charged with the theft of 1000 tickets from the Loew Theatre, which he was caught selling on Yonge street, Martin Goldthorpe, a porter in the employ of the theatre, living at 29 Sullivan street, was arrested by Detective Miller yesterday.

Dineen's Great January Fur Sale Opens Today.

While this well-known fur house has held a January fur sale for years, nothing in the past can compare with the truly sensational price-cutting that has been done in view of the great selling event which starts today at 140 Yonge street. The mild season and over-production at the factory accounts for the drastic reductions. Readers need hardly be reminded of the high-grade quality of Dineen furs or the stylish designs of their garments. It is, perhaps, necessary, however, to remind those who find it most suitable to shop late, that the store will be open tonight for their convenience.

COUNCIL SHOULD INVESTIGATE FOSTER

To Ascertain Where He Stands in Respect to the Perquisites of His Public Office, Says a Correspondent—"East Ender" Writes of Foster's Houses.

Editor World: From the information you are giving the public in reference to the assessment of Controller Foster's large real estate holdings in Toronto one gets a glimpse of the value of a controllership to a man of wealth.

Think you, are there any other members of the city council benefited as is Controller Foster? Your exposures are causing a great deal of uneasiness in the city, and surely the incoming council will see that an investigation is held to ascertain just where the controller stands in respect to the perquisites of his public office. Let me subscribe myself one for

Fair Assessments.

Editor World: I am very glad to see the way you are going after the "City Watch Dog," and hope you will continue to do so right up to election day. You should send someone down to Knox avenue to see the back yards of his houses. These houses, which were removed from the Morley avenue district at the time of the building of septic tanks, are old structures and the highest rent obtainable is charged for them. One of these, which was an old landmark on the corner of Knox and Eastern avenues for over 48 years and little better than a shanty, he removed and divided into two dwellings. The large house on the corner is an old house removed from the septic tank site also. Altho the other property owners on Knox avenue got up a petition for an asphalt roadway, which is at the present time a filthy mud hole, Foster refused to sign it. Keep the workingman's enemy out.

An East End Citizen.

SEVERE STORM SWEPT EUROPE

Blizzards and Floods Cause Suffering and Havoc in France — Cyclone Reported.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—(Can Press.)—France and a great part of Europe are experiencing the bitterest year-end in a decade. Blizzards and floods have done great damage inland and gales of exceptional violence have ravaged the coasts.

In Spain and Portugal the intense cold has caused numerous deaths. In the South of France the temperature has registered some degrees below zero, Fahrenheit. Mount Vesuvius in Italy is covered with a mantle of snow.

Germany is now in the grip of storms, and in many places, including Berlin, there have been heavy falls of snow.

In France and Southwest Europe the railroads are cut in many places, and this section is practically isolated so far as telegraphic communication is concerned.

Intense Suffering.

Conditions are at their worst in Southern and Central France, which usually are favored by mild winters. Scores of villages, which ordinarily never see snow, are cut off. The suffering of the poor is intense and deaths from exposure are common.

Paris and outlying districts have been partly snowbound, and as a result of temporary thaws the tributaries of the Seine are overflowing. The Paris steamboat service, as a consequence, has been suspended, and tho the authorities do not anticipate a flood of disastrous proportions, they are taking all precautions, as the weather bureau foresees no immediate improvement in conditions.

A cyclone struck Le Creusot, in Saone-Et-Loire, today, doing great damage and overthrowing all the monuments in the cemetery. In the mountainous region of Morvan many houses were unroofed.