

A REDISTRIBUTION MEASURE WHEN LEGISLATURE MEETS

Bill Already Being Drafted and Important Changes Are Likely in London, Hamilton and Toronto.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 6. — It was stated at the Parliament Buildings today that a redistribution bill is to be one of the features of the session to open in February. It is in charge of Dr. Pyne, and many important changes are already decided upon. One important effect of the new measure will be to give four more members to Toronto. This is to be effected by doubling the representation from the present Toronto constituencies. Even at this increase, Toronto will only have one member for over 30,000 inhabitants, which is not greater than Hamilton and Ottawa's representations.

More members for Ottawa, Hamilton and London may be effected by a rearrangement affecting the various counties adjoining.

County boundaries are still to be the basis of representation, and no very radical changes are likely. Nipissing is to get three members, instead of two.

BOARDER WORE OUT HIS WELCOME

Leaves Ring as Security and Later Claims It Was Tampered With.

Stanley McGrath, a young man with a loud overcoat, and tie of a wallpaper pattern, appeared at the police court this morning to answer a charge of fraud laid against him by Miss Annie Black, at whose house he incurred a \$37 board bill. He would have tarried longer had he not worn out his welcome to such an extent that Miss Black garnished his wages, at which he got angry and left.

Stanley left Miss Black's house slightly in debt, leaving a gold ring set with a diamond as security and to prevent him from getting into trouble with his employer Miss Black did not make use of her garnishee privileges.

Last Tuesday about 3 o'clock Stanley went to Miss Black's house to straighten out his account with a roll of bills like a Pullman car pillow. After counting over his roll he found that he had nothing but ten spots and so could not pay to the even cent. Miss Black did not take long to solve the problem of change and sent one of the tens to a nearby store to have it changed. While awaiting the return of the money McGrath was present with his goods, which had been in bondage, including the diamond ring. He then accused Miss Black of having changed the stone in the ring or having taken a chip off it, and after having examined it carefully with a magnifying glass he left, as he said, to have it examined by a jeweler. Meantime the bill remained unpaid.

Miss Black then notified the police and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

McGrath's only plea this morning was that he had been under the influence of liquor, and did not know what he was doing.

The magistrate, after pointing out the seriousness of his offense, allowed McGrath to go on suspended sentence on condition that he pay Miss Black in full what he owed her and also the expenses of the court.

William Bulbeck appeared on a charge of duck stealing, but was allowed out on bail until such time as his alleged companion in crime, Fred Zimmerman, who failed to answer a summons, is arrested.

Walter Thornton was fined \$10 or 21 days on a charge of being drunk and disorderly, and had to pay \$2 or ten days for a bench which he demolished in his cell in the police station.

SULTAN AND SHAH BETTER Monarchs of Persia and Turkey Show Improvement in Health

Teheran, Persia, Dec. 7. — A slight improvement was noted in the Shah's condition yesterday, and it was maintained today.

Constantinople, Dec. 7. — Dr. Bier, who together with Prof. Bergmann, attended the Sultan during his recent illness, has accepted his majesty's offer of a permanent appointment on the staff of the state hospital. The appointment is due to the Sultan's desire to have Dr. Bier close at hand, although at present, the health of the Sultan appears to be satisfactory.

THE HAMILTON STRIKE AWARD LEAVES THE MEN AS BEFORE

Wage Schedule Same as Drawn Up in the First Arbitration.

Hamilton, Dec. 6. — The members of the railway board made public their award in the wages dispute between the street railway employees and the company shortly before 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The award leaves the men in practically the same position that they were before the strike, the wages schedule being practically the same as that

BURNED TO DEATH BY LIVE COALS

Trainmen Perish in Collision of Fast Trains on the Maine Central.

Lewiston, Me., Dec. 7. — Four persons were killed, and three others seriously injured in a head-on collision between a special and a regular freight train on the Maine Central Railroad, near the small station of Annabescook late last night. The wreck was said to be due to a misunderstanding of orders. Both trains were going so fast when they met that eight of the thirteen cars of the special were hurled over the engine and demolished with the greater part of the contents. The track was blocked for hours.

The Dead.

Fireman Hodges, of the special. Engineer Forrest Fletcher, of the regular train. Engineer Harriman, of the special. Brakeman Rowe.

The dead and injured men were nearly all riding in the engines.

Owing to the late hour at which the accident occurred, all the telephone and telegraph offices in the vicinity were closed and great difficulty was experienced in getting word through to this city for help. The survivors worked desperately to reach their comrades imprisoned beneath the wreckage. Engineer Harriman of the special was taken from his cab alive, but died soon afterwards. Engineer Fletcher was also practically burned to death, but it could not be told whether the others had been killed outright or died before aid reached them. As soon as wrecking crews and physicians could reach the scene, arrangements were made to care for the injured.

Fireman Hodges of the special was wedged so tightly between the engine and tender that it was impossible to remove him, and he was slowly burned to death by the live coals of his machine.

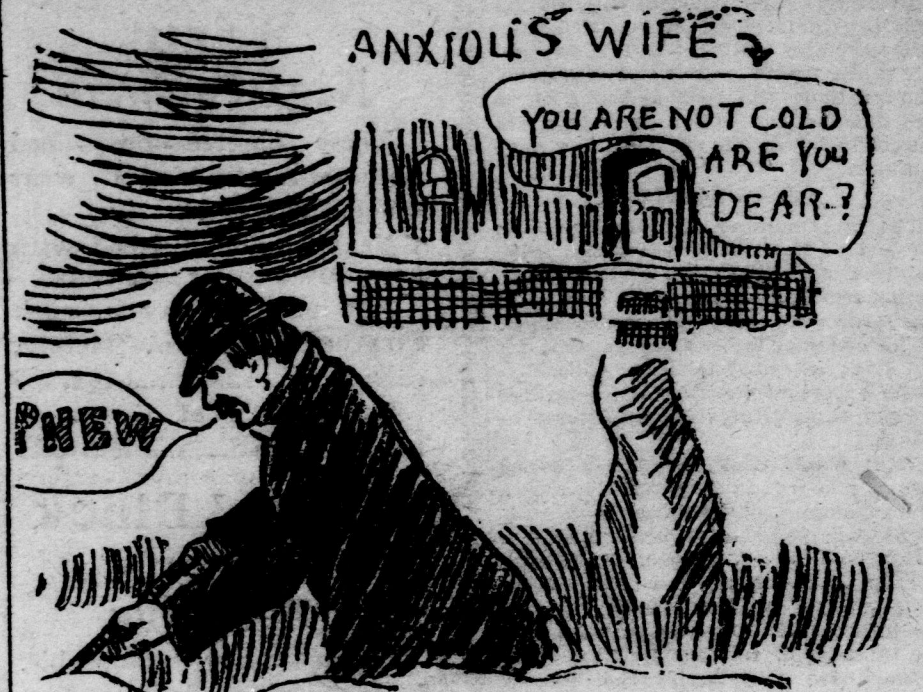
Engineers Harriman and Fletcher and Brakeman Rowe were buried in the piles of wreckage, and their bodies were not reached for some time after the wreck. The collision occurred on the Maine Central line, known as the Back or Upper route.

Conductor Russell of the special, it is said, admits he had received instructions that the regular train was 75 minutes late, and the special was given 70 minutes on the regular's time in order to make a siding at Winthrop. Russell said that in reading the order, he noted an error of an hour in the regular's time for leaving its destination, but thought he had time to make the siding at Winthrop, and gave the order to go ahead.

BIG FIRE AT HOLYOKE

Flames Fanned by Gale Do Damage to Extent of \$300,000.

Holyoke, Mass., Dec. 7. — A disastrous fire broke out in the McAuliffe & Kakein block at the corner of High and Dwight streets early today, and fanned by a high gale, the flames were beyond the control of the firemen, who summoned help from surrounding towns and from Springfield. The loss was early estimated at \$300,000.



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The Famous Chapter House at Cornell Destroyed, With Loss of Life.

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POWER UNION MEETS TODAY

Commission Members on Hand to Answer Questions.

THE MATTER OF A GUARANTEE

City To Be Liable Only for Its Share of 10,000 h. p. on Which the Price Has Been Secured.

The Municipalities Power Union of Western Ontario met in the banquet hall of the Masonic Temple this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Hon. Adam Beck and Hon. Mr. Hendrie, of Hamilton, of the hydro-electric commission, were present, as was also President Fryer, of the union, and his secretary, Mr. J. W. Lyon. There was a good attendance of delegates from the cities and towns in the London district.

Representatives of the board of trade were President White, ex-Ald. Samuel Stevely, ex-Mayor Rumball and ex-Ald. Greer. The acting mayor and aldermen were also present.

Mr. Cecil B. Smith, of the commission, was called away to Toronto, but Engineers Sotham and Richards were on hand.

The meeting took the form of an information bureau.

The question of whether ratepayers only or all the voters of a municipality will be allowed to vote on the bylaw, came up for discussion.

Hon. Adam Beck stated this morning that he is not quite clear on the point, but that the municipal act will be found to cover the point.

The question of whether the city of London will have to guarantee to take a certain amount of power was raised. Hon. Mr. Beck explains that the city will only be liable for its share of the 10,000-horsepower on which a price has been secured from the power companies at the falls.

For example, if the city gives the commission an estimate of 10,000-horsepower wanted by London, and then only uses 4,000-horsepower, the city will not have to pay for the entire 10,000-horsepower. It will simply pay for what it uses.

Of course, the Government, if a contract is made with the power companies for electrical energy to sell to the municipalities, must guarantee to take not less than 10,000-horsepower per annum, and each municipality binds itself to assume its share of the liability for the contract.

No municipality will be allowed to sell Niagara power at less than cost in order to induce a factory to locate in a city, town or municipality. Thus there will be no bonusing with Niagara power.

WANTS CITY TO ERECT CONTAGIOUS HOSPITAL

Medical Health Officer Brings Up the Matter Again in Annual Report.

Medical Health Officer Hutchinson intends inserting a clause in his annual report calling upon the city to erect a suitable contagious hospital, where diphtheria and scarlet fever patients and also consumptives can be cared for.

"It's a downright shame," the doctor said today to The Advertiser, "the way the city treats its contagious patients. Under no consideration should diphtheria and scarlet fever patients be allowed to enter Victoria Hospital. We should have a proper place for them."

"On the other hand we refuse to admit consumptives to the institution, and they are allowed to die in their homes where they transmit the disease to others. It's nothing short of brutal, and it is a disgrace to our civilization. We can get money for everything else, but not for a contagious hospital."

DOCTOR TO VATICAN SUMMONED BY DEATH

Lapponi, Attendant of Leo and Present Pontiff, Passes Away.

Rome, Dec. 7. — Dr. Lapponi, physician to the Pope, died at 7 o'clock this morning. He had been seriously ill for some time of cancer of the stomach, and, pneumonia setting in, he could not, in his weakened condition, withstand its ravages.

When Dr. Lapponi was sinking the Pope sent him the apostolic benediction, and when the news of his death reached the Pope he was exceedingly grieved.

It is reported that before losing consciousness, Dr. Lapponi, referring to the Pope, said:

"He has a strong constitution, and, having studied him carefully, I think he will live longer than Leo XIII."

The deceased physician was very popular in Rome, both among clericals as well as with the anti-clericals.

Dr. Lapponi attained considerable prominence as the physician of the late Pope Leo XIII., as the medical attendant of the cardinals when in conclave, and as the doctor in attendance upon the present Pope.

NO NEW JAP TREATY

Washington, Dec. 7. — Assistant Secretary of State Bacon today made a statement on behalf of the President, that no steps of any kind had been taken or would be instituted with a view to the negotiation of a new treaty with Japan for the exclusion of Japanese laborers. The President, Mr. Bacon said, asked that this information be made public.

Foot of Snow in London; But Much Less in District

Sleet Storm Followed by Heavy Fall, and Big Drop in Temperature—Railroads Not Seriously Hampered by the Snow.

A foot of snow fell in this district last night, and the thermometer, which was hovering around 30 degrees above yesterday morning, dropped to 12 degrees above during the night.

A keen, searching wind was blowing, too, and many people were under the impression that the weather was very below the zero point.

A peculiar feature of the storm is that London got the bulk of the snow in this section.

The railroads report that south of Westminster, and west of Appin, there was very little snow. At St. Thomas the fall was very light. At Caradoc and Appin, there was nothing to speak of, while at Glencoe and Newbury very little of the "beautiful" made its appearance.

The drifting of the snow made a great deal of trouble for the London Street Railway.

All night Manager King kept the big broom going over the system, and it was followed by a car pushing a leveler.

Even this did not keep all the lines open, and the Ottawa avenue belt was tied up for several hours this morning. A big drift in front of the London Canning Company's factory on Rectory street, having blocked the progress of the trolleys.

By noon all lines were running fairly well.

The Pere Marquette and the Michigan Central report having had no trouble owing to the snow. South of this city the fall was so light that trains were not in any way hampered.

Running of Trains

Owing to the dilapidated condition of the telegraph system, the running of trains is still somewhat hampered. The companies are finding it very difficult to make repairs to poles and wires in such weather.

All trains on the C. P. R. this morning were on time. Engineers from the

west reported very little snow, but all locomotives had been fitted out with flanges in case of a heavy fall of snow.

East of London and Toronto the snow appears to have been very severe, the C. P. R. being advised that the express from Montreal, due here at 11:35, had left Toronto an hour and a half late owing to the storm.

No plows were ordered out on this district last night.

The Grand Trunk had very little trouble last night, and no plows were ordered out. Between London and Hamilton the company reported that scarcely any snow had fallen, and it was the same between London and Sarnia and London and Windsor.

"We are afraid of what may happen today," Chief Dispatcher Crombie said to The Advertiser this morning. "The storm is now threatening to keep us busy keeping things moving."

G. T. R. Lines Repaired.

The company has recovered from the effects of the sleet storm of Wednesday night. From 5:30 a.m. yesterday until 1:30 in the afternoon telegraphic communication between London and Hamilton and points east of there was cut off, but congestion of traffic was avoided by sending dispatchers from London to Hamilton and Paris for the day. The greatest damage to the wires was between London and Woodstock, and it was caused by limbs of trees falling across the lines, rather than by the weight of the ice which had collected on them. Telephone wires also fell across the G. T. R. lines at Ingersoll, and at Woodstock a heavy cable caused a break in them.

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Snowplows were out in all sections of the city today.

CHESTER GILLETTE HAS CONFESSED

Condemned Murderer Admits He Killed His Sweetheart, Grace Brown.

Herkimer, N. Y., Dec. 6. — Chester Gillette has confessed that he murdered Grace Brown.

Gillette was charged with taking Grace Brown out on Big Moose Lake in the Adirondack Mountains, upsetting the boat and causing the girl to be drowned. They had been sweethearts and Gillette had promised to marry the girl. Evidence showed that the accused was engaged to another girl in his own social set, and wanted to rid himself of Grace Brown, who was a factory girl. The trial attracted widespread attention and the prosecuting attorney was warned that mobs were organized in several towns in New York State to lynch Gillette if he were found not guilty. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty on Tuesday evening and the prisoner was remanded for sentence. He held up wonderfully during the scathing examinations of the trial, but his nerve failed him when placed in jail after the return of the verdict. His mother, who believed implicitly in the innocence of her son, telegraphed him a message last night which read: "Trust in God." The confession was made this morning.

AFTER THE DIRECTORS

Toronto, Dec. 7. — The shareholders committee of the Ontario Bank have proxies representing a majority of 15,000 shares of the bank's stock. At a meeting yesterday, which was private, it was decided to elect independent directors at a meeting called by the curator for Dec. 11. It was stated by D. J. Scott, K.C., solicitor for the shareholders, that an attempt would undoubtedly be made to hold the old directors responsible for losses sustained by shareholders.

MR. CARNEGIE TO AID QUEEN'S; OFFERS DONATION OF \$100,000

Will Add It to \$400,000 of the Endowment Fund.

Kingston, Dec. 6. — Principal Gordon, of Queen's, announced that Andrew Carnegie, L.L.D., an honorary graduate of the college, had promised \$100,000 of Queen's endowment fund under most favorable conditions. Rev. Dr. Gordon

received a letter from Mr. Carnegie's secretary on Wednesday, stating that a gift of \$100,000 to Queen's fund to complete the half-million endowment when the \$400,000 required was subscribed. Already \$275,000 has been provided, and it is quite likely that the balance will be speedily forthcoming. The gift of Mr. Carnegie will cause the endowment to advance from a half-million to one million. For some months communications have passed between the principal and Mr. Carnegie as to his donation to the college requirements.

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