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ROYAL DOCKYARD SWEEP BY FIRE

Many Interesting Records of Nelsons Time Were Destroyed.

SEM. TOWER GONE

Was Central Signal Station for the Portsmouth Command.

PORTSMOUTH, Dec. 22.—Fire swept a block of naval store rooms in the Royal dockyards here yesterday, destroying the central signal station of the entire Portsmouth command, and many interesting documents of the time of Nelson. Sparks from the blazing buildings fell on the new battleship, Queen Mary, which was moored at the jetty used for the embarkation of members of the Royal family when they went aboard the Royal yacht. The cruiser was towed into mid-stream.

All the warships in the harbor sent parties of bluejackets to fight the flames.

The damage is variously estimated at from \$1,250,000 to \$2,500,000.

An examination of the ruins disclosed the fact that two of the three signal men who had remained in the tower to summon help when the fire broke out were burned to death. The third managed to make his escape through the smoke and flames to an adjoining roof and there fell unconscious. He was subsequently rescued. Nothing is known as to how the fire originated. When it was first observed from the deck of the new battleship Queen Mary it had already obtained a good hold on the inflammable material in the rigging and loft and sail house. All the fire-fighting apparatus in the dockyard was rapidly brought into action and the efforts of the men were devoted to preventing the fire from reaching the main store at the end of the burning building. The store was filled with 30,000 tons of heavy oil. After many hours' most strenuous work the fire was gotten under control. It had then reached the main store at the end of the burning building. The flames were finally extinguished about 7 o'clock Sunday morning. The huge wooden semaphore structure surrounding the rigging house as a blazing beacon within half an hour of the outbreak, and collapsed on the roof of the main tower and building, converting the whole into a fiery mass.

Suffragettes Blamed. The people of this place generally believe that the fire was the work of Suffragettes in their campaign of arson as revenge for the re-arrest of Mrs. Pankhurst here. This belief is supported by the fact that when the offices of the Women's Social and Political Union in London were raided recently a document containing the plans to destroy the dock were found.

Left London To Get Better

Mrs. Pankhurst Said to be in Distress of Health.

[Canadian Press Despatch] LONDON, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the militant suffragette leader, left London very quietly yesterday for Paris, on the way to Switzerland, to recuperate from her weakness brought about by a hunger and thirst strike in Holloway jail from which she was released on December 17. Her departure was not accompanied by any of the usual demonstrations.

Rumors were in circulation to-day that relations were strained between Miss Sylvia Pankhurst and Miss Christobel Pankhurst, the two daughters of the militant leader in consequence of Miss Sylvia's determination to concentrate her campaign in the east end of London and in efforts to co-operate with the members of the labor party. Miss Christobel disapproves of this scheme and is said to be withholding funds.

SIR JAMES WHITNEY

Is in New York Suffering From Slight Indisposition.

[Canadian Press Despatch] NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Sir James Whitney, Premier of Ontario, is slightly ill at the Hotel Manhattan and it may require a week or more rest before he will be able to return to Toronto. He had been in Washington and was on his way home when it was decided to break the trip here. His wife joined him yesterday, but will return home to-morrow. Dr. Payne, the Premier's family physician, who is in attendance, this morning ascribed the illness to overwork and nervousness.

FIREMEN DID GOOD WORK ON SATURDAY

Fire, which threatened to do \$75,000 damage was nipped on Saturday afternoon by the good work of the Brantford Fire Department. A blaze in the Christmas stocks of the developed in the upper storey of the Vanstone block. It not only developed but crept into the attic. W. Bowlby, K.C., ex-Mayor. Mr. Bowlby in his long municipal career had often noticed smoke and fire besides, and where there was such a volume of smoke, it looked like a big fire. In that section a fire might have included the historic Keboy House and the east side of George street. It would have been some fire.

An occupant of an upper storey room of the block, owned by J. B. Holt and Son, said occupant alleged to have had considerable good Christmas cheer within, lay down to sleep. A coal oil stove—gas having been banished—was left going and it was too close to the partition. When the occupant awoke the room was full of smoke, the fire had crept up the timbers of the attic. Then the firemen arrived. They had one stream and delivered it conscientiously through the attic. The volumes of

THE BRANTFORD GAS COMPANY'S CASE

Information Received By W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., Shows That Company is Decidedly Up Against it—Can Be Prosecuted Daily for Sulphur Gas.

That the Brantford Gas Company is up a tree as far as its case in the Brantford police court is concerned, was the announcement made by Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., to-day, following receipt of information on the subject from the Dominion Government's expert at Ottawa, O. Higman, Chief Engineer. Mr. Cockshutt said he had been busy for two years to get a local inspector appointed by the Dominion Government to look after meters as well as the quality of gas. The department could not see its way clear to make a special appointment for Brantford, considering that the work was not sufficient to justify the appointment. As regards the present supply, however, Mr. Cockshutt secured important information, particularly as to the nauseating ingredients contained by the Tilbury gas. As far as the pressure is concerned, Mr. Cockshutt said the company could not be held altogether responsible, because it bought the supply from the fields and did not actually develop the supply. In regard to the noxious part of it, however, the company was amenable for its distribution. The gas company had submitted four points to the Ottawa authorities and Ottawa answered the same in two sentences. First, purifiers can be used as they are used at Chatham; second, the present supply means, with all precautions, sulphuric acid gas in the atmosphere, this element being poisonous and deleterious to the public health.

The department notified Mr. Cockshutt that upon proper evidence being adduced the company could be fined \$20 on every charge preferred against it. This charge of course can be preferred every day and the fine imposed every day, providing present conditions continue. "I cannot see," said Mr. Cockshutt, "from the information I have received from Ottawa, where the Brantford Gas Company can possibly get out of their predicament unless a purified supply of gas is secured."

In London Too. The London Board of Health will not permit the distribution of natural gas in London without its being purified before it enters the city mains. The contention is that natural gas is a menace to public health and the distribution means the creating of nuisance which does not exist at the present time. As one member of the board said, "Why should we allow a nuisance to exist when it can be prevented?" A meeting of the board will be held the first of next week, when the matter will be taken up and the attitude of the board made public. Dr. Burden stated Saturday that the board would certainly take action to oppose natural gas coming into the city without being purified. "We will not allow it to be brought in unless purified," he said. "There is no necessity for it and we are appointed to prevent nuisances. Natural gas unpurified is a menace to health and it cannot be brought into the city without being purified. The matter will be brought up at a meeting of the board to be held next week."

Deal Declared Off. Mr. J. C. Duffield, president of the London Gas Company stated in an interview Saturday that should the Board of Health make compulsory the purification of the entire supply of natural gas hege the deal might have to be declared off as an economic impossibility. "The entire advantage in natural gas lies in the possibility of selling to the consumer at a very cheap rate. Intense purifiers, as big as any church in London, would have to be built to take care of the supply in London," Mr. Duffield stated, "and the cost would not be much better than for manufactured gas. Purification for all purposes is therefore not practical."

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CAUGHT MURDERER NEAR SCENE OF CRIME

Watch of His Alleged Victim Found in the Man's Pocket.

CULPRIT DISGUISED

Was Thought to Have Been on Vessel Bound for Canada!

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 22.—George Sumner, who has been sought by the police on suspicion of being the murderer of Miss Christine Bradford, sister of a Liverpool manufacturer, who was slain ten days ago and her mutilated body thrown into the Manchester Canal, was arrested here Saturday. Sumner was found in a lodging-house in James street, close to the Bradford office where the crime was committed. He was disguised. When the police searched the man Miss Bradford's watch was found in a pocket. Sumner was employed in the office, of which Miss Bradford was manager for her brother. He was thought to have escaped on a vessel bound for Canada. Like Paris Murder. The murder of Miss Bradford is one of the most gruesome and mysterious that has ever engaged the attention of the police. In all its elements it is more like one of the murders of Paris than of an English city. Miss Bradford, who was 38 years old, was manageress of the offices of her brother, Mr. J. C. Bradford who is head of a firm of tarpsulin makers in Old Hall street, Liverpool. She was popular, and is not known to have had any enemies. There was no known motive for the crime except robbery. A considerable sum of money of which she had charge is missing. The only articles among her personal effects which has disappeared is a handbag.

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There is no doubt that the crime was carried out in the office in Old Hall street, but it is remarkable that all traces of Miss Bradford's struggle for life were eliminated, otherwise they must have been noticed on the following morning, when she was found to be missing. The post-mortem examination has revealed the fact that death was due to violence. Severe wounds were found on the head, face and hands. The injuries were apparently inflicted by a heavy mudgeon. (Continued on Page 4)

SAFETY FIRST RALLY

Several T. H. & B. Employees Will Go to Hamilton To-Night.

The local members of the T. H. & B. staff will go to Hamilton in goodly numbers this evening to attend the safety first rally, which will be held by the road in the I.O.O.F. Temple. A special effort will be made to have all attend this meeting, who can be spared from their duties.

Opening addresses will be made by Mr. Jas. W. Eber, General Manager, and Mr. G. C. Martin, General Freight and Passenger agent and chairman of the general safety committee. Five minute talks will be given by conductors, engineers, trainmen, steamfitters, despatchers and shop foremen. Mr. Marcus A. Dow, general safety agent of the New York Central lines, will give an illustrated address. There will be a bright musical program, and a profitable and pleasant evening will be spent. The employees of the western division will go down by special train, passing through here at 6.45. A special returning will leave Hamilton at 10.30. A number of employees of local manufacturing concerns will attend the meeting.

WAS REMANDED.

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 22.—Jack Kraichenko appeared before Provincial Magistrate Thornycastle this morning charged with the murder of Manager Arnold of the Bank of Montreal at Plum Coulee, Man., and the theft of \$4,749 from that institution. He was remanded for a week without pleading. Kraichenko has been held since his arrest on a charge of supplying a revolver illegally.

INSTANTLY KILLED

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 22.—A Christmas tree which Michael Mahoric of Steelton was carrying over a train as he was crossing the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks to-day, and he was struck and instantly killed. The accident occurred near his home. He was 56 years of age, and left a family.

TOO BAD THERE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The authorities stopped the publication of "white slave" moving pictures at two local theatres yesterday. This action was taken as a board of censors had declared that the films were altogether too "bad" for Washington.

HYDRO RATES WILL BE MUCH REDUCED

The only criticism of the Hydro-Electric rates in Brantford is that there is likely to be some confusion over the floor space rate, although it is admitted on all sides that the new rates mean a cut in half of the old Cataract charges. All the municipalities that have Hydro have floor space rates and in every case reductions have been made until electricity has been put within the reach of everyone. It has been reported that the Cataract company is insisting upon a three-year contract where new installations are being made but this was denied at the local office this morning. The contract asked for is one year. As announced in the Courier Saturday Brantford customers of hydro will pay just about one-half the present charge here for electric current. The Western Counties Electric Company charges 8-1-2 cents a kilowatt for domestic lighting. The commission will make a rate of 3 1-2 cents, with a service charge of 4 cents per 100 feet of floor space.

These lighting bills are subject to 10 per cent. off for prompt payment. Store and other commercial lighting will be had for "six and three" cents—three cents per kilowatt hour applying only for 70 hours, and over 100 hours the charge is 1.5. The six cents is a service charge per day. The power rate to manufacturers will be 1.9 cents for the first 50 hours; 1.1 for the next 50 hours and 5 cents for excess over that. This also is subject to 10 per cent. discount. The schedule of rates, recommended by the provincial commission comes before the City Council to-night for approval. Superintendent Ireland's men were hard at work Saturday rishing up standards for the ornamental street light. These will be connected up by Jan. 15, it is announced and wiring for the houses and commercial lighting is going ahead as rapidly as local firms can do it. This business has received a considerable impetus as a result of offensive fumes from the new supply of natural gas, particularly when used for lighting.

BRANTFORD'S TURN IN RAILWAY CASE

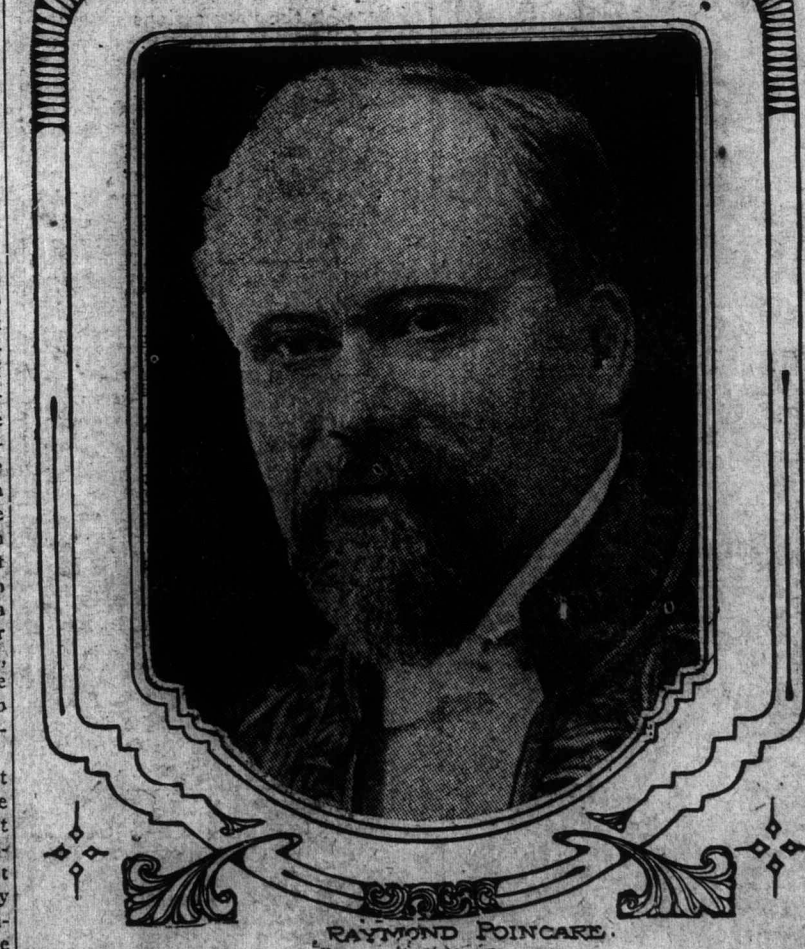
Mr. W. T. Henderson for City Makes Out Strong Case Today—Funds of Company Being Used for Litigation and Not for Payment of Its Debts.

[Courier Special] TORONTO, Dec. 22.—It was Brantford's turn to-day to take the initiative in the Appellate Division in the presumably interminable litigation over the Brantford Street Railway and the Grand Valley Railway. When courts opened, Mr. W. T. Henderson for the city, appeared before Chief Justice R. M. Meredith's ruling, who had given the companies leave to appeal from Mr. Justice Kelly's disstrait warrant judgment in connection with taxes owing to the city. Mr. Henderson argued that Mr. Justice Kelly's order had not injured the receiver, but if an appeal were to be taken from Mr. Justice Kelly, the Railway Company, not the receiver, should take it. Mr. Henderson complained that the revenue of the road was being used to promote litigation instead of being used to meet just claims. The receiver was an officer of the court and not called upon to fight the company's battles. Acting for the National Trust Co., mortgages, J. A. Patterson, K.C., was in harmony with the City of Brantford on the ground that he had not been served by the receiver with notice of appeal. Had he received notice he would have opposed the receiver's application. Mr. Patterson objected to frittering money away in a hopeless appeal suit. Still another objection was to the fact that Stockdale was a receiver and at the same time head of the Trust & Guarantee Co., whose claim against the railway was second to the National Trusts. This, of course, was so in regard to the City of Brantford. In the bonds governing some of the branches, the Trust & Guarantee's claim, claimed precedence over the National Trust. Mr. Smoke told how Stockdale had been appointed in 1912 by Mr. Justice Latchford, as a result of an action taken by the Trusts & Guarantee Co. Mr. Smoke questioned the jurisdiction of the court because of its personnel. George H. Watson made a vigorous argument, whether the court was with him or against him. He persisted in the belief that the railway companies had not been properly treated and that they should find redress on appeal.

Over Million Mark This Year

The building permits have gone well over the million mark. A permit has been taken out by the Brantford Industrial Realty Co. for \$12,800 for the erection of the Brantford Piano Case Co., plant. This permit brought the total up to \$1,008,731.

RULER OF FRANCE, WHO MAY BE GUEST OF U.S.



President Poincaré, of France, is seriously thinking of paying a visit shortly to the United States. When President Wilson heard of this he said that it would give the government and the people of the United States a great deal of pleasure to entertain President and Mrs. Poincaré.

LONDON BOBBIES WANT MORE PAY

Novel Spectacle Witnessed in Trafalgar Square on Sunday.

WORE CIVILIAN COATS

But Their Uniform Trousers Betrayed Their Calling.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Trafalgar Square, which has been the scene of so many ghosts of discontented workers and political agitators, witnessed a novel spectacle yesterday, when 300 leading policemen assembled there to protest against the official ban placed recently on their union and to demand more pay. The policemen wore civilian hats and coats, but the uniform trousers which they wore and their semi-martial step betrayed their calling. In the speeches there was an utter lack of fire which the Trafalgar Square frequenter expects from the agitators who use the steps as a place to speak from, but there was plenty of plain speaking. The conditions on which the recent increase in pay was made caused much discontent, and were denounced bitterly. Some of the speakers said the union had already a membership of 5,000 and more were joining every day. A tone of restraint marked the speeches. One policeman said it was regrettable that organized labor hated the police, and alleged that this arose from the fact that the police were used to defend the employers of labor. On the other hand, he continued, organized labor must not believe that the policeman's union would be a force which the workers can use to fight the master class. The duty of the police, he went on, is to be impartial and to serve the community as a whole. Another speaker said the police were sweated, and their union was necessary for that reason in order to obtain an adequate increase in wages. The present pay—35 shillings (5.60) a week—is not enough, he said, to place the policeman above labor. Arrangements were made to increase the leisure time of the police force at a cost to the ratepayers of \$1,000,000, and an increase of pay followed.

Praying For Settlement

Anglican Church Takes Serious View of Crisis in Ulster.

[Canadian Press Despatch] NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A cable to The New York American from London says: The Church of England is taking a serious view of the outlook in Ulster where the Unionists threaten armed resistance to home rule. The Bishop of London has authorized special prayers in the churches in his diocese and also has sanctioned "a solemn service of intercession for the preservation of peace in Ireland" in which the litany has been modified to include the following: "Let us pray that we may be spared the calamity of civil war (silent prayer). Meanwhile the government's attempt to keep out arms has been checked, according to the London Times which says the government has been advised that its recent proclamations against the importation of arms into Ireland were ultra vires and cannot be suspended."

THE CITY COUNCIL

Several Matters of Importance For To-night's Meeting.

The City Council meets to-night when a considerable amount of business will be transacted. The Hydro rates will be submitted in detail for the approval of the council. The Board of Works will also report regarding the dyke system to protect the proposed industrial tract of land in Brantford Township on the outskirts of West Brantford. The recommendation of the Board of Health to have Dr. Cutcliffe appointed Inspector of Dairies will also be received, and is likely to cause a scuffle in the council. The Buildings and Grounds committee will also report negatively on the proposition for a new city hall. It is understood that the request of City Engineer Jones for a salary of \$3,000 will not be dealt with this year. SANTA CLAUS SPECIALS. Have you bought father his Christmas gift? If you have not, don't overlook our stock of slippers. We have one of the best selected stocks in the country, and are selling them at the lowest prices. Coles Shoe Co., 222 Colborne street.