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TRACTION MANAGER
ON STAND TO-DAY.

Intimated That Trouble
Came From Detroit,
Which Mr. Reeves Quite
Hotly Resented.
Theaker Arbitration Was
Continued To-day.

The Theaker arbitration resumed its meetings this morning, and the company started its case. The evidence of Mr. C. K. Green and Mr. Duncan Miller was taken at this morning's session. Mr. Miller will complete his story this afternoon. He stated that he was quite willing to bring every man off the road to the commission to prove that the charges of discrimination against Theaker by the company were untrue, and he assured Mr. Reeves, who is conducting the case for Mr. Theaker, that he would prove that the charges were on the wrong foot.

Mr. C. K. Green, traction manager of the Dominion Power and Transmission Company was the first witness on the stand, and stated that Theaker had been discharged from the company's employ because he had carried passengers free. Mr. Green said there were other charges that would be brought up. Mr. Green admitted that spotters were on the cars and he had seen spotters' reports concerning Mr. Theaker.

Mr. Reeves read several of the rules issued by the company, and said he wanted to show that these rules were not being carried out. Mr. Reeves wanted to know what was done by the company in regard to the fare-boxes and the registers. Mr. Green said that the company depended on the fare box. It had been found almost impossible to work the fare box and register, and the latter was used only as a help to the conductor. Mr. Green admitted in answer to Mr. Reeves that it was impossible for a man to obey all the rules, but all the company asked was that a man should do his best.

Mr. Reeves asked Mr. Green if he was opposed to the union. Mr. Green replied that he had nothing against the union, and as a matter of fact he never had much trouble with the men. It was only when influence was brought from Detroit, that trouble arose with his men. Mr. Reeves rather resented the insinuation and said that he was not here for the purpose of stirring up trouble, but in the interests of peace. The question of hiring the men for the Radial line was brought up. Mr. Green said that the staff was reduced in the winter and increased in the summer. In answer to a question of Mr. Levy, Mr. Green said that Theaker admitted to him that he had carried passengers free. Mr. Green said that Theaker had come to him the morning after his discharge and wanted to know why he had been let go.

Mr. O'Donoghue asked Mr. Green if he had brought any influence to bear on Arthur O'Neil for him to keep his father from the union. Mr. Green said he had not, but that he had spoken to O'Neil, sen. himself and requested him to stay away, because of the drinking that went on at the meetings. Mr. Green said he knew of the petition that was circulated among the men and signed by 79 of them, but stated he had nothing to do with it.

Duncan Miller, superintendent of the street railway, was called and mentioned some of the infringements of the rules that he charged against Theaker. He stated that riding on the platform with a motorman was a common occurrence with Theaker, and that he had

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STOVE MEN SETTLE TROUBLE
IN THE BIG U. S. CITIES.

5,000 Men Return to Work in Detroit--Effect on Hamilton.

The Detroit Free Press announces a complete agreement between the striking stove mounters and the stove manufacturing concerns. The agreement includes not only Detroit, but practically the whole stove business of the west. The result in Detroit will be the immediate return of 5,000 men to work—most of them, in fact, resumed work this morning. The Free Press says:

As a result of an agreement reached at a conference between the striking stove mounters and representatives of the different stove manufacturing concerns of the city on Thursday afternoon 5,000 men will go back to work Monday morning.

The stove mounters have been on a strike for the past six months and their refusal to work has resulted in hundreds of stove workers being forced to remain idle. Several fruitless conferences had been held between the manufacturers and representatives of the strikers. The settlement effected is reported to be satisfactory to all concerned. All the strikers have signified their

DROPPED DEAD

Washington, March 9.—Rev. Chas. Alvin Smith, pastor of the Peck Memorial Presbyterian Chapel, dropped dead of apoplexy while dining last night at the home of Mrs. Eunice S. Hamlin, widow of the late pastor of the Church of the Covenant. Rev. Dr. Smith was 46 years old, and came here about ten years ago from Philadelphia.

KAISER'S LETTER.

MR. ASQUITH TELLS THE HOUSE THAT IT WAS PRIVATE.

And Would Not Be Made Public—Letter Had No Official Character—Chancellor Snubs His Questioners—Tories Trying to Stir Up Trouble.

London, March 9.—The hope that the letter sent last month by Emperor William of Germany to Lord Tweedmouth, First Lord of the Admiralty, in which it has been charged, His Majesty attempted to influence Great Britain's naval legislation, and the British Minister's reply thereto, would be made public for the edification of the people was quickly dispelled by Herbert H. Asquith, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the House of Commons this afternoon.

In a simple and curt sentence Mr. Asquith, who was acting as Premier, told A. J. Balfour and his other questioners that he had nothing to add to his statement of Friday, and that so far as he knew Lord Tweedmouth had nothing to add to his declaration beyond the fact that immediately on the receipt of Emperor William's letter the First Lord of the Admiralty showed it to Sir Edward Grey, the Foreign Secretary, who agreed with the recipient that the letter had no official character, and should be treated as a private communication. "It is clearly out of the question," continued Mr. Asquith, "to lay private and personal correspondence on the table."

BISLEY TEAM.

Col. Labelle Commandant and Major King Adjutant.

Ottawa, March 9.—(Special.)—Lieut. Col. A. E. D. Labelle, 65th Montreal, has been appointed commandant of the Bisley team, and Major W. C. King, Roumanville, has been appointed adjutant.

THIS SEASON'S NEW MAPLE SYRUP.

To-morrow we will receive the first of this season's run of new maple syrup from Mr. Guyett's maple bush in Hinbrook. No doubt you had some from us last season, and know all about its splendid flavor. Order early, as the quantity will be limited.

Ripe strawberries in to-day; also Boston head lettuce, oia cheese and sweet potatoes.—Bain & Adams, 89, 91 King street east.

GOT NEW JOB.

Montreal, March 9.—Prof. Flux, of McGill University, professor of political economy, has resigned to take a position under the British Government in London.

LICENSE MATTERS.

First Day of Making Application For Renewals.

This is the first day for the receiving of applications for liquor licenses, but up to noon no one had applied for a license to sell next year. Inspector Birrell, however, has every reason to believe that all the holders of licenses at present will apply again, but he does not anticipate any new applicants. The time for making application expires on April 1, after which the License Board will hold a public meeting to hear any persons who have objections to make against any of the applicants. There are 68 licensed hotels and 17 liquor stores in the city.

In "the trade" circles just now there is a good deal of speculation as to the intentions of the Hamilton Brewery Co., which secured incorporation papers recently. The hotel men generally are hoping that it will be ready to supply the foaming beverage before the hot weather arrives. It is said the established brewery companies passed around an agreement a short time ago, offering to bind themselves to not raise the price of beer during the next two years to hotel men who would sign to buy from them for that period. Not more than two hotelmen signed the agreement. A

IT CAUSED HER DEATH

Toronto, March 9.—A pathetic death is that of Miss Nellie Wallace, aged 22 years, a student at the Normal School, who came from Blind River, near the Soo. Some time ago, while trying to remove an ingrowing toe nail, Miss Wallace slightly lacerated the flesh. She paid no attention to the small wound, which finally developed blood poisoning. Everything possible was done for her, but the girl died a few hours before the arrival of her parents from Blind River.

PANAMA CANAL.

Former Chief Engineer Says it Will be a Failure.

New Haven, Conn., March 9.—John F. Stevens, a vice-president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, and a former chief engineer of the Panama Canal, has issued a statement regarding the waterway, in which he prophesies its failure. Mr. Stevens says that the canal will not help the United States in its trade with South America, as practically all the inhabitants of the southern continent are east of the Andes. Mr. Stevens also says that in the commercial relations of the United States with the islands of the Pacific and the far east, the canal will be of little value. The coal and wheat centres of the United States are inland. Their products have to be started on their way by rail.

An Enemy

Of constipation is found in Dr. Goode's Health Tablets. These little sugar-coated tablets get after a lazy liver and make it work in the way nature intended it should. One tablet each night will drive away that dull, drowsy feeling, and that ache in the back. Sold at 25c per box.—Parke & Parke.

WENT SMILING TO THE DEATH CHAIR

With a Cheery Good-Bye Murderer Paid the Penalty of His Crime --May Be Last Electrocutation in State of New York.

Ossining, N. Y., March 9.—Antonio Strollo, an Italian, who killed a man in Van Cortlandt Park, New York, for the purpose of robbery, went to death in the electric chair at Sing Sing Prison to-day with a smile after a cheery good-bye to those who had been summoned to witness the execution. Strollo showed the most extraordinary composure. When he entered the death chamber with a light, springy step, his face was beaming and the smile was never absent for an instant.

Four contacts were made before the man was pronounced dead. Strollo killed Antonio Torselli, a fellow-countryman, in Van Cortlandt Park last summer. Torselli's face was literally slashed to pieces. In all, there were 36 stab wounds in the murdered man's body. The execution was witnessed by three New York Assemblymen. They declined to give their names. Judge Edmund R. Terry, of Brooklyn, was also present. It is said that a bill is being prepared for presentation in the Assembly which provides for the abolition of capital punishment, and that the assemblymen who came here to-day did so to see for themselves the manner in which the capital punishment is carried out.

BOTH DEAD.

Chicago, March 9.—Theodore Emblebeck, 70 years old, and his wife, Anna, 75 years old, were found dead in their bed at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Anna Bostrum, 479 Racine avenue, to-day. Death had been caused by asphyxiation by illuminating gas. The police are of the opinion that the couple, discouraged by the loss of their home last Saturday, made a suicide agreement.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

A million dollars is neither here nor there to Whitney.

The hens should be getting ready for Easter.

The Cemetery Board might make a little extra money by erecting a crematory up behind the marsh.

Now is the time to get your lawn mower sharpened.

The Herald might run out a few more Parliamentary candidates just to show that it has lots more up its sleeve.

Don't be surprised if Sothman sends in his bill to the city for interpreting Mr. Hawkins' offer. I won't be.

Talking of the good old summer time: It's a long time since we had any Caledonian games. Stands Scotland where she did!

Who says that the weigh scales men have been weighed in the balance and found wanting?

It's not too late yet to move the school furnaces from the basements of the buildings and put them in a building by themselves. No question of expense should be allowed to come in here.

But why haven't the promoters of the art gallery scheme applied for a civic grant? Have they got all the money they need subscribed?

Seeing that the Con. Club has no visible means of support, it should be run in as a vag.

If Jim Livingston does not quit fighting with the clergy, I fear he will make a hot finish.

Why not make it a five-fifths clause and have it unanimous?

I suppose Barrow's fate rests with the Executive Committee. Has he paid up his dues?

A man said to me the other day, "The sidewalks are part of the King's highway, and no civic by-law can compel me to keep them clean." Wonder what Judge Monck thinks of that contention.

If Jeanette Lewis finds herself short, a few moonlight excursions might make up the deficit.

BUCKET SHOPS.

President Lends Support to Wipe Them Out.

New York, March 9.—President Roosevelt has decided to destroy the bucket-shops, and all the machinery of the Government will be used against these concerns, which have been robbing the public for years, and giving the people the impression that Wall street has done the stealing.

Information that the President had undertaken this business was received in Wall street with enthusiasm, and it was celebrated with an advance in the stock market of from one to three points.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables.

TRADE BANK OF CANADA

NOT READY YET FOR THE CITY COUNCIL.

Street Railway Matter Not Coming Up.

A Great Fire

Tokio, March 9.—Fire in Niigata, which started at 6 p. m. yesterday, was extinguished at a o'clock this morning. In a district comprising 21 of the principal streets, 1,500 houses were destroyed, the area being swept clean. There was some loss of life, but the number is not known.

BATTLESHIP FLEET.

UNITED STATES WAR VESSELS NOW ON THE ATLANTIC COAST.

Wireless Received at Pensacola—Wonderful Feet—Ships Will Reach Magdalena Bay Ahead of Schedule Time.

Washington, March 9.—About the last place that the Navy Department expected to hear from the Atlantic battleship fleet for at least six months, was on the Atlantic coast, yet this is what has happened. The Navy Department to-day received a telegraphic message from its wireless station at Pensacola, which had been in direct communication with the battleship fleet, a most remarkable performance, considering that the wireless impulses were obliged to traverse the Gulf of Mexico, then cross overland the State of Texas, part of Mexico and against traverse several hundred miles of ocean. This particular message was from Rear Admiral Thomas, in command of the second division, and was as follows:

"Have you any important news from home?" On board U. S. S. Georgia, 2 p. m., March 8. (Via United Wireless Telegraph Company.) The fleet's position at this hour is latitude 14.37 north, longitude 19.01 west. The weather is fine and the ships are moving along at a speed of ten and one-half knots per hour. The fleet will reach Magdalena Bay on March 17, two days ahead of their schedule. The cruise has been successful in every way. The ships are in perfect condition and will be ready for record target practice immediately upon their arrival at Magdalena Bay.

The position of the American battleship fleet as given in the wireless dispatch is off the Mexican port of Acapulco.

QUEBEC BRIDGE.

Report of Commission Ready—Who Will Bear the Loss?

Ottawa, Ont., March 9.—(Special.)—It is very likely that the report of the Commission on the Quebec bridge will be presented to Parliament to-day. A summary of what it is to contain has already been published. The real question is as to who is to bear the loss, the report showing that it was owing to faulty design that the bridge fell. This would look as if the Phoenix Bridge Co. would have to bear the expense, but as the plans were approved by the Dominion Government, there may be a distribution of the loss. However, this is a mere matter of speculation.

AN EXPERIENCED ARCHITECT.

Herbert H. Now, who for the past eight years has been associated with the leading architects of Boston, has opened an office on the sixth floor of the Spectator building. Before leaving Hamilton he spent two years in Mr. Peene's office. He was also in Europe for a year, and is, therefore, experienced and up-to-date. He is a son of Mr. Henry New.

Genuine Havana Cigars. The Prince Rupert cigar is the king of clear Havana cigars and has reached the highest point of cigar perfection. All sizes are sold in this city at peace's cigar store, 107 King street east.

ALFONSO'S VISIT TO BARCELONA CAUSING MUCH UNEASINESS.

The Place a Republican Hotbed--The King Hot-headed Enough to Risk His Life

Barcelona, March 9.—Gen. Linares, the Captain-General of Catalonia, is confident that the visit of King Alfonso to Barcelona will pass off safely. His Majesty is expected to-morrow morning. Gen. Linares declares the population of this city is anxious to show its loyalty to the King, whose courage in coming after the repeated bomb outrages here is greatly admired. Nevertheless, the Captain-General is sparing no precautions to safeguard his Majesty. The official programme of the visit has not been allowed to be printed, and the houses along the streets through which the King is to pass have been thoroughly searched. But in view of the fact that for twenty years Barcelona has been a stronghold of republicanism and the centre of violent Carlist agitation

brought about by the withdrawal of the ancient families from Catalonia at the time the Government was centralized at Madrid after the French model, an enthusiastic popular reception is not expected.

Opposed to Trip. Madrid, March 9.—It developed here to-day that a section of the Spanish Ministry is bitterly opposed to King Alfonso's going to Barcelona, which is described as a wasp's nest, but the King, with a display of the old Bourbon courage, has refused to be dissuaded. He considered it his duty to go, and is confident that his visit to Barcelona will appeal to the chivalrous spirit of the Spanish people and have a good effect.

A despatch has been received from the Spanish Minister to Switzerland, saying that the anarchists of Geneva have decreed the death of King Alfonso and Premier Maura.