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POLICE PENSION FUND.

City is Requested to Make a Grant of \$25,000.

Chief of Police Grasset asked the board of control yesterday to grant \$25,000 towards the police pension fund so as to put it on a sound basis. The men, he said, were giving 1 per cent. of their salaries, which was as much as could be expected. Many of the members of the force should be retired, but were kept on because it would impoverish the fund to pension them.

The board sent on next year's works committee the city engineer's recommendation that a storm sewer be constructed from University-avenue to the Don, at an estimated cost of \$200,000.

Albert Chamberlain of the British Welcome League told the board that many destitute men were willing to work, but could not for lack of picks and shovels. The controllers decided that about 200 tools should be provided.

Commissioner Chambers said that only 25 of the 40 men who were to have turned up yesterday for work on the Chester-street sandpits actually reported. The holders of checks 156 to 205 are asked to report at 11 a.m. today, and 206 to 245 on Monday. Manager Fleming says that no change will be made in the system of street railway stops until next spring.

Samuel W. Black of Parkdale may be an aldermanic candidate in the sixth ward.

"Busted" the Combine.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 20.—In the circuit court at Dayton today, Attorney-General Ellis took judgment of master against the twenty Ohio companies and firms dealing in plumbers' supplies, who were found to be in the national combination of the same kind.

The court orders them out of the combination, and not to observe or obey any of its rules and regulations.

Sunken Cheeks, Blanched Lips Usually Indicate Consumption

Those hollow cheeks, that feeble walk, sunken chest, and woe-begone, vacant expression, to most people are evidences of the work of consumption. Even the small hacking cough, night sweats and wasting of the body, so popularly accepted as indications of the same dread scourge, are in many instances entirely misleading. Nineteenth-century "consumptives" are only cases of underfeeding.

GERMAN EARS MAY NOT HEAR THE DISCLOSURES

Emperor's Special Representative is Refused Admission to the Court—Public Disappointed.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—Emperor William, who is following the evidence taken in the Harden-Von Moltke libel suit with the utmost attention, to-day sent to the court house Lieut. Preetner Vonderheide of the Fusiliers, as a special representative in order to secure a full and impartial report of the proceedings. The judges declined to permit the lieutenant to remain in court when the remainder of the public was excluded, and he thus was unable to obtain the details of the trying ordeal which Prince Philip zu Eulenburg underwent during the secret session this afternoon, when he remained for three hours on the witness stand. Owing to the utter exclusion of the press and the public from the session and the close secrecy observed by all persons connected with the case, no statements on which reliance can be placed are obtainable regarding the testimony adduced.

Frau Von Ebe also was on the witness stand for an hour and a half. When she entered the court she was pale and nervous, but when she left her face was flushed and she seemed to be excited. It is understood she was much more reserved in her statements to-day than at the former trial. Count Kuno Von Moltke, who was present throughout the session, also is said to have been examined. When he left the court he looked far more cheerful than hitherto had been the case.

The reports in circulation that all further proceedings in the suit will be held in camera have caused general disappointment, for the opinion prevails that Count Kuno Von Moltke should be given an opportunity to rehabilitate himself before the public, which heard the terrible charges brought against him at the previous trial. It is possible that the judges in whom lies the discretion to have public or secret sittings, may decide at a later period to re-open the court to the public. The case is expected to continue until Dec. 24.

PASSED DIAMOND DIVIDEND.

DeBeers Will Strengthen Reserve to Maintain Prices.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The deferred dividend on the De Beers Consolidated Mines, Limited, the diamond syndicate, was passed to-day, owing to the unfavorable outlook in the diamond trade, which is the result of the restriction of purchases in America, since the financial disturbances and the dumping of large quantities of diamonds in recent months before the agreement with the De Beers Company also demoralized the market. The company considered, however, that its reserves in order to maintain prices, and a telegram received here to-day from Kimberley says the company has agreed to work in the diamond mines to be restricted to five days a week.

MOTHER STANDS BY CHILD.

Will Nurse Little One Back to Health Here.

BROCKVILLE, Ont., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Another case of smallpox, developed at the home of John Young. His youngest child, aged 11 months, was taken with a mild form of the disease and was removed to the Isolation Hospital to-day. Mrs. Young is suffering from the same disease, but during the present month not a single instance of rebating had come to his attention, during a particularly active month's business, and he expressed his belief that the sentiment was now so much against the practice that it had almost wholly ceased.

PRISON TO WIN SWEETHEART

Walter Fitzgerald Ferged Cheques to Raise Money.

WINDSOR, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Walter Fitzgerald, who pleaded guilty to charges of embezzlement and forgery while employed by Trussed Concrete Steel Company, Walkerville, was sentenced this afternoon to one year in the Central on each charge, sentences to run concurrently. Fitzgerald admitted raising the cheques and securing \$3000, purchasing gifts with the money for the lady to whom he was paying attentions, and who afterwards became his wife. He had a wealthy suitor, and had succeeded in fully securing his sweetheart by lavishing gifts on her. A quantity of jewelry was offered and accepted as partial restitution.

London Wool Sales.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A sale of Cape of Good Hope and North sheepskins was held here to-day. The offerings were in moderate condition and amounted to 155,226, of which 57,659 were sold. Competition was weak, owing to the poor attendance. Long-wooled skins declined 1-4d to 1-1-2d. Short-wooled 1-2d, and coarse 1-4d to 1-1-2d.

Cattle Market Contract.

The privilege of collecting fees and selling feed at the Western Cattle Market was yesterday leased to R. J. Hunter of Dundas-street, who tendered \$22,000 for the fee privilege, and \$22,500 for the privilege of selling feed. This is \$3549 in excess of the price received last year. Joseph Atkinson, the former lessee, was the unsuccessful tenderer.

Nitrate Workers' Strike Spreads.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 20.—The strike of the nitrate workers continues to grow, and to-day every nitrate plant is shut down. The nitrate business being one of the principal resources of the country, serious complications are likely to follow the paralysis of this industry.

Avoid the Rush.

To relieve the congestion and possible delay at station all intending to take holiday trips should purchase their tickets in advance at Grand Trunk Office, northwest corner King and Yonge-sts.

Taft Home.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Secretary of War Taft arrived here to-day on the steamer President Grant from his journey around the world.

Whiteley Reid, the U.S. Ambassador to Great Britain, arrived here to-day on the Mauretania.

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A largely-attended meeting of the life insurance agents of Toronto was held yesterday, when a great deal of interest was manifested in the address given by T. Bradshaw on the subject of rebating. The meeting was also addressed by Col. W. C. Macdonald, president of the Life Officers' Association, which has in hand an agreement binding all the companies to a strong anti-rebate campaign.

Mr. Bradshaw explained at some length the provisions of the agreement, which provides for heavy penalties upon agent and company convicted before a referee of the practice of rebating. The object of the measure is to ensure equal payments by all insurers, and also to back up by a strong compact any legislation enacted at Ottawa, with a view to suppressing this evil of the business.

A striking statement by J. O. McCarthy, the president of the Toronto Association of Life Agents, was that during the present month not a single instance of rebating had come to his attention, during a particularly active month's business, and he expressed his belief that the sentiment was now so much against the practice that it had almost wholly ceased.

The general opinion of the meeting seemed to be that the measures adopted by the companies and also the underwriters' association would work out satisfactorily. Mr. Bradshaw stated that one clause in the agreement was that it would go into effect on the 1st of January, 1908, when it was signed by the various companies interested, which comprised practically all the companies doing business in Canada.

Grand Trunk Railway System Holiday Rates From Toronto.

To	Single Fare.	One-third.
Buffalo	\$3.10	\$4.15
Chicago	2.50	3.50
Detroit	1.50	2.00
Guelph	1.45	1.95
London	2.40	3.40
Montreal	10.00	13.25
Niagara Falls	2.45	3.30
Peterboro	2.20	3.10
Port Hope	5.10	6.80
Quebec	14.75	18.75
Windsor	6.25	8.25
Woodstock	4.80	6.50

Single fare good going Dec. 24 and 25, returning on or before Dec. 26, 1907. Fare and one-third, good going Dec. 21 to 25, returning on or before Jan. 3, 1908. For further information and tickets apply at City Office, northwest corner King and Yonge-streets.

KEEPING BUSY.

Every now and again the rumor finds its way to the newspaper offices that certain large establishments are laying off their employes by the hundred or closing down entirely for a season.

Last night a phone message informed the World that the Massey-Harris Company had laid off 500 men. Supt. Verity declared this was unfounded.

"We have 1700 men busy, being more than we had a year ago, and we need them all," he said. "Sometimes the moulding shop gets ahead of the other departments and if we lay off 20 men it is magnified to hundreds."

Witte Wants to Testify.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 20.—Irritated at the testimony given at the trial of Gen. Stoessel by Gen. Kuropatkin yesterday, Count Witte has addressed a letter to the court, begging an opportunity to appear on the witness stand.

New Town Hall for Meaford.

MEAFORD, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The council are considering plans for a new town hall, two storeys high, 91 by 55 feet. It would have an auditorium seating about 750 people.

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