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BAR CONVENTION FEARS WAVE OF REFORM

Existence of Real Abuses Admitted, But Speakers Insist That Legal Procedure Can Be Revised so as to Ensure Justice Without a Political Revolution.

(By a Staff Reporter.)

MONTREAL, Sept. 3.—The significant feature of the American Bar Association's convention which closed with a big banquet here tonight, is to be found in the attitude expressed in so many of the speeches towards the rising tide of progressive, perhaps socialistic ideas now sweeping over the United States. Several states have already placed in their constitutions the "Recall of Judges" and "The Review of Judicial Decisions." The Bar Association is out to fight these innovations and others they fear and regard as even more revolutionary.

No matter what subject was up today the speakers soon reverted to the one theme, namely: What can be done to satisfy the demands of the people without impairing the restraints imposed upon legislation by the courts under the constitution? All admitted that real abuses existed and that the progress of the country, as well as the producers and the consumers, but all asserted that relief could be obtained without a political revolution. Must Revise Constitution. The constitution, it was said, had been misinterpreted. It was now the supreme duty of the hour to adapt it to the modern need and conditions of a highly complicated industrial civilization.

Mr. Taft and Dean Thayer, of the Harvard law school, urged a higher standard for admission to the bar, and many others insisted upon sweeping reforms in judicial procedure. Progressive legislation against over-speculation and providing for a workmen's compensation act were suggested.

Take Cargo, Leave Ship. Nearly every reform now favored by the people was endorsed with the proviso that the constitution and the courts remain unchanged. The slogan of the lawyers seems to be "Take the cargo but leave the ship."

The bench and bar of the United States as represented here today are conservative, but they are prepared to be "progressive conservatives," as Mr. Blount of Florida put it. Judges and lawyers are asking for another chance to bring the courts into sympathy with the people. The association today elected "Mr. Taft of Connecticut" president. So far so good. No one mentioned the name of Roosevelt, but the spirit of Roosevelt brooded like a cloud over the convention.

WELLAND CANAL WORK TO BEGIN

O'Brien and Doughney Successful Tenderers, to Establish Base of Operations at Thorold.

OTTAWA, Sept. 3.—(Special.)—As estimated exclusively in The World some days ago, the contract for the new Welland canal, involving about \$10,000,000, has been awarded to M. J. O'Brien and Hugh Doughney. There were ten tenders received and each tender, according to specifications, was accompanied by a deposit of \$400,000. These conditions excluded all but the large operators. The government demands that the work be completed by April, 1917.

Mr. Doughney leaves for Toronto tomorrow and will start work immediately, with Thorold, Ont., as headquarters. The towns along the canal zone will have a change of boom during the construction period.

All English Company in Canada. Lawrence Frough, the noted English comedian, and his select company of English players have arrived in Canada for their tour, which will take them through to the coast. They will present "The Lady of Ostend" at the Princess here next week, the advance sale of seats for which opens today.

Dunlap Hats at Dineen's. New style Dunlaps have arrived. Dineen's are the only hatters in Toronto where you can buy a Dunlap as in New York City, where the hats are made.

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KILLED ON TRACK STILL UNIDENTIFIED

Inquest on Unknown Man Found Dead on C. P. R. Near Abell Street, Opened.

The body of the man who was killed by a train early yesterday morning near the G.T.R. crossing at Abell street is still at the city morgue and so far has not been identified. The man was apparently about 33 years of age, but his body was so badly mangled that it will be almost an impossibility to identify him. On his person was found a peculiar tie pin, composed of a horseshoe and a whip with a stone in the centre.

An inquest was opened by Dr. Mason yesterday afternoon and adjourned until Sept. 11. It is supposed that the unknown was struck by some train while walking the tracks. His remains were subsequently found by the crew of another freight train at 4.15.

CANADIAN SHOTS AT CAMP PERRY

Argentine Marksmen Making High Scores in International Contest.

CAMP PERRY, Ohio, Sept. 3.—(Can. Press.)—In the expert riflemen's match, the following high scores have been bulletined: Edmundson, U.S., 882; Richards, U.S., 872; Ferreira, Argentine, 860; Daneri, Argentine, 845; Albornoz, Peru, 809; Riding, U.S., 786.

Today's shooting gives Tealdi, Argentine, 97 cartons, which is high score, with a total of 860, while Manders, Argentine, is next high with 96 cartons and a total of 859; Richards, U.S., made 96 cartons; Ferreira, Argentine, 94; Toledo, Peru, 94; Daneri, Argentine, 93; Kimberling, U.S., 92; Albornoz, Peru, 88; McRee, U.S., 83; Ozero, Peru, 87; Dabney, U.S., 86.

At the 25 yards miniature match, standing the following have high scores: Busse, U.S., 483; Scherzing, U.S., 480; Colas, France, 475; Sunberg, U.S., 467.

Argentine shooters lead in the individual match of the International Union with the army rifle. Sweden has second place, and France third. The Canadian shooters arrived here today. With the team, as a visitor, is Col. John M. Barlow, member of Victoria Order and vice-president of the National Rifle Association of Great Britain.

NO DELAY ON UNION STATION

Engineer Safford States That Work Will Be Started Early in the Spring.

According to H. R. Safford of Montreal, chief engineer of the Grand Trunk Railway, there is no doubt about a start being made on the construction of Toronto's new Union Station next spring. Mr. Safford passed thru Toronto last night in his private car Niagara on his return to Montreal after a western inspection trip. "We are working hard on the Toronto station plans, and they will be ready in plenty of time to allow a commencement to be made by the spring," he said to The World.

BIG BLACKMAIL SCHEME FOUND

Society Woman's Arrest is First Move in Disclosure of Biggest Fraud in Years.

(Special to The Toronto World.) CLEVELAND, Sept. 3.—Mrs. Margaret A. Carter, a society woman of Elyria, is in the county jail on a federal warrant, charging her with using the mails to fraudulently secure \$3000 from Miss Lillian Huntington, Elyria's wealthiest heiress. Mrs. Carter admitted today that the writing in the letter looked "something like" her writing.

"I believe the person who wrote that letter initiated me handwriting to get me into trouble," she declared. "I think I know who the person was." She denied that she had sent Miss Huntington a letter or will be responsible for any of a dozen attempts to blackmail Elyria citizens.

Cary R. Auburn, assistant United States district attorney, under whose direction the arrest was made, said today that the arrest was the first move in a series of developments that will disclose one of the biggest blackmailing schemes the federal authorities have had in years.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Francis Shurtliffe was found dead in his bed at 11 Stafford street yesterday morning. The cause of death is thought to be heart failure and an inquest will not likely be held.

AUTO OWNERS OF THE DOMINION ORGANIZE

A National Association for Bettering Road Conditions Thruout the Dominion and Bringing Provincial Regulations of Motor Traffic Into Co-relation is Formed.

Motor car owners from all parts of Canada met yesterday at the headquarters of the Ontario Motor League for the purpose of framing a definite good roads policy, and to draft a system by which every motor league in the Dominion may co-operate in order to better existing conditions so far as motor cars are concerned. As a result of the meeting, at which some excellent addresses were given, the Canadian Automobile Federation was formed and officers elected. It is expected that the name of the new organization will be recognized all thru the United States as well as Canada, as being representative of the interests of every motorist in the Dominion.

Representatives were present from every province in the Dominion, and the following officers were chosen: President, Oliver Hezlewood of the Ontario Motor League; vice-presidents, Frank Carroll of the Quebec Motor League and G. H. Cotterell of the Vancouver Motor Club; secretary-treasurer, W. G. Robertson of the Ontario Motor League.

In moving for the organization of a Dominion Federation, President Hezlewood of the O.M.L., said that the question of government roads had come up, and the need of a central organization had arisen with it. In the past a good roads deputation, representing

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HYDRO TO CUT LONDON RATES

Surplus for Year Will Be Forty Thousand Dollars—Business Rapidly Increasing.

LONDON, Sept. 3.—(Can. Press.) The Hydro-Electric department will show a surplus of \$40,000 by the end of November, the close of the fiscal year.

For the first half it was \$30,000 and the last part of the year has seen a great increase of business. The consumers now number nearly 6000, and the amount of power sold is nearly 6000 horsepower.

As a result of the surplus, power rates will be reduced next year. It is the intention of the commissioners to supply energy at a price as near cost as can be furnished.

"I am confident that we will have a surplus of forty thousand dollars," said Chairman Pocock.

VERDICT OF MURDER RETURNED BY JURY

James Dickenson Will Have to Face This Charge in Police Court Today.

A verdict of murder against James Dickenson was brought in at the inquest conducted by Coroner George Graham last night on Lucy Ives. In all likelihood the charge against Dickenson will be reduced to manslaughter when the case comes up in police court again, this morning. The next session of the criminal court will be on Sept. 28, and the case will probably be tried at that sitting.

The various employees of Smith's hotel, in which the occurrence happened on the morning of Aug. 27, agreed in the main parts of their stories. The Ives woman appeared to be either intoxicated or drugged on the morning in question, and she annoyed Dickenson considerably. After he was struck three times Dickenson retaliated with a blow behind the woman's neck. She fell sideways, her neck striking the side of a table. The doctor who performed the autopsy stated that it was likely that the fracture of the spinal column, which caused death, was due to the fall.

Freemasons' Gift to Prince

LONDON, Sept. 3.—(C.A.P.)—The Grand Freemasons' Lodge of England, under the presidency of Lord Ashleigh, last night adopted a motion that the sum of three hundred guineas from the funds of the grand lodge be voted for the purpose of presenting a suitable gift to Prince Arthur of Connaught on the occasion of his marriage with H.R.H. the Duchess of Fife.

CURRENCY BILL TO BE HURRIED

Attempt by Republican Senators to Force New Hearings, Defeated on Close Vote.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—(Can. Press.)—The administration currency bill was under fire at both ends of the capitol today. While representatives of the American Bankers' Association continued their criticism of the bill before the senate currency committee, Republican members of the house committee made an ineffectual effort to have new hearings opened up here.

The administration forces on the house committee defeated the plan for new hearings by a vote of 10 to 8. All the Republicans supported a resolution offered by Representative Burke of Pennsylvania, (Republican), which asked that the secretary of the treasury, the comptroller of the currency and representatives of the American Bankers' Association be heard. The Burke resolution was defeated and the committee adopted one by Representative Wingo of Arkansas, (Democrat), declaring the views of the American Bankers' Association were fully known and that the amendments proposed by the recent bankers' conference at Chicago had been repeatedly suggested to the proponents of the bill, and everyone of them seriously discussed and carefully considered by those responsible for the legislation.

Democratic leaders will be prepared tomorrow to urge immediately the consideration of the bill by the house. In the committee meeting today, Representative Ragdale of South Carolina was the only Democrat who favored the opening of new hearings.

The senate hearings will continue through the week, with the members of the bankers' committee as chief witnesses. It is expected that an effort will be made within a short time by Republican members of the committee to force the senate to go on record on a motion to defer all currency legislation until December. Senators who favor such a plan will ask that the committee give extensive hearings up to December 1.

WRECK TO BE FULLY PROBED

Public Inquiry of Most Searching Kind Ordered Into New Haven Disaster.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sept. 3.—(Can. Press.)—With twenty-one dead and five dying as the result of the wreck near New Haven yesterday morning of the Bar Harbor express train, the coroner today ordered a public inquiry into the causes of the disaster.

The inquest will be conducted by the coroner and will be held at the coroner's office in New Haven. The coroner will be assisted by a jury of twelve men, who will be sworn in tomorrow night. Mr. Belpap, who will conduct the examination of witnesses said the enquiry would be thorough.

Coroner Mix persisted today in his refusal to make public the testimony of Engineer Miller of the White Mountain express which crashed into the Bar Harbor train, or of Flagman Murray of the latter train, both of whom he examined yesterday. This attitude was also taken by C. C. Elwell, chief engineer of the Connecticut public utilities commission, who was present at the hearing.

The advantages of the new line were that it would shorten the distance between Bradford and points south, give one central depot on Market street, eliminate level crossings and give Holmedale connections.

THAW, FREED, WHISKED AWAY IN AUTO TO VERMONT BORDER READY FOR DEPORTATION NOW

Immigration Authorities Seize Matteawan Fugitive Within Three Minutes of Being Liberated in Court—His Lawyers Admit Battle Lost and Complain of Influence "Higher Up."

CATCOOK, Que., Sept. 3.—(Can. Press.)—Harry Kendall Thaw, tried out of the Sherbrooke jail on a writ of habeas corpus, obtained by a coup of William Travers Jerome, occupied three minutes of liberty this afternoon and was then seized by the Dominion immigration authorities and hustled by automobile to this little town, where tonight he paced the floor in the immigration detention room over the G. T. R. station. Tomorrow morning a special board of enquiry will sit in his case and by night he may be thrust across the Vermont border as an undesirable alien. His lawyers have planned no procedure to resist extradition to New York, and the belief was current tonight that before many hours Thaw would be back in the Matteawan Asylum for the criminal insane, from which he escaped on Sunday, Aug. 17.

Thaw Seemed Dazed. The beginning of the end of Thaw's refuge in Canada came with dramatic swiftness. A writ of habeas corpus, sued out last Saturday at the direction of Jerome, with John Bourdreaux, chief of police of this village, as petitioner, was sustained at 2:05 o'clock this afternoon by Matthew Hutchinson, superior judge of the district of St. Francis, sitting in chambers at Sherbrooke. Stolid, pallid, numb, Thaw sat not five feet from the judge as he read. When, in the very last paragraph, the court declared him a free man, whether he desired his liberty or not, Thaw seemed to crumple up in the lounge where he sat. A cigar stump fell from his left hand and his right hand fluttered two gay bits of ribbon a child had given him.

Whisked Away in Auto. But he did not rise. W. K. McKeown of his counsel leaned over and patting him on the shoulder, whispered. Thaw raised his big staring eyes and stood up. Immigration officers in the room headed by E. Blake

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General Lock-out at Dublin

DUBLIN, Sept. 4.—(Can. Press.)—Thirty thousand people attended the funeral today of the workman, Nolan, whose death was due to injuries received in the riot in connection with the tramway strike. There was no disorder. At a meeting today prominent employers signed an agreement binding themselves not to employ any member of the Transport Workers' Union. This means practically a general lock-out. The day passed quietly.

BRITISH POLICY WAS OUTLINED

Haldane's Address an Official Announcement of Government's Desire to Promote Unity of Nations.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 3.—(Can. Press.)—The address before the American Bar Association at Montreal of Viscount Haldane, lord high chancellor of England, was an official announcement to the world of the declared policy of the British Government, according to an authorized statement made here tonight by Francis Rawle, one of the leading lawyers of this city. Mr. Rawle was chairman of the committee that received the lord high chancellor upon his arrival at New York from England last week. It was while returning to Montreal that the British jurist authorized Mr. Rawle to make the announcement. The address in a large measure concerned itself with the unity of nations, particularly those of Anglo-Saxon blood; their working together for the good of the world, its peace and betterment.

According to Mr. Rawle's statement the lord chancellor said: "It is official and is intended to be so. It is the declared policy of the British Government, announced through my address to the world. It will be published immediately in French, German, Russian and Chinese."

PRESIDENT HUERTA WILL RUN AS CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION

Will Turn Over Provisional Presidency to General Trevino and Become a Candidate for Full Elective Term, to Which Washington Will Not Object.

Special to The Toronto World. MEXICO CITY, Sept. 3.—From a source which is authentic, The World correspondent learned tonight that it is almost a certainty that President Huerta, within a few days, will turn over the provisional presidency to Gen. Trevino, and himself become a candidate for the full elective term. This informant has been in attendance at almost every cabinet meeting, and has himself declined numerous offers to become one of Huerta's ministers. "You are safe in saying that Washington is in possession of no objection to his offering himself Huerta's intention, and will propose no objection to his offering himself as a candidate," said he. "The only stipulation the United States will make is that the elections be conducted honestly and fairly, and that it be thoroughly understood that the man chosen must be supported and maintained in office by the whole country; if need be with the help of the United States. Gen. Trevino, according to law, must become first the foreign minister in order to succeed automatically to the provisional presidency, when Huerta resigns. This has been arranged, in fact may be regarded as an accomplished fact."

SWITCH PLAN IS DROPPED BY G. T. R.

After Years of Uncertainty, Holmedale, Brantford Suburb is Finally Denied Connection.

BRANTFORD, Sept. 3.—(Special.)—The Grand Trunk Railway has decided not to construct the Holmedale switch. For three years announcements have been made from time to time that the company was about to begin work. An agreement was made in 1910, giving the company until this year to make good. The agreement was the result of a demand from Holmedale for railway facilities.

This demand is being rapidly met by the construction of the Lake Erie and Northern Railway. Until the success of the latter enterprise was assured, the Grand Trunk did not abandon its project, going so far as to acquire certainty of the right of way. Now the company wants to rent said right of way to private parties, and has announced that the switch project is temporarily abandoned.

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TORONTO DIRECTORS WILL INSPECT LINES

Messrs. Matthews and Osler to Accompany Shaughnessy on Annual Tour.

MOLDER FOUND DEAD IN HIS BED

John Ferguson, 81 Isabella street, was found dead in his bed yesterday morning. Ferguson was a moulder by trade and employed at the mill works on Dufferin street. The body was removed to the morgue, but his death was evidently due to heart failure. An inquest will not likely be held.

CAN ALDERMAN BE INSPECTOR?

BERLIN, Ont., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—Can an alderman act as inspector of sewer construction and draw a salary and legally hold his seat as an alderman? This is a question which is creating considerable stir at present as the result of the appointment of Ald. Hahn as inspector of sewer construction.

CANADA'S CREDIT IN LONDON IS THE BEST

W. Leonard Palmer of The Financial News Says the Dominion Always Will Enjoy Favor So Long as Money is for Sound and Legitimate Purposes Only.

"Canada's credit still shines brightly in London and will continue to do providing care is exercised by those Canadians who are prominent in the financial world. It would be a mistake of course, to say that Canadian propositions enjoy the same remarkable popularity as obtained a year or two ago in the money market of the world. The mere presence of the Canadian label on an issue no longer ensures its success. To be successful the issue must bear the unquestionable stamp of merit. In view of the great financial stringency brought about by the recent Balkan war, London has necessarily to exercise greater care than ever in the process of loaning the strings of the money bag, Canada, which for a great many years to come must be a very heavy borrower, will, however, always enjoy favor in London as long as money is asked for the working out of sound and legitimate enterprises only."

Such was the opinion expressed to a representative of The World by W. Leonard Palmer of The Financial News of London and Paris, which is the leading financial newspaper of the world. Mr. Palmer is already well known to Toronto as the man who organized and conducted the British manufacturers' party thru Canada last year. That successful enterprise, which has already been productive of much good to the two countries, was part of what Mr. Palmer seems to have constituted his chief task in life, namely, the bringing of the commercial classes of Great Britain into closer relationship to Canada. As a result of the visit of the party last year, Mr. Palmer states that plans have now been completed for the erection of a number of factories in various parts of the Dominion. Branch establishments have also been opened by other firms, while the volume of trade and money for investment which has directly followed the tour could only be represented in very large figures.

Questioned as to his plans for following up the good effects of the British manufacturers' visit, Mr. Palmer said that he had nothing definite to announce at the present time, but that he is in Toronto in connection with an important project which, if materialized, will be very far-reaching in its effect upon Anglo-Canadian trade relations, and indeed the relations of Canada with all other portions of the British Empire.

Sound as a Rock. "Do you think that the success of Sir William Mackenzie is a wizard of finance, and that the success of his mission may have surprised many other people, the Canadian financier was almost as sound as a rock, and that the basic wealth of Canada is so vast that nothing can hinder her permanent progress. There has been reckless buying in Paris, and some unwholesome gambling in land values. A great evil of the land value is the effect upon the real estate market, which he believes that it has increased in Canada more rapidly within the last few years than in any other part of the world."

"Money is by no means scarce in England just now. We have experienced a wonderful boom in trade, which has necessarily taken up the available cash. When the conditions of the continent become more settled, money will come streaming into London, and it is then that Canada will find herself more in favor."

NINE VICTIMS OF WRECK IDENTIFIED

LONDON, Sept. 3.—(C.A.P.)—The ninth of the fourteen victims of the Scottish train disaster has now been definitely identified. He is John Cockburn, a well-known engineer of Glasgow.

According to an official statement issued yesterday by the Midland Railway Company, the following are believed to be still missing from the ill-fated express: Miss Sargent, Mrs. Raggitt and Miss Lindsay, all of London, and Miss Carter, Henley.

REPORT ON FLOOD PREVENTION.

GALT, Sept. 3.—(Special.)—An important report was presented to Galt Council by W. P. Brelhault, C. E., on the river conditions and outlining measures to afford relief in the matter of freshets. The recommendations embodied undertakings of a large and extensive character, with removal and rebuilding of a new bridge, embankment waste weir at the dam and removal of loose rock from the river bed. The exhaustive report will be kept for future use when the town is better able to grapple with the great project.

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