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CITY COUNCIL MEETING IS A FARCE

LOCAL MEMBERS OF LEGISLATURE ENDORSE BYLAW

Board of Trade Knock Will Be a Boost, Says E. W. J. Owens.

DR. GODFREY WORKING

Gooderham and Irish Will State Their Positions in Day or Two.

The World yesterday interviewed the Toronto members of the Ontario Legislature respecting their views on the Beck radial bylaw. They nearly all declared themselves in favor of it.

"I am for the bylaw tooth and tongue," declared E. W. J. Owens, M.L.A. for Toronto Southeast, "and it is going to carry by a large majority."

Thomas Hook, Mr. Owens' colleague for Toronto Southeast, was less outspoken than Mr. Owens, but declared himself in favor of the bylaw.

Joseph Russell, who represents the new riding of Riverdale at Queen's Park, was in his usual good spirits when accosted by The World.

W. D. McPherson, Mr. Crawford's colleague from Toronto North-west, said: "I am a Beck man. I have generally followed Sir Adam's lead and I know no reason why I should not do so upon this occasion."

Geo. H. Gooderham, declined to say where he stood on the Beck Radial bylaw.

"I do not quote me as being either for or against it," Mr. Gooderham warned The World reporter.

Mark H. Irish, Dr. Pyke's colleague for Toronto Northeast, being asked over the telephone where he stood on the Beck Radial Bylaw, said he would prefer to see a World reporter present.

GERMAN SUBMARINES RESUMING ACTIVITIES

Half Dozen Ships Sunk and at Least Eighty Lives Lost.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The resumption of German submarine activity is evidenced by the sinking of half a dozen ships in the past 24 hours, with the loss of 80 lives in the case of the French steamer Ville de Laclot.

What Radials Are Doing For London

London and Toronto will vote on Saturday next on the question of hydro-electric radials. As a nucleus of a great publicly owned radial railway system, a line is proposed by the Hydro-Electric Commission between London and Toronto.

London has happily no occasion to be in the dark concerning the issue. Her citizens missed last July the building of a twenty-three-mile railroad from the city to Port Stanley.

The municipalities north of London to Stratford and beyond, thru which the proposed radial will pass, will obtain a direct connection with Lake Erie.

The whole scheme is one that, when in operation, will, as a public utility, bring benefits to the city of London, and to the municipalities through which it will pass.

OTHER SIGNS OF IMPROVED TIMES--STEEL ADVANCING

Steel and iron prices are usually accepted as the indicators of prosperity or depression.

The advance in steel companies' shares has already started. United States Steel sold at 59 1/2, the highest price in years.

While this is agreeable news for the shareholders, it also means that the result will be beneficial to the whole of Canada, and with our extraordinary crop new being marketed in the west and here in the east, will go a long way towards making times good again for everyone.

TURKS DRIVEN FROM FORT IN FIGHT AT KUT-EL-AMARA

Four British Battalions Repulse Division of Foe After it Gained Footing in Northern Bastion on Christmas Day.

LONDON, Dec. 27, 7:50 p.m.—The British forces at Kut-el-Amara, on the Tigris, repulsed the 200 enemy dead mentioned in the telegrams of the 24th are not included in the above.

The rest of Christmas Day passed quietly. The fort and garrison in excellent spirits, recaptured the bastion. The enemy's casualties are estimated at 200, our own at 100 killed and wounded.

Threat by Lloyd George?

LONDON, Tuesday, Dec. 28.—The Daily Mail understands that David Lloyd George threatens to resign from the cabinet unless Premier Asquith strictly adheres to his pledge to appoint a commission to investigate the cabinet's handling of the situation.

GREAT BRITAIN'S CABINET CRISIS GROWING ACUTE

Grave Differences of Opinion Disclosed on Issue of Forced Service.

MAY BE RESIGNATIONS

General Election May Be Outcome—Bitter Comment by Newspapers.

LONDON, Dec. 28, 2:45 a.m.—Winston Spencer Churchill returned to France yesterday to rejoin his regiment.

LONDON, Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2:15 a.m.—That the proceedings of the British Cabinet have not been going smoothly is seen in the fact that after a two hours' sitting yesterday (Monday) the council was obliged to adjourn until today.

The Times' parliamentary correspondent asserts that the position is undeniably delicate and may become critical today, unless handled with firmness and decision.

Mr. Lloyd George, first lord of the Admiralty, and Mr. Asquith, prime minister, have not yet made their position clear.

The Morning Post, equally with (Continued on Page 3, Column 7).

The Night Raiders in Town!

Anything to beat Beck is the cry of the board of trade. But who's behind the three big railroads and the company-owned radials along street car lines.

The fight was all organized and the advertising ready before the council of the board got busy.

They are so well organized, so full of preparedness that they are overdoing it. The board of trade never before showed so much energy for the public, and wouldn't if they could.

The people see what they're up against and they will be roused to go out and vote the bylaw and for Beck.

The game nevertheless is to mark and mark Adam out as the "wolf." But who are the professional "shepherds" of the people? That's what we'd like to know.

The public will learn where the members for the city in the legislature are on this question from our new column. Many of them are friends of Adam's scheme.

Liberals are lining up for Adam and so will Conservatives. Adam Beck and public ownership is the big asset of the Tories, and if Adam were to get a setback from the corporations, the governments in Queen's Park and at Ottawa might have a lot of broken crockery on their hands.

Whatever else you do while you are in Toronto do not forget to call at Fur Headquarters and make your fur selections. The W. & D. Dineen Co., Limited, 140 Yonge street, have the finest stock of up-to-date furs for ladies and gentlemen in Canada.

One ounce of testimony based on experience like that printed on this page from The London Free Press as to the fact that the fur is worth a thousand dollars in the north, will mean a lot to you.

MOST DISGRACEFUL SESSION YET HELD IN THE CITY HALL

WHAT THE CITY COUNCIL DID

Debated for three hours and a half on the resignation of Acting Chief Smith, refusing to accept it on a tie vote. Decided to spend \$2000 in publicity favoring the hydro radial bylaw. Referred back the recommendation of the board of control for a steel and concrete bridge on Mount Pleasant road.

BULGARS RETIRE FOUR MILES FROM THE BORDER OF GREECE

LONDON, Dec. 28.—(2:35 a.m.)—A despatch to The Times from Saloniki says: "The Bulgarians have withdrawn four miles from the Greek frontier, between Ghevvel and Doiran, and are busy fortifying a strong line of natural positions."

BRITISH FRONT NOT WEAKENED BRITISH FORCE ROUTED ARABS

Drafts From Kitchener's New Armies Take Place of Indian Corps. Main Body of Enemy Dispersed Near Materuh on Christmas Day.

INDIANS FOR EGYPT? VICTORS' LOSSES LIGHT

Fighting in Main Theatres of War Shows No Material Changes. Turkish Version of Affair Claimed as Usual Brilliant Victory.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—(3:51 p.m.)—The departure of the Indian army from France for "another field of action" was the most important feature of the day's news for the British public.

The new frontiers of the British front in Greece is unchanged. Vienna reports that there have been no important events in the Balkan theatre.

FIRE AT WOODSTOCK

WOODSTOCK, Dec. 27.—Fire of unknown origin this morning destroyed the four mill of Maycock & Harris of Princeton, entailing a loss of \$10,000.

WHITLOCK WILL SAIL FOR BELGIUM TODAY

U. S. Minister Declares Relief Commission is Accomplishing Great Work.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Brand Whitlock, United States minister to Belgium, will sail tomorrow on the Holland-America liner Rotterdam to resume his duties abroad.

Smith's Resignation Not Accepted and Aldermen Indulge in Personalities Instead of Carrying on Business—Two Thousand for Hydro Radial Publicity Campaign.

A year of disgraceful meetings of the city council was brought to a close with a climax at yesterday's session, which developed into a regular bear garden scene several times at the afternoon and evening sittings.