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CITY SOLICITOR SECURES AGREEMENT WHICH WILL BE APPROVED BY COURTS

Brantford Will Not Have to Carry Out the Eight Year Contract With Cataract For Supply of Power to the Street Railway--Terms of Agreement Show What City Will Have to Pay For.

(SPECIAL TO THE COURIER) TORONTO, Feb. 25.—Copies of a tentative agreement for the purchase of the Grand Valley and the Brantford Street Railways by the city of Brantford has been sent to the interested parties by the local firm of Watson, Smoke & Smith, acting for the receiver.

ALL IS PEACE NOW. While this draft may not be final, it is not thought any serious conflict will result. Legal warfare has raged over the Grand Valley and its assets, with Brantford on the aggressive, but the olive branch has been proffered and accepted, and all future differences are likely to be bloodless.

OTHER RAILWAY OUT OF IT. Firstly, the Woodstock, Thames Valley & Ingersoll Electric Railway is excluded from the sale and barter. The other assets go to the city, but with the assets the city must assume certain obligations, including the contracts with the Hydro Commission and other concerns.

WHAT CITY WILL PAY. The city is required to pay \$125,000 to equite the holders of the first mortgage for that amount. Two other mortgages total \$5,500, and a cash payment of \$90,100 must be made to the bondholders. The aggregate is about \$229,600.

NOW UP TO BRANTFORD. What Mr. Henderson will have to say when he goes over the proposed agreement Mr. Henderson knows best. He has watched Brantford's interests very carefully, and has fought tenaciously and strenuously enough when the occasion has demanded.

CITY NOT INTERESTED. The bondholders have an action pending against the directors of the Grand Valley as to the issue and disposition of debentures. The bondholders are not altogether pleased with the debenture situation, and litigation may be the upshot.

THAT CATARACT CONTRACT. Mr. Henderson, when seen to-day by the Courier, said that the Hydro contract referred to above with the Hydro Commission related to power received at the Galt end of the line. Asked as to whether the city would have to assume the eight-year contract with the Western Counties Company for power at this end, Mr. Henderson said it was a point in contention.

Laurier's Refusal To Quit Plunges Liberals In Gloom

There are indications of a growing restlessness in the Opposition, and an increasing dissatisfaction with the Laurier leadership. Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux is reported to have ambitions of his own, with which ambitions the continued presence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier conflicts.

"ALL-IRELAND" MEETING CONDEMNS MR. SAMUEL

DUBLIN, Feb. 25.—At an "all-Ireland" meeting held last night by representatives of commercial and other interests here, the Lord Mayor of Dublin presiding, a resolution was adopted strongly protesting against the action of the British Postmaster-General Herbert L. Samuel, in releasing the Cunard Steamship Company from its contract obligation to have its steamers call at Queenstown.

Police Lieut. Becker Has Been Granted A New Trial



ALBANY, Feb. 25.—A new trial has been granted Charles Becker, the former New York police lieutenant under death sentence for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, in the court of appeals.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY SHOWS THAT ONTARIO IS FREE FROM MANY OF FINANCIAL WORRIES

Hon. W. J. Hanna in Debate on Speech From Throne in House Exposes Mr. Rowell's Attempt to Injure Province for Political Advantage—Legislature Votes Down Amendment Proposed by Liberal Leader to Name Minister of Labor.

TORONTO, Feb. 25.—The first battle in the Ontario Legislature of 1914 has been fought to a finish and N. W. Rowell, of the Opposition, leads his followers from the field in defeat. At 11 o'clock last evening his elaborately worded amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne calling for the appointment of a minister of labor to study industrial conditions in the province.

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WILL NOT BETRAY CAUSE AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR, HE DECLARES

Premier Asquith Says Government Will Not Supplicate for Truce or Hoist White Flag. LONDON, Feb. 25.—In the House of Commons yesterday the Opposition tried to obtain from Premier Asquith a disclosure of the concessions to be offered to Ulster in the Home Rule Bill by supporting a resolution introduced by Bertram G. Falle, the Unionist member for Portsmouth.

VILLA REFUSES TO HAND OVER BODY

Mexican Situation is a Tense One To-Day—Authorities Want to Find Out if Pistol or Gun Shots Caused Death of British Subject.

(By Special Wire to The Courier) EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 25.—Uncertainty still prevailed here as to what General Villa of the constitutionalist army, proposed to do regarding the request of the United States Government that he deliver to the widow the body of William S. Benton, the British subject, whom he executed last week at Juarez.

Conflicting reports of the rebel generals proposed action have been received here. A message sent by Villa to the United States consul at Juarez was translated to read that Benton's body would be delivered to the widow but not at the present time.

However Consul Letcher at Cihhuahua where General Villa is making temporary headquarters reported Villa declines to deliver the body, but he will permit the widow or other relatives to visit the cemetery with American representatives and that for their benefit he will order an exhumation of the body, which will then be retained in the grave from which it would be removed.

United States secret service operatives say they had received information which they did not make public; that indicated that Gustav Bauch, the missing German-American, has met a fate similar to Benton's. Constitutionalists to-day expressed pleasure over the reported voluntary surrender yesterday of the Federal gunboat Tampico, with its crew of constitutional officers at Topolcan.

Another One. LAREDO, Texas, Feb. 25.—United States Consul Garrett at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, last night despatched an emissary to Hidalgo, Mexico, to investigate the reported execution by Mexican Federal troops of Clemente Mergara, an American citizen.

Enquiry Is Difficult. WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Difficulties in the way of obtaining a complete medical examination of the body of William S. Benton, British subject, appeared to-day to complicate the enquiry instituted by both the American and British Governments into the circumstances surrounding the recent execution at Juarez.

Will Not Betray Cause At The Eleventh Hour, He Declares. LONDON, Feb. 25.—In the House of Commons yesterday the Opposition tried to obtain from Premier Asquith a disclosure of the concessions to be offered to Ulster in the Home Rule Bill by supporting a resolution introduced by Bertram G. Falle, the Unionist member for Portsmouth.

Hoist the white flag of surrender. To his followers he would say that the Government was not going to betray a great cause at the eleventh hour. The Opposition should understand that the Government would not be browbeaten or hustled into a course which in its judgment would not promote but embarrass the purpose of the men of all parties should keep in view.

Drifting Towards Civil War. Andrew Bonar Law, leader of the Opposition, said that the country was fast drifting towards civil war. If the Premier had proposals to make it was criminal to delay them so long. The Government adhered to the policy of drifting; therefore it was the duty of the Opposition to make it impossible for the Government to force the bill through the House unless supported by the verdict of the country at the polls. Otherwise, he declared, its passage would be regarded by Ulster as a declaration of war.

The motion was defeated. 311 to 238.