

MARQUETTE TO RUN AS USUAL NO MATTER WHO SECURES IT

Employees and Public To Be Treated as Before Going Into Insolvency—How L. E. and D. R. Is Affected.

The financial troubles of the Pere Marquette Railway are worrying the city of London, and today Mayor Campbell had a long conference with City Solicitor Meredith on the subject. If the lease of the L. and P. S. R. line held by the Pere Marquette is in any danger, the mayor will at once summon the members of the L. and P. S. board to discuss the situation and take such measures as may be deemed advisable to preserve the city's interests.

Officials Here.

General Superintendent Trump, of the Pere Marquette, whose headquarters are in Detroit; Superintendent Tyett, of Detroit, and Assistant Superintendent Gihooly, of St. Thomas, were in the city today. They arrived in a private car and spent several hours here. All the officials are young men, but they are old in railway experience. They talked to the Advertiser without any hesitation, though as to the cause of the present troubles they appear to be somewhat in the dark.

As to the Lease.

"What effect will the receivership have upon the Pere Marquette lease of

the London and Port Stanley Railway?" was asked of Mr. Trump. "I cannot see that it will have any effect," he replied. "I wish to positively assure the public that all the obligations of the Pere Marquette Railway will be met promptly in the future as in the past. There will be no difference in the operation of trains, or the payment of employees. The receivership, as I understand it, has simply resulted from certain differences between the two corporations on certain matters."

"I wish to state positively that the Pere Marquette is in shape to meet all its obligations, and there is nothing for the people of Canada or Michigan to worry about."

"Can you say anything as to the future?"

"No, I cannot. But I can say that no matter what turns up the lines will be operated in the future as in the past, and every obligation will be promptly met."

Employees Promptly Paid.

Mr. Gihooly also pointed out that in St. Thomas an official notice is being published in the papers to the effect

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SUING MASTER PLUMBERS

Actions Against Thirty Torontonians, Overcharging Being Claimed.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Dec. 6.—In the police court this morning the threatened action of various people against plumbers who, it is said, had overcharged them was initiated when 30 master plumbers were called upon to answer a charge of conspiracy. Most of the defendants are Toronto men, but action has also been taken against Messrs. Stevenson, A. Malcolm, H. Mahoney and R. Mahoney, of the city of Guelph, who are accused of conspiring to defraud the Homewood Retreat at Guelph, out of \$800. A number of Toronto firms are cited on the complaint of Warwick, Bro. & Ritter, of defrauding to the extent of \$1,200, and the city of Toronto complains of having been done up to the extent of \$500. The cases all stand over till the 12th.

HITS AT EVENING SERVICES

An Anglican Bishop Says That Too Frequently They Are Concerts.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Hamilton, Dec. 6.—In a sermon after the dedication of St. Luke's Church new organ, the Bishop of Niagara declared that in many churches the Sunday evening services were mere concerts, praise of God being set aside. People went to hear singers who received fees for their work and might be atheists. He denounced church bazaars, garden parties, etc., as a means of raising funds for church furniture. He was pleased to see the Pope had made changes in music in Catholic churches and that the Anglican synod had undertaken to see that music was given its proper place in the English Church.

Eleven Go to Death On Magdalen Reefs

R. J. Leslie, M.P.P., Drowned
With Many of Crew of
Steamer Lunenburg.

Halifax, Dec. 5.—Eleven men were swept to death by the boiling seas which the severe gale kicked up on the reefs of Magdalen Islands yesterday morning. The old coasting steamer Lunenburg, which has been plying on the Nova Scotia coast for fourteen years, has gone to the bottom, and of her crew of seventeen only six were saved. Robert J. Leslie, owner of the steamer and a member of the Quebec Legislature for Magdalen Islands, is among the drowned. The Lunenburg left Pictou with mails and cargo on Saturday for the Magdalen. She ran into a gale and severe snowstorm, during which she was driven ashore on the outer sand beach opposite Amherst harbor at the southern end of the group.

Only Five Saved.

She struck at 9 o'clock in the morning. Heavy seas were then breaking over the reefs, and there was no opportunity to launch the boats. Daylight came their signals of distress were seen from the shore, and a boat put out to the stranded vessel. Five of the crew, including First Officer Smith, were taken off and got ashore in safety. Twelve men were left aboard, preferring to remain by the ship to risking the dangers of the surf. But the storm came on with increased fury, and the doomed vessel as she lay head-fast on the rocks. As the afternoon wore on and the helplessness began to break up.

They were forced to take to the boats. Twelve men got into one lifeboat and pulled for the shore. Halfway to land a huge sea struck the boat and she almost foundered. An eyewitness says that as the wave struck the boat the occupants were swept away, and she drifted in. Another boat pulled out from shore, but when she reached the battered craft only one man was found clinging to the boat.

Captain Pride commanded the doomed vessel. Communication with the Magdalen Islands by Government cable, and few details are available of the disaster, which is one of the worst in the marine annals of the Atlantic coast. The six men saved were: Captain Pride, William Smith, mate, Edward Silver, J. H. McCann, William Thom and Warren Jackson.

The Drowned.

The drowned were: R. J. Leslie, M. P. P.; J. McConnell, purser; H. Merdall, steward; R. MacDonald, chief engineer; J. Josie, cook; E. Ham, cabin boy; Chasson, Vital Doucett, Delphus Vigneault, Samuel Vigneault and Joseph Bourgeois.

R. J. Leslie, owner of the vessel, was one of the most enterprising business men of Halifax. He was largely engaged in the lobster packing business and had extensive interests in Magdalen Islands, whither he was then proceeding. He was elected to the Quebec Legislature for Gaspere during his absence in England. He left Halifax last Tuesday, proceeded in the Lunenburg to the Magdalen, returned to Pictou, and left again for the Magdalen on Saturday. He was a senior member of the firm of Leslie, Hart & Co., of Halifax, where he had a handsome residence. He was 50 years old, and leaves a widow and four children. His death has caused great sorrow in the community.



GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS.

DURAND PROUD OF INDIAN EMPIRE

Tells New Yorkers Hindostani Is Not Being Ruled Against Her Will.

New York, Dec. 6.—The entertainment club which Prince Louis recently joined as an honorary member, held a reception last night at the Waldorf. The British ambassador, Sir Mortimer Durand, was the guest of honor. With him were Lady Durand, Miss Durand and many members of his staff. General Stewart, of Brooklyn, presided. The north end of the room was hung with an American and a British flag, and a pennant embroidered with the English coat-of-arms hung between.

General Nelson A. Miles and Borough President Littleton, of Brooklyn, spoke. General Woodford then introduced General Joe Wheeler, who received loud applause. General Wheeler talked as had the others, on the friendly feeling between the United States and England.

Ambassador Durand said that the first thing he had been told on arriving in America was that he should speak infrequently and never long.

He talked mostly of India, and gave some interesting experiences from his travels and his diplomatic career in the east. He said we seemed to be all wrong in our conception of conditions in India. "We have been accused," he said, "of ruling India against her will. Why do you think 15,000 Englishmen could rule 400,000,000 of human beings without their consent? I am proud of our work there. I think, though it may be an insular conceit, that we have done the greatest work in India ever accomplished by any power."

NAMES CABINET DEC. 15

Bannerman Unable to Form One Before That Date.

London, Dec. 6.—The following official announcement was made tonight: Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman informed King Edward that he will be unable to submit his proposed arrangements in connection with the formation of a new government until Dec. 11. King Edward left London this afternoon to visit Lord Arlington at Cricheff, Wiltshire.

LORD WILLOUGHBY WEDS

London, Dec. 6.—Eloise, daughter of the late W. L. Brees, of New York, was married today to Lord Willoughby de Eresby, heir of the Earl of Ancaster. The ceremony, which took place at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, drew a distinguished gathering, which included the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Ambassador Whitelaw Reid. A detachment of the Lincolnshire Yeomanry lined the aisle. The presents were costly, and included gifts from the Duke and Duchess of Connaught.

Conservative Resigns.

Montreal, Dec. 5.—Dr. A. N. Worthington has resigned his seat as Conservative member for Sherbrooke, acknowledging contravention of the election act on the part of his agents without his knowledge or consent. The Stanstead election trial is postponed from Dec. 15 to Jan. 15. In the bill of particulars filed in connection with the Sherbrooke case, there was but one charge against the member personally.

ONLOOKER GOT THE WORST OF IT

Two Young Men Who Acted In Unbecoming Manner Fined by P. M.

John and James Moore, two young men who have hitherto borne good reputations were charged in the police court this morning, with assaulting Mr. William James, a well-known



resident of the east end. It seems that on Monday night the defendants were on York street east in an intoxicated condition. One was trying to assist the other—a case of the blind leading the blind. A middle-aged man who was passing, stopped out of curiosity, and watched the defendants. The young men seemed to dislike the presence of the stranger and told him to move on. He did this, but was followed, one of them (Continued on Page Three.)

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow Fine and Mild.

London, Wednesday, Dec. 6.
Sun rises, 7:38 a.m. Moon rises, 2:16 p.m.
Sun sets, 4:42 p.m. Moon sets, 2:11 a.m.

Toronto, Dec. 6—8 p.m.
Fine weather has been general today throughout the Dominion. From the Ottawa Valley to the Maritime Provinces it has been moderately cold, while in Ontario and the Northwest Provinces it has been milder than yesterday.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 42-54; Kamloops, 28-42; Calgary, 22-38; Edmonton, 22-36; Qu'Appelle, 18-34; Winnipeg, 4-28; Port Arthur, 15-22; Ottawa, 2-30; Montreal, zero-28; Quebec, zero-22; St. John, 16-24; Halifax, 22-28.

FORECASTS.

Wednesday, Dec. 6—8 a.m.
Today—Fresh southwesterly winds; fair and mild.

Thursday—Southwesterly winds; fair and mild.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Calgary..... 36 20 Fair
Winnipeg..... 8 12 Fair
Parry Sound..... 32 30 Rain
Toronto..... 32 30 Rain
Ottawa..... 28 30 Rain
Montreal..... 30 28 Rain
Quebec..... 24 10 Fair
Father Point..... 18 12 Snow

WEATHER NOTES.
The weather is fine, with a general tendency toward higher temperatures everywhere. There are no indications of disturbance in any part of the Dominion.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Tuesday were: Highest, 30.5; lowest, 20° above.

THE THUNDERER ON BANNERMAN

Says For His Own and Party's Good Had Better Enter Lords.

London, Dec. 6.—The Times says: Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman is being freely reminded by the Opposition press that he will not lie on a bed of roses while he serves as Prime Minister. Editors tell him he will not be able to face the desolating logic of Mr. Chamberlain and the winged shafts of Mr. Balfour, and for his own good and his party's he had better leave the House of Commons leadership and go into the House of Lords, assuming the leadership of that body, where his party now has no proper leader.

It is admitted that even in the House of Lords Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman might have a good many uncomfortable moments under the criticism of Lord Lansdowne and the friendly admonitions of Lord Rosebery, but it is urged that he would come nearer holding his own there than in the House of Commons.

"But how," asks the Times, "can Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman retire to the Upper House on the eve of a general election? How would such a retirement affect the spirits and prospects of his party?" Later he could do it, but the Times says that in a few months the mischief will have been done, and the Government, initially weak in both Houses, by that time, will find its position irretrievably damaged.

"It is a difficult question to decide," the Times sympathetically remarks.

DRUG MERGER COMPLETE

The Lyman and Other Firms Refuse to Join In It.

Montreal, Dec. 6.—Mr. D. Beale, M. P., Winnipeg, manager of the new Canadian drug combine, declares that the new merger would get in shape for business on Thursday, when they would meet and elect officers and settle the details of their policy. The new merger has failed absolutely in inducing the Lyman and other outside firms to come in.

SHARP TALK TO WITNESS

Mr. Justice Clute Proves Very Strict in Plumbers' Case.

Toronto, Dec. 6.—Mr. A. W. Mann, of the Canada Brass Company, London, provided the sensation of the morning at the assize court in the joint conspiracy trial before Mr. Justice Clute. He went into the box at his own request, to try to remove the stigma of the judge's remark at a former sitting, that he couldn't believe his testimony. There was an interesting passage of words between Mann and the judge, the witness appealing for sympathy, which he didn't get. His explanations failed to satisfy his lordship, who finally ordered him from the box.

Weyler Insulted.

Madrid, Dec. 6.—Gen. Weyler, the former war minister, has taken personal offense at a speech delivered by Gen. Luque, the new minister of War, in which the latter said he proposed to restore discipline in the army. Military men foresee the possibility of an encounter between the two generals.

Russia Is Plunging To Financial Chaos

Many Factories Driven to Bankruptcy—Government Losing \$80,000 a Day—Reforms Slow But Certain.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 6.—Many of the factories are going into bankruptcy in consequence of their inability to meet the additional expenditure occasioned by the increase of wages which the strikers forced the owners to grant.

The postal and telegraph authorities estimate that the Government is losing \$80,000 daily by the postal strike, while the Government's loss from tickets alone during the recent railroad strike is estimated at \$18,500,000.

A revolutionist woman, Olga Hengen, who went to Ivanovo on the Moscow, Yarmouth Railway to deliver revolutionary speeches, was waylaid by workmen on her arrival at the station and both she and a friend who accompanied her were killed.

An official note was issued today explaining that while the Government is inflexibly determined to carry out the reforms promised by the imperial manifesto of Oct. 30, it is impossible at one stroke to accustom the population to the administration of the new order of things created by the manifesto. Until the new legislation required by the

reforms is effected the old laws must be enforced, except where they are already replaced by temporary provisions. The note adds that drafts of the provisional regulations governing freedom of the press and the right of association have been completed, that the deliberations regarding the reform of the council of the empire and the extension of the franchise are nearing a conclusion, and the elections to national assembly are being expedited.

At the same time, measures are being initiated to cope with the disturbances which are endangering public liberty.

M. Belgard, chief of the press censorship office, has been relieved of his position at his own request.

At the review of the Smolensky Regiment at Tsarskoe-Selo yesterday the Emperor addressed the troops, commenting on their tried loyalty. At the subsequent regimental banquet given by the officers, his majesty thanked the regiment for its services, and expressed the hope that it would always show itself as firmly united as it was at present.

FOOTBALL REFORM

Camp Calls Conference in Effort to Eliminate the Brutality.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Walter Camp, chairman of the national football rules committee, last night telegraphed all members of that body to meet in New York next Saturday to consider proposed changes in the rules and to draw up a code for 1906.

The members of the national football rules committee are: Walter Camp, Yale; Paul J. Dashiell, Lehigh and Annapolis; John C. Bell, Pennsylvania; Prof. L. M. Dennis, Cornell; R. D. Wrenn, Harvard; Prof. J. B. Tins, Princeton, and A. A. Staggs, Chicago.

U. S. CONSUL KILLED

Representative at Mexico City Fleets Accidental Death.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—A dispatch from the City of Mexico gives further details of the accident in which James Russell Parsons, United States consul-general, lost his life here last night. An open carriage, in which he was driving with Mrs. Parsons and their son, was struck by an electric car. The coachman tried to cross a street car track, in front of a rapidly moving car, which struck the carriage with terrific force, crushing it against a trolley post. Mr. Parsons' head struck the post, the whole top of the head being taken off. When assistance arrived the body was lying with the head and shoulders on the pavement and the feet in the wreck of the carriage. Until this investigation is concluded there is no means of fixing the responsibility, as no actual eye-witnesses were close enough. The motorman and the driver of the coach both disappeared immediately after the accident and have not yet been arrested.

A Local Option Vote.

St. Thomas, Dec. 5.—Local option will be submitted to the electors of the township of Southwold at the municipal elections. It was decided at the meeting of the council yesterday.

There is no question but that the measure will be carried with the sister township already on the "water cart," and Port Stanley in prospective. St. Thomas was held to the way of drinkables to about half the county.

Burned to Death.

Reading, Pa., Dec. 6.—John Reedy, a civil war veteran, and his daughter Ellen were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home in Never-sink. It is not known when the fire occurred. Their charred bodies were found in the debris today.

BERNHARDT KNOCKS CANADIANS AND STUDENTS START TO MOB HER

Quebec, Dec. 6.—Forty Quebec policemen, in command of Chief Trudel and Deputy Chief Walsh, were called out last night to protect Madame Sarah Bernhardt from being mobbed by the Laval students as she left the Auditorium to take the train for Ottawa, where she is due to perform tonight. The trouble was caused by an utterance made by the celebrated French actress to a number of French-Canadian newspaper men, who called to interview her at the Chateau Frontenac and got her impressions of Canada and the Canadians. Madame Bernhardt spoke rather freely and derided Canadian and Canadians in general. She said Canada was not a nation; it was behind the times in everything. Its population was a mixture of English, Irish, Scotch, French-Canadian and Iroquois, and many who called themselves French-Canadians had not a drop of French blood in their veins. They were the descendants of the Iroquois savages. She also said that Canada had no public men, no artists or scientists. She only heard of Sir Wilfrid Laurier yesterday. Canada had made no progress except a little in agriculture, and the French-Canadians

were dominated by their clergy. She also reflected on the students of Montreal.

Madame Bernhardt's utterances were published in L'Evenement and created an immense sensation among the paper readers, especially among the French students of Laval University, who held an indignation meeting and came to the conclusion to meet her departure from the city, and at the same time pelt her with stone eggs. The police authorities got word of the students' plans, and just before the performance was completed at the Auditorium an escort of 40 men were sent to the theater to protect Madame Bernhardt, and escort her down to the C. P. R. station, where a special train awaited to carry her to Ottawa. When told of the matter, Sarah Bernhardt was not a bit alarmed or nervous, and refused to leave the theater by a back entrance. She went out at the front door, where the police were drawn up to protect her, and succeeded in reaching the railway station in perfect safety. The students were overpowered by the force of police and did not dare to put their threat into execution. The occurrence, however, was the cause of considerable excitement for at least an hour.