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## COMBINE BY ABATTOIRS AND MEAT WHOLESALERS RETAIL BUTCHERS CLAIM

Large Number of the Merchants Appoint Committee to Make Appeal for Fair Treatment - Fear Many Must Quit.

Declaring that four of the largest abattoirs in the city have formed a combine to raise the price of carcasses to retail meat dealers, and that it will be impossible to continue doing business unless there is a reduction in the butchers' section of the Retail Merchants' Association, last night unanimously decided to take steps to protect themselves. The meeting, which was large and representative, was presided over by J. T. Adamson.

The most serious aspect, as the retailers view it, is that the wholesale meat dealers are being approached by the managers of abattoirs with the object of inducing them to maintain a like standard of charges. It was asserted that two of the largest wholesalers had fallen into line with the abattoirs and that efforts were being made to include all the twenty wholesale meat houses in Toronto. As a means of blocking this alleged design, the retail meat last night appointed a committee to go to the wholesalers and plead for a square deal.

Carcass Committee. The committee is made up of J. I. Anderson, S. J. Crealock, W. H. Thorn-dike, E. Devine, F. Fuerst, W. Hubbert and J. R. O'Connell. It is to report the result of a meeting on May 20.

While it is felt that the price charged for carcasses is higher than warranted, a particular grievance is that the retailers have to pay extra for the perquisites, such as the heart, lights, liver and ox tail. Formerly these were included with the carcass, but now they are an additional tax on the butchers, who claim that it makes a difference of from 75c to \$1 in the price of a carcass. It is estimated that in a year about \$75,000 extra toll is in this way alone taken out of the retail meat in the city.

The temper of the speeches made indicated that there is a marked line of cleavage between the retail trade and those abattoirs and wholesale houses, which they believe are banded together to promote unduly their own profits.

Forced Out of Business. "We are being forced to the wall," is the cry of the butchers. "At the prices we have to pay for meat, we must tax the consumer so much that he rebels. Unless we sell cheaper, there will be a good many butcher shops for rent this summer."

Members suggested making an attempt for relief by resort to the Anti-Combine Act.

### FELL BETWEEN CARS

George Webb Gets Broken Jaw, But Might Have Lost Life.

It was little short of a miracle which spared the life of George Webb, 18 years, 80 Oxford-street, when he fell in trying to board the motor of a moving car in College-street, Bellevue-street, at 6 o'clock last evening. The young man, who is employed in the College-street branch of the Bank of Commerce, missed the motor and tumbled from the front of the trailer and thrown with his head on the track. The conductor and Operator "Sandy" McMillan of the police department signal service who were on the rear platform of the motor jumped for the bell and the car was stopped in little more than its own length. McMillan rushed back expecting to find a corpse, but in some way the man had been knocked about the other way until his head lay toward the rear. His jaw was broken and his head gashed in three places. He was removed to the Western Hospital in A. W. Miles' private ambulance. He will recover.

### GIRL SHOPLIFTERS

Two Children Locked Up—Detectives Watched Them Pfltering.

Blanche Hamilton, 13 years, 53 Duchess-street, and Pauline Bell, 12 years, 71 Berkeley-street, are the youngsters, but by no means the least expert shoplifters that the police have called upon to deal with for some time. They were arrested in the Eaton store yesterday afternoon after their operations had been observed for some time. Detectives Newton and Tipton escorted them to headquarters, where they disgorged a pair of boots, some small articles of jewelry and some ribbons. They were sent to the Children's Shelter charged with theft. Their homes were searched, and a number of other articles, believed to have been stolen, were found.

### CITY WON'T PAY

Says Troops Brought From Toronto to Quell Riots Not Needed.

SAILT STE. MARIE, Ont., May 17.—(Special.)—The spring assizes, held under Sir Glenholm Falconbridge, practically closed to-day with the case of the government v. Saint Ste. Marie. The government is suing the city for \$7000, the expenses of transportation and pay of 264 Toronto troops sent to the city in 1908 to quell the riots when the Clergue industries collapsed. The city claims that the troops from Toronto were not required and had not been legally summoned here. The government contention is that when a municipality asks for troops it is left entirely to the discretion of the military authorities as to the number of men required. The city claims that it only asked for men from the 97th Regiment, for which it has paid. Justice Falconbridge reserved judgment.

### A SILENT TRIBUTE

MONTREAL, May 17.—(Special.)—At 3 o'clock Friday all the trains on the C. P. R., from coast to coast, will stop for three minutes, this being the C. P. R.'s silent tribute to the dead King. Not a wheel will turn, and not a blow will be struck on the entire system.

### 50,000 in Line To See the King

Pass Thru Westminster Hall at 6000 an Hour—Line Two Miles Long Wait in Streets Thruout the Night.

LONDON, May 17.—At 4 o'clock this afternoon the doors of Westminster Hall were thrown open to the public for viewing the body of the King. Already 50,000 people were in line, waiting for admission. They were composed mostly of the middle and working classes, men, women and children, and the great majority were dressed in black. Many were carrying flowers. A steady stream began passing thru the hall at the rate of 6000 an hour, and at 10 o'clock to-night, when the hall was closed, there was a line extending thru the street for nearly two miles. Most of them will hold their places thru the night.

### TWO KINGS ARRIVE

Alfonso of Spain and George of Greece Reach London.

LONDON, May 17.—King Alfonso of Spain and King George of Greece arrived in London this evening. Both were met at the station by King George, the Duke of Cornwall, the Duke of Connaught and other royal personages. Prince Henry of Prussia also reached here to-night to represent the German navy at the funeral. He was met by the Duke of Connaught.

### COLORS FOLK FRIGHTENED

Southern Churches Benefit by the Comet's Appearance.

ALEXANDRIA, Virginia, May 17.—Halley's Comet is doing more in Alexandria and the surrounding country in Virginia, for the church than all the revivals and camp meetings have done for years past. The superstitious ones see nothing but dark forebodings in the comet's approach. Never before in the annals of the colored churches in this part of Virginia have so many new members got the religious fever at one time.

## SEVEN BOILERS EXPLODING KILL 30

Horrible Disaster in American Sheet and Tin Plate Co.'s Plant Near Canton, Ohio—Fragments of Bodies Picked Up Blocks Away

CANTON, Ohio, May 17.—With a roar that was heard three miles away, a battery of seven boilers at the plant of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company exploded this afternoon, killing 30 men, and injuring about 50. Among the injured are a half dozen, who, it is said, will probably die before morning. Others physicians say cannot live. The cause of the explosion is at present unknown. The fireman and engineer, who were in the boiler room, are dead. No one else who survived the accident can give an explanation. One workman says that he heard three distinct explosions in quick succession. They came so close, however, that it was all over in a minute.

The force of the concussion was terrific. The big plant is in such a state of ruin as to be practically a total loss. A mere eggshell of the building is left. Some decapitated. Identification of the men was difficult, because many of them were so mutilated that even their most intimate friends could not recognize their features. Heads were blown from severed bodies. Arms and legs were torn from the trunks. Fragments of bodies were blown several squares from the scene, and bits of human flesh have been picked up in porches, on roofs of houses, and in trees. There were one hundred men at labor in the plant at the time of the accident, and only a dozen or so escaped some injury. Those and others who rushed to the plant as soon as the disaster was known, worked heroically to rescue the injured from the ruins. The ruins soon took fire, but the fire department extinguished the flames.

The dead. The list of known dead is: George A. Lemley, catcher; Rover, engineer; Charles Dewitt, engineer; Walter Ringenberger, heater; George Bole, heater; Chas. Brown, heater; J. Henry, catcher, north industry; Jack Wheelan, Harry Baitzley, El. Lothamer, dubler; Peter Woolfoot, unidentified man; A. S. Wheeler, ash wheeler; F. Dunlap, Chas. Richards, unidentified man.

A partial list of injured is: Hiram Stutz, left arm broken; Joe Rowe, right foot hurt; John Vorse, extent of injuries could not be learned; was operated upon; H. V. Perego, seriously hurt; Alonzo Steiner, right shoulder mangled; Charles Gape, struck in chest with flying debris and badly scalded; Louis Hughes, fireman, struck by debris and leg broken; A. W. Kaufman, stockkeeper, cut and bruised.

Relative Frantic. The superintendent of the plant tonight put foremen and other trusted

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## ONTARIO SHOULD OWN TELEPHONE TRUNK LINES

Officials of Sweden's Government-Owned System, in Toronto, Give an Opinion of Value to the Local Government.

Axel Hultman, director of state telephones, Stockholm, Sweden, and Herman Olsson, engineer of the central administration, are staying at the King Edward. They are in Canada by authority of Herman Rydin, director-general of the Royal Swedish Telephone Department, for the purpose of examining the automatic telephone system which has been installed at Peterboro. Brantford and elsewhere. They will be at Brantford on Friday, and go thence to Chicago.

Mr. Hultman did not seem to think that there was much to be learned from the monopolist system in Toronto, and the rates he mentioned as prevailing in Sweden under government ownership ought to make an impression on Sir James Whitely. "The government ought to operate the trunk lines," Mr. Hultman gave as his decided opinion. In Sweden the trunk lines belong to the government and there is no monopoly. In Stockholm a private company has 40,000 subscribers, and the government system, which started many years later, has 20,000 subscribers. Outside Stockholm the government operates all the telephones.

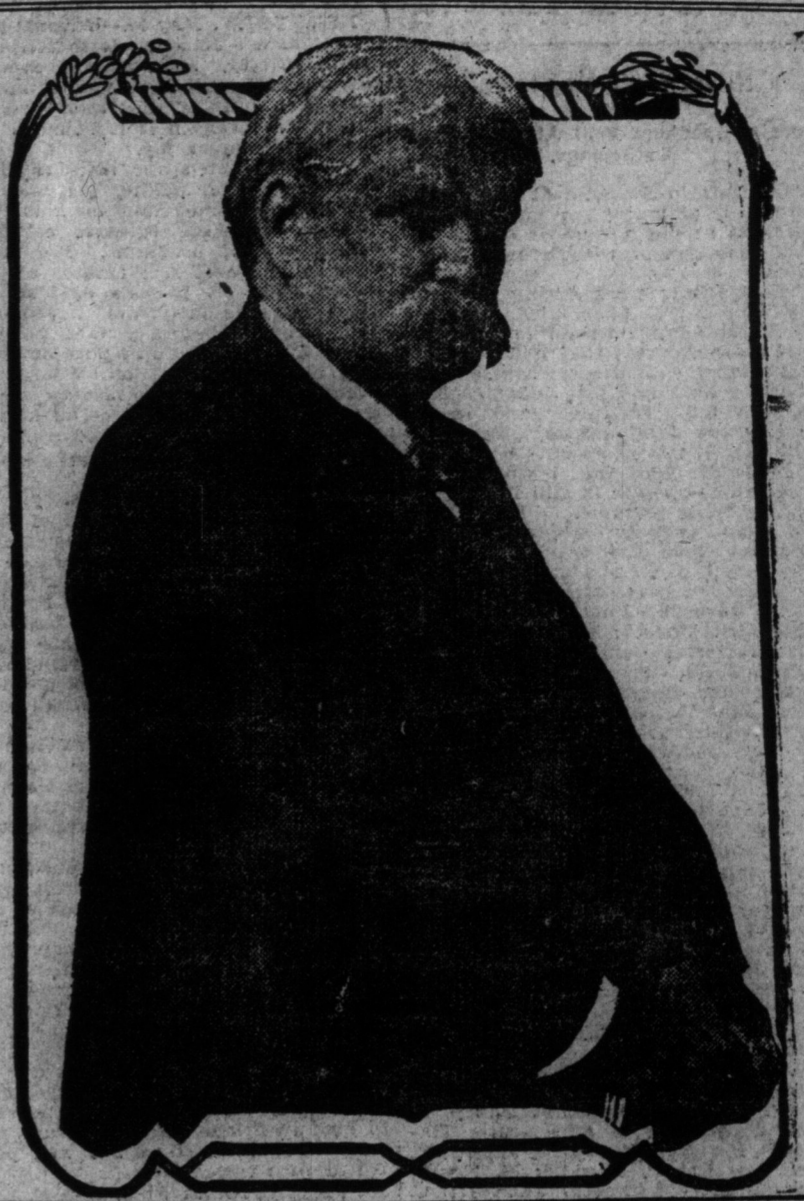
Sample Rates. The low rates are thus intelligible. In Stockholm the business phone rate for about \$14 a year. In Gothenburg they are about \$16. The maximum rate anywhere is \$20. The long distance rate as between Toronto and Montreal is fifteen cents for three minutes. Urgent speech, as it is designated, is charged 30 cents, and takes precedence of ordinary business. The rates to Norway, Denmark and Germany are similar.

In Norway there are no telephone monopolies, and the government is trying to buy out such companies as exist in Bergen and a few other places.

Mr. Hultman did not think much of our overhead system. In Sweden all main routes are underground, and no poles are seen on the streets. No electric wires are permitted overhead. The instruments used in Sweden are superior to what he evidently regarded as the antiquated instruments in use here. With those used in Sweden hearing is much clearer, the combination microphone and speaking phone being used.

Farmers Use Them. He estimated the number of farmers' phones in use in Sweden at much above 30,000. The fact that the government operates the trunk lines is the greatest boon to the farming population. He emphasized this point as respecting Ontario. "The government should have the trunk lines."

COL. WATTERSON, Journalist.



## THE WEAKNESSES OF PRESENT-DAY JOURNALISM

Veteran Kentucky Editor Says the New Order of Impersonal Journalism Hasn't Quite Adjusted Itself Yet.

### The Model Newspaper

"The newspaper is made to sell, assuredly, but it is not a commodity like dry goods, pork and beans, hardware and cutlery. It may not care to have any opinions. But, in case it does, it should seek and aim to be a keeper of the public conscience, an example and counselor, not a corner-grocery man; level of head and kindly of heart; upright and elevated, always sincere and truthful, avoiding, as it would pestilence and famine, the character of a common scold."

—COL. WATTERSON.

"The editor should keep himself detached from suspicion of interestedness outside."

Thus the members of the Canadian Press Association were advised by Col. Henry Watterson of the Louisville Courier-Journal, at their annual meeting yesterday in the King Edward Hotel.

Earlier in the day Col. Watterson had been introduced to the journalists by J. F. Mackay, president-elect, as "the last of the great personal editors of the United States, belonging to an era remarkable in journalism, an era which has left its stamp on American journalism that it will take years to efface, if it ever is effaced."

He had been expected to give his address last evening, but owing to the pressure of other engagements, it became necessary to have him give his address later in the afternoon, he leaving directly afterwards for New York. He was listened to by a large audience, nevertheless.

He mentioned the late Hon. George Brown, former editor of The Globe. He had become engaged in public affairs and no doubt his activities did much toward the advancement of the press, but at this time of graft on every hand, the newspaper should be above suspicion, and the only way was to keep aloof from the politics of the day. "There is more written and said, and less thought, about the profession of journalism in which we are engaged and to which we have devoted our lives, than about any other topic of familiar discussion," said Col. Watterson.

"It assumed to be a profession. Yet it is without any code of ethics or system of self-restraint and self-respect. It has no sure standards either of work or duty. Its intellectual landscapes are anonymous, its moral destinations confused, if not impalpable. The country doctor, the village lawyer, knows his place and keeps it; he is held by certain obligations and inspired by certain traditions; modest and holding within bounds, to be may be named an idiot, having the consciousness of superiority."

A Law Unto Himself. "The journalist, be he of city or town, has few, if any, mental perspectives to fix his professional horizon, no canon laws to guide his wayward footsteps, neither chart nor precedent nor map of discovery, upon which his sailing lines and travel lines have been distinctly marked. He is a law unto himself, too often a free lance, only the more self-assured because he lacks assured position and is without authority."

"There are those who even profess to disdain the name of journalist whilst proclaiming the power of the press. The affection of infallibility assumed by the more pretentious to hide the sense of insufficiency, if not inferiority, communicates itself to the obscure and imitative, sometimes degenerating into foolish and childish bombast. According to a once received opinion, anybody could keep a hotel and edit a newspaper. Our reading, like our victuals, was ill-dressed; the point of view, like the bill of fare, wanting discrimination and variety, with frequent changes of editor and landlord."

"I agree that we have reformed this measurably, tho the newspapers have scarcely made as great progress as the hotels. They are yet what Dr. Rush called them, 'vehicles of disjointed thought,' carrying the course of Reuben, unstable as water, tho shall not excel." There seems continuity nowhere. The pangloss of yesterday becomes the critic of to-day; the assailant of to-morrow; and, as the average purveyor for the press measures his words no more than the average dairyman the water he puts into his milk, newspaper lubrication decreases in importance in proportion that it increases in carelessness."

space writer having his daily grind to do, and pursuing lines of least resistance, not always in his worry and hurry heedful of justice and accuracy. As I am myself an old offender and have in my career perpetrated all the

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## Trying to Save Others Is Suffocated by Smoke

Magistrate Henry Holland of Cobourg Loses His Life in Burning of Son-in-Law's Residence.

COBOURG, May 17.—(Special.)—A tragic event occurred here to-night, when Henry S. Holland, one of the best-known residents in this vicinity, lost his life while engaged in a heroic mission.

Fire had broken out about 10.15 p.m. in the residence of Kenyon Lett, a son-in-law of Mr. Holland, who was spending the evening with Mr. Sutherland, bank manager, when he heard of the fire.

Altho past 60 years of age and rather heavily built, Mr. Holland ran some distance to the scene of the fire. Then, fearing that some of the children of the Lett family were still in the house, he bravely entered the burning building. It was thought he had emerged again, but about midnight, when the firemen were searching the ruins of the house, they found his dead body in an upstairs room.

Death was apparently due to suffocation, while the body had also been somewhat burned. Whether his exertion in running to the fire had overtaxed his heart or whether he was overpowered by the smoke an autopsy may determine.

Mr. Holland was police magistrate of the town, and had occupied that office for some years. It is only about a month ago since his brother, the oldest magistrate in the province, died at Port Hope. Deceased was a former law partner of the late Justice Armour, and was town solicitor and solicitor for the united counties of Durham and Northumberland. He was one of the most respected citizens and the town is deeply shocked at his tragic death. He leaves a widow, formerly a Miss Fraser, two daughters, Mrs. Lett and an unmarried daughter, and a son, who is in the west. The loss is estimated at about \$5000.

### MUST NOT DISPLAY COLORS.

OTTAWA, May 17.—The United States Government some time ago made application for permission for the passage thru Canadian territory of their troops, whom they desire to move from Skagway to Fort Egbert via the White Horse Pass route. Permission has been granted on condition that the American troops will not display any colors while passing thru Canadian territory, and that their arms will be stacked in boxes.

### IF THE COMET HITS.

Waiting for the comet! Torn with hope and doubt! We will suffer from it? Will it knock us out? Will it whang and thump us Bing! upon the nose? Won't it even bump us? Where's the man that knows? Well, suppose it rends us? It rushes by, With the "has-beens" blends us. Think of all the worry. Think of all the care. From us then would scurry—Think, and don't despair! No more bills to fret us, No more debts to owe, No more bills to get us, No more butts to throw, No more subway jamming, No more of "Isaming" To the janitor! No more politicians, No more schemes, No more trust conditions, No more quick-rich dreams! Bang! annihilation! Smash! we fly to bits! There's some consolation If the comet hits! —N. Y. World.

### PASTOR FIGHTS PROHIBITION

Resigns From Pulpit in Order to Continue Warfare.

NEW YORK, May 17.—The Rev. Dr. William A. Wasson, pastor of Grace Protestant Episcopal Church, Riverhead, L. I., has resigned his pastorate in a letter to Bishop Burgess, and will give his whole time to fighting prohibition and "temperance, falsely so-called, an advocating the true temperance, which means moderation and self-control."

The resignation is to take effect on Sept. 1. The decision of Dr. Wasson to fight against prohibition and for licensed saloons is a climax in a contest of several years, which has given him a national reputation. Four years ago he caused a furor at Riverhead and elsewhere on Long Island by publishing a letter on the license question, which was at that time engrossing the attention of the people at Riverhead, which had been "dry" for several years. As a result it became "wet" again and it has been "wet" ever since.

### ARRESTED THE OWNER

Important Move in Mysterious Silk Fire at Quebec.

QUEBEC, May 17.—An important step was taken last evening in connection with the mysterious silk fire, which occurred in a shed in rear of a St. Valler-street residence last week, when a warrant was issued by the fire marshal for the arrest of the party who is a principal in the affair and owner of the missing silk goods. The warrant was given to Detective Walsh for execution, and he arrested the man in a residence on Massena-street, St. Sauveur, about 7 o'clock last night, and took him to central police station. The accused was released later on bail, to appear at the enquiry which will be resumed again tomorrow morning, when it will likely be completed.

### EX-CHIEF STUART ILL.

Former Deputy Chief of Police Stuart is critically ill at his home in Weston.

### A RETROSPECT.

May 18, 1642: Maisonneuve landed at Montreal, when, Jeanne Mance and Madame de la Petrie having decorated an altar, Father Vimont celebrated mass. Thus was Montreal founded. May 18, 1758: England declared war against France. May 18, 1783: Founding of Parrottown (St. John) by U.E. Loyalists from New York. May 18, 1785: Parrottown was incorporated and named St. John; this was the first town in Canada to be incorporated. May 18, 1846: Kingston, U.C., received a city charter.

### GREY FEDORAS.

The grey Fedora or Alpine with the small rim is the thing for spring wear, and the English designs seem to be better than any others on the market. The felt used in the English hats is said to be of better material than the other makes, and the style is always in advance. The Dineen Company have recently received a late shipment of splendid grey Alpines from across "the pond." The men's hat department is open every evening until 10 o'clock.

JAMES PLINY, the Guide: I kin take ye where they are, but 'course ye'll have to provide yer own bait.

