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#### APPOINT THE COMMISSION.

The Civic Power Commission should be appointed by the City Council tomorrow. The ten days given the New Brunswick Power Company to reply to the city's offer for its property expires today. There can be no further excuse for delay. The city has too much at stake. It must begin to pay for the Musquash current the first of May. The New Brunswick Electric Power Commission gave the city an additional month's grace on the request of the Council, which wanted to be in a position to use some of the current as soon as the payments began. If now the weeks are wasted in wholly unnecessary discussions the cost to the city will be heavy. It is not worth \$300 per day to the citizens to read reports day after day of useless debates at City Hall. The sub-station must be built, no matter what the New Brunswick Power Company may do. It cannot be built in a day. The Civic Power Commission must be appointed at once, so that the work may not be delayed. It should be appointed tomorrow.

From remarks made by some of the Commissioners when the matter was before the Council last week, one or two of them want to nominate members of the Commission. Mayor Fisher has prepared a slate after much careful thought. He realized that every member of the Commission should be a stout friend of hydro and of the policy the people have three times endorsed. It will not do to play the game of favoritism or sectionalism in a matter of such vital importance. The Commissioners would be very ill-advised to disturb the slate prepared by the Mayor unless they can present a stronger one composed of men as heartily in favor of the full hydro policy. There are no perquisites in connection with this policy. The men who serve will do so without pay and without in the slightest degree profiting more than any other citizens by the work done. They will serve because they have believed in hydro, have fought for hydro, and desire the city to get the fullest benefit to be derived from light and power at cost. Mayor Fisher makes no nominations on the score of personal friendship. He is not offering his friends anything. He is asking certain citizens to serve the city without one cent of remuneration. They are willing to do it because they are convinced they can render the city a real service. The citizens are behind Mayor Fisher in this matter. They have found that they can trust him, and they will not approve of any factious opposition to the efforts he is making to get on with the job.

#### THE RESPONSIBILITY.

Any member of the City Council who stands out tomorrow against the immediate appointment of the Civic Power Commission will have difficulty in convincing the people that his sympathies are not with the New Brunswick Power Company. If there is any talk about waiting until the Lieutenant Governor comes home and signs the contract, it will be well understood that such opposition is purely factious, since the Governor has already approved of the Government's hydro policy, and would have no desire to force its resignation by refusing to perform a constitutional duty. No Commissioner can plead with a straight face that he wants more time to study the question. Even if he should be so ignorant he could have no excuse for refusing to carry out the policy the people understood so well that they have endorsed it three times. Delay means loss to the city, which no Commissioner can afford to inflict. The only possible gain by delay would be the New Brunswick Power Company. The people elected Mayor or Fisher because they wanted no Power Company champions at City Hall. They want now, but they do want the Civic Power Commission appointed, the sub-station erected, and the work of preparation for the distributing of the Musquash current proceeded with at once. The line-up of the Council tomorrow will show who desires to carry out the people's will and who wants to obstruct. No member can say that any attempt is being made to drive him. The situation is merely made clear, and each member must accept responsibility for the course he chooses to pursue.

Toronto Globe—"In the past fiscal year Ontario spent \$1,282,138 in water's allowances. No expenditure yields better social dividends."

#### A HOPEFUL SUGGESTION.

The world will have a new respect for that picturesque rascal of former days, the Mexican ex-bandit Pancho Villa. A letter from Mexico City to the Associated Press says "he has declined to write his memoirs although an American publishing company is said to have offered him \$50,000 for the manuscript." The correspondent adds: "Villa is reported to have told the publishers that he has no desire to perpetuate the story of his adventures, but rather prefers that his children, now small, hear of their father's exploits as a rancher and benefactor."

Villa's self-restraint is truly imposing, in an age when bandits of one sort and another are so much in the public eye, and so assertive in their moods and methods. Some of them pose as benefactors, as everybody knows, and are distressed when a skeptical public refuses to come across. Perhaps there is something in the air of the State of Durango, Mexico, which changes one's views as to the real definition of the term benefactor. If so there is no community which could not spare a few of its earnest tollers in the realm of high finance, if they cared to seek sanctuary with Villa in Durango.

#### THE JUGGERNAUT.

Of seven deaths from street accidents in Toronto in November five were due to automobiles. In New York last week a taxi driver who ran over and killed a five-year old child was sent to the penitentiary for six months. In that city the method of testing applicants for licenses as chauffeurs is so worthless that the judge was constrained to say: "A man takes an applicant around the corner, tells him to turn around, reverse, and then he is passed. I say these examinations are abominable. The Legislature should step in at the next session and make the examination more stringent."

It appears that the man he sentenced had taken his examination the same day he bought his taxicab, and before another day had passed he killed a child. It is obvious that testing applicants for a public car should pass a thorough examination, but the rule should also apply to all drivers of cars in a city. A prison sentence has of course a salutary effect, and where drivers are shown to be reckless they deserve severe punishment; but the public also has a right to be protected from incompetence, and the license system, with a satisfactory test of skill, is therefore essential.

It is a far cry to the Peace River, and we in the east know very little about it. Not so many years ago it was only a name on the map. Recently a man who professed to know what he was talking about declared that many of the original settlers were of poor railway service and ex-territorial rights of transportation. Peace River folk heard about it, and their Board of Trade promptly gave the report a flat denial. It asserted there were no more contented and prosperous people in Canada. The Peace River Standard, for they have a newspaper, wired that the farmers were sending a record acreage. Another witness testified that despite a dry season considerable wheat near the town of Peace River this year averaged 20 to 25 bushels to the acre. These western people, in whatever part of the west they live, have one quality that is admirable. They refuse to admit the superiority of any other part of the country over that where they have made their home.

Switzerland has just emerged from a national panic. There was a fear that the referendum which has been held at last become a weapon for the destruction of the state. The vote on Saturday was on the proposal to make a large levy on capital that it would be ruinous. It was a Communist proposal so radical that people of wealth were making various provisions of sending their wealth abroad. There was really no reason for fear, as the levy was defeated by a vote of seven to one.

If the City Council should fail to appoint the Civic Power Commission the New Brunswick Power Company would feel that it was really getting on very nicely at City Hall. It would naturally assume that a Council which did not know in what direction it was going would not prove a very formidable enemy in a clutch.

Not to appoint the Civic Power Commission would be to play into the hands of the New Brunswick Power Company and also waste the city's money.

### EPICRAMS

(H. Bellock in The Evening Mercury) On His Books.

When I am dead, I hope it may be said: "His sins were scarlet, but his books were read."

On Noman, A Guest.

Dear Mr. Noman, does it ever strike you, the more we see of you the less we like you?

On Torture, A Public Singer.

Torture will give a dozen pence or more.

To keep a drab from bawling at his door.

The public taste is quite a different thing.

Torture is positively paid to sing.

On Fauch, A Parasite.

Fauch talks against good liquor to excess,

And then about hissing Patroness.

And then he talks about himself. And then we turn the conversation on to men.

On Hygiene.

Of old when folk lay sick and sorely they died.

But here's a happier age; for now we know

Both how to make men sick and keep them so.

On Lady Potagrus, A Public Peril.

The devil, having none else to do,

Went off to tempt My Lady Potagrus.

My Lady, tempted by a private villain,

To his extreme annoyance, tempted him.

The Telephone.

Tonight in million-voiced London I

Was lonely as the million-pointed spire

Until your single voice. Ah! so the sun

Peoples all heaven, although he be but one!

LIGHTER VEIN.

Ask Mother.

Willie—"Peas, teacher says we are here to help others."

Willie—"Well, what are the others here for?"

He Knew Her.

Mrs. Ferris—"Did you go to that club meeting this afternoon, but I can't get up enough energy to start."

Peck—"Won't it help you along if I order you not to go?"

Off Stage.

Tragedian—"Did you see how the audience cried last night when I played the death scene?"

Rival—"Yes, they knew you weren't really dead."

Preferred Bliss Ignorance.

"Dear," she said with a thrill, "did you ever love another girl?"

"Why, Mary?" he began.

"No," she cried true to me, Jack—lie to me and keep me happy."

IN RUSSIAN

ORTHODOX CHURCH DENIED

Petrograd Professor Denies the Institution Is Stronger Than Ever Spiritually.

London, Nov. 10.—(By Mail)—Denying the claim of the Bolshevik press that a reformation is now springing from the Orthodox Church into factions, thus destroying the unity of the great religious organization which has guided the spiritual life of Russia since the time of the apostles, Professor Nicholas Antonov, recently of the faculty of a Petersburg pedagogical institute, states that the Russian Orthodox Church is now spiritually stronger than ever before.

And, despite the present and future persecutions by the Soviet government, he claims, it will be stronger than ever as time goes on, says "The London Daily Mail."

The confession of the church treasury, the incorporation of the Patriarch Nikon, and the formation of new churches under the protection of the Bolsheviks, have been no more than minor instances in the life of the Russian Church, according to Professor Antonov, who announces that the Russian workers and peasants are today in the throes of a religious revival which will have marked effect on the future history of the country.

Throughout Russia the churches continue to hold their daily services, and the larger churches three services are held daily, one at eight, one at ten and one at eleven, and the service, which begins at eight, Holy Communion is administered at the two morning services.

DEUTSCHLAND SCRAPPED.

Fetches £100 as Junk in Bottomley Bankruptcy Sale.

### YESTERDAY IN CITY CHURCHES

At St. Paul's church yesterday morning, His Lordship Bishop Richardson confirmed seventeen candidates, who were presented by Archdeacon Crowfoot, the rector. In the evening, forty candidates were presented in the Mission church by Rev. J. V. Young, priest-in-charge. The rite was witnessed by large numbers, many being turned away at the evening service. Bishop Richardson preached impressively at both services, explaining at each the scriptural basis for the observance of this rite.

The preacher in the Queen square Methodist church last night was Rev. George Steel, D. D., superintendent of Methodist missions for the Maritime Provinces. The service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Neil MacLauchlan, and there was a large congregation present. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed at the close of the service.

Rev. Dr. H. T. DeWolfe, of Acadia Seminary, conducted the services in the German street Baptist church last night. The service was witnessed by Dr. S. S. Poole, who was in Sydney. In the morning Dr. DeWolfe spoke especially of educational matters. He was the guest of T. H. Estabrooks while in the city. He leaves this morning by the Digby boat to return to Wolfville.

Queen square Methodist church has advanced one more cog in the wheel of progress and now issues a monthly newspaper, The Broadcaster. The paper is published through the efforts of the Young People's Association, a branch of the church which has only recently been formed. The purpose of The Broadcaster is to keep the members of the congregation familiar with the activities of the church. The staff consists of G. Clayton Teed, editor; R. S. Stephenson, assistant editor; Miss Esther Welford, Miss Daisy Stephenson and Kenneth MacLauchlan and Arthur L. Robertson.

Sacred Concert.

A concert of sacred music was given in Centenary church last night after the close of the regular service and a number of the city people gathered to hear a splendid programme that was admirably presented. Those taking part included the full choir of Centenary church, which has attained a high reputation in the city, with Thomas Guy and Mrs. Blanche Ferguson as vocal soloists. The organists were Miss Alice Head, of Centenary and T. C. Cochrane, of the German street Baptist church. After the opening hymn sung by the congregation, Mr. Guy sang the baritone solo, "A Voice of Thanksgiving," a quartette, consisting of Messrs. Lanyon, Lockhart, Carlton and Wright, sang the next number and Mrs. Ferguson was the soprano solo.

"The Penitent." During the taking of the Penitent, Mrs. Ferris was also present. The choir sang "The Way of the Lord," and the programme closed with choral music. The sacred concert was one that will be remembered with special pleasure.

At both services in Centenary church, Rev. R. C. England, of Shelburne, N. S., spoke in the evening.

Edmund P. Allison, K. C., a well-known barrister of Halifax, died at home about midnight last night. He was born at Richmond, N. B., at the age of 77 years of age. Among the relatives surviving is an uncle, H. A. Powell, K. C., of St. John.

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MELITA ARRIVES.

The Canadian Pacific liner Melita arrived in port yesterday afternoon about five o'clock and docked at berths Nos. 2 and 3, St. John. She carried 183 cabin and 328 third class passengers in addition to 4,200 tons of cargo as well as a small French mail. She has no English mail or parcel post matter. The ship is commanded by Captain G. Hamilton formerly of the Scandinavian. Among the passengers were Brig-General Garnet B. Hughes, C. M. G., D. S. O., son of the late Sir Sam Hughes, who has been in France and Belgium in connection with the Canadian War Memorials for the last two years; Captain C. A. Henry of Peterboro, Ontario, who is returning to his home after almost eight years of active service; Tom Moore of Ottawa, president of the Trades and Labor Council.

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### EUGENICS TEST IN CHICAGO'S BUREAU

System of Voluntary Health Tests for Marriage License Applicants is Begun.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—A system of health inspection for applicants for marriage licenses, both men and women, was started in Chicago last week without public announcement.

Dr. Andrew M. Roman, with a view to obtaining statistics upon which to appeal to the legislature for compulsory examinations, acts as a volunteer secretary, information bureau and examiner, with the approval of the Health Commissioner Dunsen. His station is in the marriage license office. To all men and women who apply for wedding permits he explains the purpose of the eugenics inspection and asks that they consent to it.

"Three hundred have agreed to the test," said Dr. Roman. "It has been notable that women approve of examinations and men, as a rule, demur, unless they are accompanied by their future wives."

"The large number who have submitted to the examination led me to ask the co-operation of Dr. Dunsen, and hereafter I will direct the applicants to his office."

Dr. Dunsen said the Health Department has been making a test of large numbers ever since the new laws printed appeals to prospective brides to ask health permits before marriage.

"We have given a large number of health certificates," said the commissioner, "and have found a certain percentage of disease. While this office does not wish to be placed in the position of inaugurating anything causing embarrassment to the public, I personally believe it is a splendid thing for parties to marriage to offer and demand guarantees of freedom from diseases."

MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

Rev. W. Tomlin, rector of the Anglican parish of Shelburne and rural dean, has announced that he has decided not to accept an invitation to become principal of a large private school in Western Canada. He was formerly rector of Trinity Church, St. Stephen, N. B., and on Friday destroyed the pulpit at Rexton and damaged the Methodist Church adjoining. The first stated in a hall, he had work the day after the fire from crossing Richibucto river to the northern of the town. The public hall valued at \$10,000 and the insurance was about \$2,000. The damage to the church was about \$1,000.

There is a well substantiated report at Liberal headquarters in Ottawa that four more Progressives will be elected to the House of Commons in the coming election. The Liberals in the coming session of Parliament.

The stockholders of the Farm Telephone Company, Ltd., at a special meeting held at Windsor, Cape Breton, on Saturday, Nov. 25, a majority of eight to one to turn the line to the New Brunswick Telephone Company. The price mentioned was \$18,500.

Resolutions protesting against the proposed discriminations against the members of the Canadian National League were ordered forwarded to Premier King, the Minister of Labour and the Minister of Finance. The resolutions were adopted at a meeting on Saturday.

The executive of the Fredericton Board of Trade decided recently to forward a resolution to the Minister of Railways in regard to the matter of representation for New Brunswick on the board of directors of the Canadian National Railways. The town manager system of administration was also discussed.

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Vienna, Nov. 12.—(A. P. by Mail)—Rare wines to the value of about \$350,000 at the present rate of exchange, still lie in the cellars of the Imperial Palace. One vintage of red wine known as "Achaon of Empress Elisabeth," from grapes grown from vines brought

by her from Greece, is being sold at approximately \$12 a bottle.

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