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Follette's strength lies with the people. In Wisconsin, he has made the people NEEDED: SPEEDY JUSTICE. For a franchise-holding corporation to interfere with the expression of the so that candidates are no longer nomi- perior to any existing type of similar people's will at an election is no less nated by committees, cliques, or con mpudent than for a hired man to in- ventions, but by a gigantic plebiscite. terfere in the domestic affairs of his employer. The hired man would find great corporations. He is fighting cor-2500 miles. filmself kicked off the premises, and poration graft at every turn, and is his franchise to make fires, light lamps, doing some plain speaking in and out haul grain and carry messages, along of the senate that has awakened a with his right to receive pay therefor, would be suddenly terminated. A cor-sin, but thru all the middle west. poration thus offending should be as summarily dealt with, and would, in-in Western Canada, is evidenced by in Western Canada, is evidenced by deed, so be were proper procedure an appreciation that appeared in The ness in Toronto. promptly administered.

These corporations undertake to pre- 15th inst. vent their masters from regulating their "He

into groups, instead of finding division another, and redeemable at all railalong the lines of the traditional party way offices and by all raliway comnames. This tendency has made the panies at all times. It will be a English or parliamentary system almost ticket good for its value in service or unworkable on the continent of Europe. money from any railway in Canada.

It has invaded the imperial house of The present statute which makes the commons, where four parties, or groups, railway companies privileged to sell a are now distinctly in evidence. At Ot- ticket and still so own it that the tawa there are at present several mem- purchaser may not resell it, is class bers on each side of the Speaker who legislation of the worst description. do not attend a party caucus. In the It must be repealed to clear the decks United States many supporters of for popular legislation-Roosevelt remain in the Republican

STRATHCONA'S RETIREMENT. party because they find their ideal in

the president, doubtful as they may be (Canadian Associated Press Cable). as to the Republican leaders being in sympathy with him. On the other hand, many of his supporters remain in the to Ottawa to plead that the governmany of his supporters remain in the Democratic organization because they believe that it is the Democratic party which must be relied upon to carry for-ward the reforms of Roosevelt. The true Reformers are not hide-

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR DEFENCE bound partisans. They are but little influenced by party cries or by extracts (Canadian Associated Press Cable).

rcm ancient history. Altho from Wisconsin, Senator La the colonial conference were sent out Follette, in affairs political, is "from this month. Follette, in affairs political, is "from The Vorkshire Herald's London cor-Missouri." He pays scant regard to respondent understands that Lord Elgin party "regularity," and even less to will make it clear that the British the traditions of "senatorial courtesy." government will not entertain any pro-posal for preferential treatment of colo-nial goods, but the government hopes than Tillman. He points out concrete that the conference will be productive abuses and names the men who are of some practical result regarding con-tribution by the colonies of their share in imperial defence.

REBATING IN CHINA, TOO.

of party, altho he is in control of the Republican organization. In the last Newchwang, Ohina, Jan. 3 .- Considelection he supported independents, and even in one case the Democratic nomitions of discrimination in favor nee, thus defeating Mr. Babcock, fornee, thus defeating Mr. Babcock, for-Japanese goods on the Japanese sec merly chairman of the Republican na-tion of the Manchurian Railway. tional committee, for re-election to Charges are made that foreign ship congress. Babcock was famous for his ability to "fry the fat" out of the great corded to Japanese shippers.

corporations and thereby to keep the party machine well greased, but La SUBMARINE CRUISERS FOR FRANCE

Paris, Jan. 3.-The admiralty ha ordered the construction of four subpowerful by passing a primary law, marine cruisers, which are to

> They are to be of 800 tons, to have a speed of fifteen knots on the surface

C.P.R. NOT AFTER AN HOTEL.

E. B. Osler, M.P., of Osler & Hammond, says there is absolutely no truth in the rumor that the C.P.R. is

MINE MAY BURN A YEAR.

be under control for a year.

widow and two children.

estern Russia.

HARVARD INSTRUCTOR'S SUICIDE.

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 3.-Walter

Danaswan, an instructor in architec-

day, after having shot himself over

the heart. No cause for the suicide is

known. He was 30 years old and leaves

FREEZING TO DEATH.

Odessa, Jan. 3 .- Snowstorms and

olizzards of exceptional severity are

prevailing thruout southern and south-

Traffic on the railroads is interrupt-

ed and great loss of life is reported. According to accounts 160 persons

uccumbed to the cold in southwestern

ANOTHER BANK WRECK.

Cleveland, Jan. 3 .- The private bank

MAY BE RALPH SMITH.

ure at Harvard University, died to-

Fernie (B.C.) Ledger under date of the Where hotels have been established to pre- trib thet ments in connection with the erection of depot

THE TORONTO WORLD

THE RAILWAYS AND THE BOARD OF RAILWAY COMMISSION-ERS FOR CANADA.

Twenty-Ninth Article.

In The Mail and Empire of Wednesday appears an article written by Mr. G. T. Bell of the Grand Trunk Railway, which has for its object the combating of legislation introduced in the house of commons ction with the proposal to make two cents per mile the legal rate for passenger traffic in Canada. It reads as follows:

"An interesting statement was made by Mr. G. T. Bell, general passenger and ticket agent of the Grand Trunk, yesterday, in connection with the two cent rate bill and other legislation now being pressed in the house of commons by Mr. W. F. Maclean, M.P. Mr. Bell took strong issue with Mr. Maclean, and produced facts and figures to bear out his con-tentions. His attention was particularly drawn to the following statement made by Mr. Maclean in the parliamentary debate: 'I defy the representative of any railway company in Canada or the United States to show a case where the maximum standard passenger rate has been reduced that it has been to the detriment of the company.'"

Mr. Bell goes on to say that he is surprised to hear Mr. Maclean was again making such an argument, but he does not give any facts to show that a railway company, which has reduced its passenger rates, has been affected injuriously thereby. He simply contents himself with attacking the statement in a general way. If Mr. Bell is in a position to give the facts regarding any railway company which has been injured thru making a reduction in passenger rates, why does he not do so? The public are not at all interested in general statements, it is facts they want, and they are quite willing to give consideration to any facts Mr. Bell can place before them. Mr. Bell further states:

"Nearer home we have convincing evidence of Mr. Maclean's fallacy. You may recall passenger fares in Quebec and Ontario were greatly reduced in 1898, owing to a disagreement between the two principal railways, with the result that both carried more passengers for a while, when it was thought by the public they would have the rates only a short time, but at the end of a few months the travel was about normal in numbers and unprofitable in carnings. The reduction lasted nine months, and in the aggregate the Grand Trunk carried about half a million more passengers that year at increased cost and earned over one hundred thousand dollars less than in the preceding year. I am assured the Canadian Pacific experience was substantially similar.

Well, what about it? The bald statement that the railways carried a larger number of passengers during the period in ques-tion at lower earnings than they would have received if the full fare had been charged is self-evident and does not require any proof. What Mr. Bell should do is to prove to the satisfaction of the people of Canada that during the period of cut rates the railways did not earn enough from passenger traffic to pay their expenses. He does not attempt to show that the rates charged at that time were not as much as the work was worth, nor does he attempt to prove that they lost money in handling the traffic. What he does say is that their earnings were less than they would have been under different conditions, but that does not prove anything. It is simply a statement of a self-evident fact. There is one thing that Mr. Bell's statement beyond the shadow of doubt, and that is, LOWER PAS-SENGER RATES DOES INCREASE THE VOLUME OF TRAVEL. and therefore is beneficial to the people of the country. It also proves that the railway companies are quite willing to reduce their rates when competition compels them to do so, while they are not willing to reduce them for the benefit of the people. They will cut rates to suit their own whims, but will not reduce them when by doing so they would materially assist in the development of the business of the country.

Again Mr. Bell says: "Mr. Maclean's object seems to be to compel the railways to operate at a loss and force the government to take them over." If Mr. Maclean sincerely believes that government ownership of railways would benefit the country why should he not advocate the adoption of such a policy? We require men of advanced views in this country, and altho it is possible that the people of Canada are not yet ready for government ownership of rail-



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We've knocked dollars off the price to make this a fairly irresistible inducement to men wanting a highgrade suit. January sale price \$12.29.

All-Wool Tweed Suits

Dark brown mixed patterns with colored overplaid. Strong lining and interlinings. Sizes 36 to

own affairs. We have seen this in the recent election in Toronto. From Manitoba comes the complaint that the province was overrun by hirelings of the Bell Telephone Company, who attempted at the recent plebiscite to prevent the people from expressing by their ballots their desire for a telephone system of their own.

What would be thought of army officers who, with drawn swords, drove the electors from the polls, when a vote was to be taken respecting a change in the army? What would be thought of a minister of finance who would take money from the public treasury to corrupt the electorate? What would be thought of a railway company which refused to transport passengers or to deliver their shipments unless they voted either the Liberal or the Conservative ticket?

Owing to the fact that in recent years many business firms, for convenience, have adopted a corporate form, the people are losing sight of the vast distinction between a corporation and a natural person. The real corporationsthose that have franchises to perform the functions of government, such as transportation: transmission of intelligence, lighting of public highways and the like-are not only the creatures of the state, but they are arms of the sovereign, intrusted by him with cerquired a popular sympathy and suptair functions of his sovereign power. rort. that will make him a factor The railway company in Canada, which to be reckoned with in the forthcoming session." expropriates land from, the Indian

which can no longer be exercised by the King himself. Other rights and powers will now promptly redeem at their they share with the sovereign, not for various stations unused railway their benefit, but to relieve him of de- tickets is offered in deference to, and tails of labor in serving the people. with the design of heading off, the M.P.

These corporations are no less ser- bill recently introduced in the house vants of the people than are the officers of commons by W. F. Maclean (South in the army or the clerks in the post- York) for the purpose of repealing for a utility, whether it be to public clerks at the postoffice or to quasiclerks at the postoface of to quast public corporations, on street cars and in telephone offices, is money which has attached to it a trust. The postal in some way attributable to itself, in some way attributable to itself, in telephone offices at the corporation of the companies as in some way attributable to itself, in some way attributable to itself. porations are allowed pay for their ser-vice and for the actual money investvice and for the actual money invest- and his measures in the past as to be. ed. Any earnings beyond this belong entitled to claim a share in whatever he may accomplish. But passing that, can we account for the inherent and

it may as well be frankly stated, now to regulate the rates to be charged, and here, that this concession does his home last evening. While running to regulate the rates to be charged, and to change them, at will, without the consent of the cornoration. They demand a standard ticket always No lawyer will seriously dispute that on sale, at two cents a mile, trans- his head, fracturing his skull-

the franchise to be a corporation can be ferable to bearer, good upon all roads, forfeited for interference in an election and redeemable as to any unused porand for spending corporate funds to tion, at all railway stations at the influence an election. The practical rate of two cents a mile.

point is to confer original jurisdiction Such a ticket is not unknown when upon the highest court in the country crippled by restrictions and conditions and to make the law so mandatory under the guise of "commutation," upon the attorney-general that, when "round trip," "excursion," etc. But next these assaults upon the people are the standard ticket of Canada must committed, the offending corporation be a standard ticket for sale at all shall be handed over to a liquidator stations, at all times, a voucher for so many miles of travel, even tho

within thirty days. One judgment will do, These impu- reading from one specified point to dent assaults by corporations upon the irdependence of the electorate will not

long continue after one offender is summarily and smartly dealt with.

LA FOLLETTE. perfect crystal. Absolutely pure, There is a growing tendency in parclean and never cakes ent for the members to break up

ticable things," says The Ledger "but he has a pretty sound motive for everything that he does. If he seems to be making trouble for the sake of excitement, the probabili-ties are that he is doing it for the purpose of exposing people who should be exposed. And he does not care a whit whether the man expos-ed is a member of his own party or of the opposition party. That is one of the best things about La Follette. That is the chief reason why he has made the independent vote of Wisconsin large enough to dominate the state, and most of the

from ancient history.

peals directly to the people, irrespective

political divisions of the state. "And this strength, together with the following The Wisconsin sena-tor has acquired in the general west. tor has acquired in the general west, especially in Kansas, Iowa and Indiana, has made him much strong-er in Washington than he was be-fore. The interesting thing is that ba Follette has made his record by a remarkable exhibition of courage. He worked in Washington just as he worked in Wisconsin, but against much harder odds. The atmosphere of the senate is absolutely stifling to the new and enthusiastic advo-

cate of the people's rights. "Such an advocate is looked upon provinces alone. as a 'cheap man,' is made to feel that he is 'making an ass of him-self.' unless he has enough stamina to obviate the possibility of any such feeling taking possession of him. La Follette was snubbed and of Coleman Denko, on the west side, was taken in charge last night by the belittled at every turn when he first began his crusade in Washington. But he was right, and he knew it, and he stood his ground. Sunday. The bank was patronized by Hungarians and other foreigners. As a result he has deserved and ac-

stribes, exercises a sovereign power THE STANDARD RAILWAY TICKET.

The announcement that the railways Ottawa. Jan. 3 .- It is said that the Yukon commissionership will not be filled for some time. The only name mentioned so far in connection with the position is that of Ralph Smith,

Bro. Hocken's Election. The Sentinel: It will be of interest to the readers of The Sentinel to know the statute which brands as a crim- that Bro. H. C. Hocken has been inal the citizen who sells the ticket elected to the board of control of the he has purchased from the railway City of Toronto by a handsome vote. This is all the more gratifying in view

For the table, get WINDSOR

TABLE SALT. Every grain a

A Farmer's Death. Woodstock, Jan. 3.-James Snell, one of the most widely-known farmers of

South Oxford, was instantly killed at

These Rallwaymen Alert.

Chicago, Jan. 3.-The management of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad during 1906 made a series of "sur-prise tests," numbering 1625, and the recard shows there was not a single failure to obey the signals and to cbserve the rules governing block signalling.

An Event at Cobourg. Cobourg. Jan. 3.-The warden and council of the United Counties of Northumberland and Durham have issued invitations for the formal opening of the county house of refuge and jail at Cobourg on Thursday next. A

the The Kind You Have Aiways Bought Bears the Signature

ways, the discussion of such a question is desirable. since the public is intensely interested in hearing all sides of that question. Un-Sydney, N.S., Jan. 3.—The problem of ooding the Hub colliery at Glace Bay more serious than was anticipated. less some one is willing to open it up how are they going to get information on the subject? If Mr. Bell expects to convince the people of Canada that two In three weeks hundreds of thousands cents per mile would not be a paving rate for passenger traffic, he will have to get down to facts. There is absolutely no use in his making general statements with the expectation that the public will swallow them without examining their quality. of gallons of water have been poured in, but the fire is not under control, and experienced miners say it will not

(These articles have appeared daily since Monday, Dec. 3 .- Ed.)



Jury Notice Delayed. ca very soon," says R. J. Fleming. Agnes H. Walker has a suit against "The worst railway service on earth the Toronto Railway Co. As she did

right now." say the citizens. not file and serve a jury notice within Manager Fleming, thru the evening the proper time, application was made organ of the Toronto Street Railway, to Master in Chambers Cartwright. tells the citizens that they will have who granted the necessary leave. very soon "the best railway service.

Stood It Over. in America." That is all yery well, In its action against the Toronto but the citizens are paying for such Railway Co., the Canadian Pacific a service right now, but not getting Railway yesterday moved in court, The World throws open its columns

Railway yesterday moved in court, has an action pending against Com-before the Hon. Mr. Justice Anglin, mander O. G. V. Spain of the fisherles for sequestration. His lordship held protective service, Ottawa, claiming cer-that as it was not an urgent motion it tain moneys under a deed of separation, to the citizens of Toronto who desire to give Manager Fleming and was not one proper for vacation court his newspaper boosters a few point- and, therefore, enlarged it until the plice, who are making a search for ers on how rotten the service is, and 9th inst.

Denko, who has not been seen since how easily it could be remedied. Judgment Given A prominent citizen speaking to The World last night said that the in Chambers Cartwright David Morrice obtained from Master Last night a crowd of several hun-dred depositors collected, with threats street cars was productive of abom-son. No one appeared on Henderson's of rioting. The bank's deposits aggre-gated \$12,000. Ination. "It used to take me half an hour to go from the corner of Bloor behalf.

Suing Insurance Co. and Bathurst to the corner of King Rose Davis claims to be the beneand Yonge," said he. "But now it ficiary of a certain insurance policy takes me an hour, if I change at for \$10,000 upon the life of Ghent Da-King-street and over an hour if I vis, deceased. She has begun a suit change at Queen-street." And time is money. surance Co. to recover the amount.

The loops are lambasted also. Per A Balance on the Engine. haps they may benefit citizens going out from the centre of the city, but it is sure they do not benefit citizens

who wish to use the cars for short trips within the centre of the city. If you wish to go to Osgoode Hall or the city hall from the corner of King and Yonge, you must take a Bloor and McCaul car. Formerly you could catch a Queen car, which now shuns the corner of King and Yonge as if it were a plague spot. And there are other weak spots in

Sleeping Car Comfort.



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summary



ceived in priv Aberdeen, lo During their said: "There are the Irish Ca abroad." FATHER OF Rochester. Brasche, fath convicted of and now in Al committed sur restaurant on ing carbolic Despondence brought on th the cause STEEL MER COULDN"T Glasgow, Ja Neilson Bros merchants, w The rcuble inability to de forward delive The concerning in the irc GOMPER Chicago, Jar the other men much cheered ed a cablegra president of of Labor, now he would main Chicago as 1 The defence ber of witnesss Lad not been shea, but we

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ment officials are expected to attend.

The palace sleeping cars of the Can-adian Pacific Railway, leaving Toronto daily for Ottawa, Montreal, Detroit. Chicago, Winnipeg, Calgary and the Pacific coast, are built in the company's own shops at Montreal, and are built a little higher, with berths a little wider (giving increased comfort and better ventilation) than the usual sleeper. . Passengers' comfort is studied in every way-soft berths

dainty bedding for the weary body, harmonious and restful decorations for the weary eye, perfect cleanliness and plenty of fresh air for health's sake. Smart porters to look after you. ready to do anything to assure a good night's rest, and that "fresh" feeling in the morning only to be enjoyed in a heavy C. P. R. sleeper, smoothly rolling over a perfect roadhed.

The Persian Constitution.

titution, which was accepted by the national assembly Tuesday, gives the assembly control of all financial mat-ters. Matters pertaining to the administration of the provinces may only be discussed by the assembly. The asmbly can only be dissolved with the consent of the ministers and twohirds of the senate. The senate is composed of 30 elected

and 30 appointed members.



Teheran, Jan. 3 .- The revised con-

