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TUESDAY MORNING, DEC. 9.

Hydro-Electric in Eastern Ontario.

With the success of the Hydro-Electric system among the western municipalities it is natural that those in the eastern sections of Ontario should desire to share in the benefits of the distribution of power at cost. This might have been possible long since, but for the strong opposition of various political interests and others.

In a meeting at Brockville yesterday, where probably the most violent opposition had centred, a strong stand was taken by representatives of the eastern municipalities in favor of forming an Eastern Ontario Hydro-Electric Union, similar to that in the west. Representatives came from as far west as Brockville, as far east as Quebec, and from north of Renfrew and Pembroke. It was pointed out that Brockville pays \$45 for horsepower, while across the river Massena pays \$12.50. Brockville had to come to her senses sooner or later.

The meeting was in favor of affiliation with the Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission, with Sir Adam Beck as chairman. It was also suggested that an eastern man be appointed to the commission instead of Hon. L. B. Lucas, who is expected to resign after the return of Sir Adam from England.

The organization of eastern Ontario will strengthen the hands of the commission in dealing with the federal government about the St. Lawrence power development. The possibility of all this power, their rightful heritage, being lost to the eastern municipalities, undoubtedly has had an influence in bringing about the organization. The benefit of the inter-co-operation of the eastern and western municipalities in the development of the Hydro-Electric system is of the first importance for the province as a whole.

Don't Cripple Street Car Democracy.

Mr. Ballantyne, the Labor candidate for mayor, effectively argues for the greater democratization of the street railway management when it becomes a civic undertaking. An effort may be made to misrepresent the Labor party's position as unfriendly to public ownership because it criticizes the form in which the transportation proposition will be submitted to the people on January 1. But Mr. Ballantyne is for public ownership all the time and all the way. His attitude is that, in seeking the citizens to declare for or against an unpaid commission of three ratepayers, the city council has departed from the fundamentals of democracy and of public ownership.

Mr. Ballantyne is for a paid commission that is open to all citizens, and not confined to property owners. Every argument that applies to the payment of the mayor, the controllers and aldermen, and the Hydro Commission, and to members of the legislature and of parliament, applies to membership of the transportation board. No property qualification hedges around the premiership of Canada, or Ontario. The capacity to render public service is not confined to the so-called propertied classes. The city should not be restricted in its choice of administrators. The door should swing wide open to genius, whether it is developed in a street car or tolls in a steamship.

Yesterday Sir Robert Borden announced that the railway employees will be represented on the directorate of the government lines. The city must not be debarred from promoting from the street railway service any clever man simply because he is not a ratepayer. To restrict choice is either to distrust the choosers' ability or to pay superfluous homage to a privileged class.

As Mr. Ballantyne says, it is the people who use the street railway system who give it all its value. To confine the commission to ratepayers may lead to a board being appointed zone of whom rides in a street car once a year. One of the troubles of the existing regime has been that the directors have not been touched with the feeling of our inconveniences. Citizens will not in any way prejudice the civic ownership and management of civic transportation. Neither will they believe that the dying council has said the last word about it.

The Gold of Science.

In a despatch from Paris, Sir Ernest Rutherford, formerly of McGill, more recently of Manchester University, and presently of Cambridge, has been credited with the discovery of the secret of the transmutation of matter. Prof. McLennan, F.R.S., to whom Admiral Jellicoe paid such a notable tribute at the club luncheon yesterday, is rather doubtful of the meaning of the despatch. The principle of transmutation has been recognized by modern scientists ever since the discovery of radioactivity, but it is a different matter to apply it to all the forms in which the chemical elements

appear, and to resolve them into a common substance and rearrange them into other elements, or to switch them from one form directly into another.

Oxygen and hydrogen are both metals, although they are most familiar to us in the form of gases. By combining two atoms of hydrogen with one of oxygen a molecule of water is formed. The oxygen and hydrogen have ceased to be and a totally new form of matter has come into being. Water in turn can be decomposed or resolved into its component parts. But it does not follow that a similar process would be effective in the case of any other element, such as gold or nickel, iron or copper.

From its magnetic and atomic weights of other magnetic elements indicate a relation between them. But all these elements have been regarded as simple up till recently.

The dream of the ages for the selfish and unthinking has been the creation of gold by transmutation of baser metals or in some other way. Should science discover any method to effect this, and radio investigation and the phenomena exhibited by radioactive elements and gases like helium, suggest all kinds of possibilities, science would become the greatest revolutionary agent the world has seen.

Should gold come to be as freely and easily made as aluminum the whole social basis of human relations would be altered. The gold standard would disappear, and money, no longer capable of being treated as a commodity, would take its real place as a symbol of values. Values alone would be exchangeable. Wheat, coal, woolens, cottons, food, fuel and clothing would be the only wealth, and only those who contributed to its production would share it.

It is to be noted that Bolshevism murders the professors, the intelligent classes, the scientific men, who are the true precursors of a genuine socialism.

Seeking Unpopularity.

Appeals to the Privy Council were supposed to be headed off by the Railway Board legislation, which provides that in their cases one appeal to the divisional court would be permitted, but no other. Until this point is settled the will of the people of Canada is not likely to possess a certainty of translation into action.

The decision of the divisional court yesterday on the appeal by the Toronto and York radial lines from the ruling of the Railway Board giving the civic line permission to cross the Metropolitan at St. Clair avenue, is according to reason, common sense, and justice. The attitude of corporations in obstructing all public measures that contribute to the welfare and convenience of the public is a short-sighted one, but is so characteristic that no surprise need be expressed. The corporations have never learned the lesson of co-operation with the public, nor the advantage of cultivating amicable, instead of unaccommodating relations with the people.

Germany of Less Importance.

A very decided modification in the terms of the protocol submitted to Germany for the purpose of bringing the peace treaty into effect, indicates the desire and possibly the determination of the allied authorities to leave nothing undone to enable Germany to accept the conditions laid down. The question of indemnity for the sinking of the German navy at Scapa Flow has been referred to The Hague tribunal. Unless Germany desires to follow the example of the Kaiser in July of 1914, the treaty will soon be signed.

There are many reasons why the powers are unwilling to renew a state of war with Germany. The world faces starvation, bankruptcy and revolution. Nothing that Germany may do or not do at this time would compare in importance with these actual conditions. The allies are in the position of a merchant who wishes to close out a poor line of goods and get in a new stock.

OTHER PEOPLE'S OPINIONS

The World will gladly print under this head letters written by our readers, dealing with current topics. As space is limited they must not be longer than 200 words, and written on one side of the paper only.

THOSE WHO WORK IN TORONTO POSTOFFICE AND RETURNED MEN.

Editor World: In reference to a letter in your issue of December 5 by a "Postoffice Employee": Far be it from me to deprive anyone who is the sole support of a family, of anything, but my connections of returned soldiers or otherwise; but I happen to be acquainted with the facts in the Toronto postoffice, and know that cases such as "P.O.E." refers to are in the minority. Further, it has been brought to my knowledge that the men who were threatened with dismissal have been informed that their services would be retained until after the Christmas rush. Now, Mr. Editor, it comes to this: Are the people of Toronto going to stand by and see these men discharged, while girls are filling their rightful places, or are they going to insist that promises made to these men (when they volunteered and gave up their positions for this fair land) are kept?

BRINGS COLMAR SURVIVORS.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 8.—The liner Mississauga arrived in port today from Havre. She had on board fifteen survivors of the French liner Colmar, which sank off the Nova Scotian coast last Saturday between Canso and Sable Island.

CROSSED WIRES.



POLITICAL NOTES

The North Ontario Dominion by-election occurs today. There have been a number of meetings, but none of the Ottawa ministers have come into the riding to speak for Mr. McKinnon, the Unionist candidate. On the other hand, Mr. Halbert, the U. F. O. candidate, has been assisted by Premier Drury and cabinet members of the Ontario government.

Mr. McKinnon is a popular man, long resident in the riding and is probably as good a candidate as the Unionists could have selected. The general opinion seems to be, however, that the former candidate is likely to be elected.

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, K.C., of St. John, N.B., is said to be on his way to Ottawa, with the intention of entering the cabinet. New Brunswick has been unrepresented in the government since the resignation of Hon. P. B. Carvell, and Mr. Baxter is one of the prominent and aggressive Conservatives of New Brunswick.

He served as attorney-general in the Clarke government from 1914 until 1917. It is taken for granted that a seat will be found for him in the house of commons by appointing to the bench Colonel Harry Macleod, a Unionist member for York and Sudbury.

An Ottawa despatch tells us that Sir William Hearst has the refusal of the vacant Ontario senatorship.

The Montreal Financial Times believes that Sir Robert Borden will be compelled by reason of his failing health and strength to give up the premiership, and in that event it prophesies that Sir Henry Drayton will succeed him as prime minister of Canada. It disposes of the ambitions of Messrs. Meighen and Rowell by saying: "The Hon. Arthur Meighen and Hon. N. W. Rowell, who have been spoken of as likely choices, both share with Sir Robert a large measure of the unpopularity which the Unionist government incurred, and still has, among the agricultural element owing to the application of conscription to farmers' sons after the farmers had been given to understand by Unionist candidates in the campaign that their sons were regarded as essential to production and would not be taken as conscripts."

Premier Drury seems to be growing in strength. He has not only walked off with many planks of Mr. Dewar's platform but appears to be picking off one by one Mr. Dewar's followers in the legislature. It would not be surprising if he gained enough recruits to have a working majority at the beginning of the session. Some people think the premier is talking too much, but after all he is meeting a great many people and upon the whole is making a good impression. The man on the street wants the new premier to have a fair show, and regards him as a little above the ordinary run of party politicians.

An Estate of Third-Million Left by Arthur H. Mathewman

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—An estate of \$296,669, which includes two valuable commercial properties and over \$75,000 in cash in the bank, has been left by the late Arthur Houghton Mathewman, pioneer Ottawa resident, who died Nov. 6. The Royal Trust Company has applied for papers of administration at the court house. The late Mr. Mathewman died intestate. The whole of his estate is equally divided between his six sons and daughters: Ernest H. Mathewman, Ottawa; Alice Maud Knowles, Vancouver; George Parish Mathewman, Ottawa; Mary Elizabeth Bell, Ottawa; Anna Alberta Shier, Devils Lake, N. D.; and Elsie Florence Chamberlain, Vancouver, \$49,444 each.

COMPLAINS OF PRINCE'S STAFF.

London, Dec. 8.—The London correspondent of The Liverpool Post says newspaper representatives on the tour of the Prince of Wales complain of want of consideration, not on the part of the prince, who was charming, but of certain members of his staff, and points out that if a tour of India or Australia is to be undertaken, the understanding will have to be established.

COTTON CARGO BURNED

Valencia, Spain, Dec. 8.—A great quantity of cotton stored in the steamer Cortes was destroyed by fire in the harbor yesterday. The vessel had just arrived from England.

THE EATON TRADITION

BY THE SPECTATOR.

STANDING in the multitude, one caught plain, seven words from Mr. McGee's address to Mrs. Eaton, which ended with the lowering of the curtain around the Timothy Eaton statue—"Ideas."

"Ideas." "Mother of us all." It was the combination here indicated that has immeasurably removed the great merchant from the class that is typified in the epitaph, "Born a man, died a draper."

The Nile is Egypt, and Egypt is the Nile. Eaton's is the biggest institution of the city. What would Toronto be like without Eaton's store, with the big factories in the background? There is infinitely more behind and beneath and over all Eaton's than a vast money-making machine, run with superb genius for popular appeal. There are complete innovations—the ideas that the business put behind the counter fifty years ago, and the humanity that went into their motive power and was "humanized" when Harry McGee told Mrs. Eaton that she is "the mother of us all."

When the King Goes By.

Everybody who knows, says they are a great big family on Yonge, on Queen, on James, and on Albert. There never was such a family gathering as the throng that surrounded the hidden statue, and crowded the stairs and every distant vantage point, as they have seen them swarming when the King goes by. Nowhere in the world could a superior host of wage-slaves and the heart of the people be so packed together. Physical looks and earthly appearance there was none of the hollowness of servitude in their acclamations of their mother and Sir John.

In token of the unity of efficiency and humanity, and the things which make life dear, the Eaton choir sang, "O Canada" is a French-Canadian song. The melody have gone the history and the heart of the people who hold the lower St. Lawrence. Into the singing of it there went a quality—a thrilling quality—what hitherto one had assumed to belong only to the Canadian French—"Canada over all" is the soul of the anthem, and if the myriad customers who speak la belle patrie tune sung in Toronto, well, it would have made them feel more intensely than ever that Canada, indeed, is the mother of us all.

Whereof a reminiscence. The spectator was down the St. Lawrence three years ago, when, in all the parishes, there was a deep resentment against Ontario. In a goodly town, the editor of a flourishing newspaper was seen—one of those polite, lovable fellows who abound in the senior Canada. He said he had written many articles urging the people to refuse to buy Ontario goods.

It was because the essence of that magnificent truth was grasped by the man who fifty years ago opened the Eaton's store, that the Eaton's store, that is reproduced in miniature all over the floors that are alive with Christmas shoppers, that the statue was presented by a great and happy congregation to a gray but vigorous "mother of us all."

Nova Scotia Theatre Manager Gets \$11,500 Conscience Money

Halifax, Dec. 8.—The Morning Chronicle today states that L. R. Acker, proprietor of various theatres throughout Nova Scotia, was handed \$11,500 conscience money Saturday night by a Roman Catholic priest who declined to state from whom the money was obtained. The Halifax Herald announces that a prominent business man was given \$11,000 in conscience money Saturday night by a clergyman, who had received it from a man who said it had been stolen in a poker game.

KRUPPS BUILDING ENGINES.

Essen, Germany, Dec. 8.—The first locomotive to be built by the Krupps left the works Saturday morning for freight cars, which also were built by the firm that formerly specialized in the construction of big guns. The new department of the great Krupp works, employing 3,500 men, is said to be capable of turning out 300 locomotives and 3,000 freight cars annually.

CANADIAN CAPTAIN CASHIERED.

London, Dec. 8.—Temporary Captain N. J. Brackley, Canadian Army Service Corps, has been cashiered in a sentence by a general court-martial.

MOONLIGHT AND MONEY

BY MARION RUBINCAM

BETTER AND WORSE

CHAPTER 55.

Two elements were at work about Louise. Improved physical conditions were building her up a little; for rest, good food, sleep and care will benefit even the broken-hearted. But, nervously, she was worse. Her mother had been ordered to bed by the doctor, where she wore herself out fretting, and wore out everyone who waited on her. Her mother's condition, worry over Harry, and the inevitable dread of the tremendous unknown experience of motherhood were undoing whatever good the material comforts were accomplishing. It remained to be seen which condition would triumph in her case.

Still, she did look better. Her girl friends, coming in with frivolous gossip to cheer her up, and with dainty offerings for the baby that was to come, remarked on her day-by-day improvement. Her mother was less flattered. She merely said, as she watched the pathetic look around Louise's mouth: "For heaven's sake, don't mope all the time. Don't you imagine I feel awful enough, without having to look at a weeping graveyard?"

And Louise, stung to the quick, but not daring to reply, fairly ran from her room.

It was Carol who brightened the gloom of that day for her. Carol came in looking more gorgeous than ever, with an armful of roses to send in to Mrs. Driscoll.

"They're unusually lovely," Louise commented as she arranged them in a large jar.

"They are," Carol commented cheerfully. "Breck sent them to me. You see, every time he does anything he knows I won't like it, so he sends me an extra expensive bunch of roses, or brings me home some jewelry, or else buys opera tickets. It's to save his conscience. The poor boy doesn't know that he gives himself away absolutely by his kind attentions to his wife."

"What do you mean?" Louise asked, smiling back at Carol's own smiling face.

"He has a system," Carol explained. "The only flaw is that he doesn't think I know it. When he takes an other woman to lunch he sends me flowers. If he stays up half the night at the club, losing money playing cards, he buys me opera tickets. That keeps me out until late myself, you see, so I'm not so apt to inquire what he was doing all the time."

"I see," Louise said.

"If it's anything more serious than that, he buys me rings and bracelets."

Love laughs at locksmiths; Eaton's makes prejudice smile—and buy. The titled vice-president of a civil house said once to the spectator:

"There's a peculiar genius up the street. You can't tell exactly what it is, but it's there, and the most powerful thing I know in the business world."

He was touching the ideas which have become the Eaton tradition, which has shortened hours and enlarged service, without the hard compulsion which alone moves some incurable dollar-chasers. No blylaw has been invoked to bring about early closing. No grudging has gone into the exchange of merchandise unapproved. Public sentiment has been anticipated, sure proof of genius. Goodness is profitable to all things, and square dealing—some people would call it generosity—has made friends, and friendliness is exceeding profitable to profits.

Statue Work of Advertiser.

The ideas that have produced the Eaton tradition that has produced "the mother of us all" are co-operative ideas. The bronze statue, which was made by Mr. Ivor Lewis, the advertising chief, is the symbol of a commercial patriotism which can wax mightier as ideas grow and humanity comes into its own.

It is a pointer to another great enterprise, which is owned jointly and severally by all the Canadian people. In twenty thousand miles of nationally-owned railway there is a unique and splendid opportunity for a patriotism as surely based on service as the Eaton tradition is.

Man and woman who toil in railway service can have as excellent a devotion to such as are placed over them as those who operate a mammoth store. That spirit is developing in wintry wharves of a president who emigrated to Canada from Scotland, and Timothy Eaton did from Ireland, was presented with a rich token of goodwill by the National Railways' employees two or three weeks ago.

Call it co-operation, nationalization, socialization—whatever you like—the spirit of service is the spirit of the future.

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Remains of H. Varnes, Winnipeg, Are Buried at Belleville

Belleville, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—The body of Harry Varnes, general traffic foreman of the C. P. R. at Winnipeg, arrived here today and was interred at Belleville Cemetery. Mr. Varnes was killed last Tuesday at Winnipeg by a switch engine while in the discharge of his duties. Mr. Varnes was a foreman employed on the C. P. R. for a number of years. He was a former resident of Belleville.

Funeral of Dawson M. Pickard, Well-Known A. P. Telegrapher

Ridgetown, Ont., Dec. 8.—The funeral took place here yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the residence of Dawson M. Pickard, well-known A. P. telegrapher for the Associated Press. He was in his 50th year. He is survived by his wife and one son, Hubert, who was deceased with the United States forces and only recently returned home.

Call Legislature of Quebec Into Session on Wednesday

Montreal, Dec. 8.—When the fifteenth legislature of Quebec is called into session on Wednesday by Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, it will be found that there are many important matters in the address from the throne. The progress announced by Sir Lomer Gouin and his ministers during the last provincial elections last June, will be in large measure reflected in the address. There will be reference to the fact that \$5,000,000 is to be spent in colonization work, and to technical education, good roads and a railway in Timiskaming.

The Proclamation of Peace

will create an interest in the new boundaries of Europe.

The Toronto World has obtained a limited supply of the NEW MAP OF EUROPE, size 41 x 54, printed in colors, and inset maps of Australasia, Asia and Africa, showing the new divisions.

Readers of this newspaper may obtain a copy by clipping this notice and sending same, together with fifty cents, to The Toronto World.

Fan Line

A few girls suggest various varieties.

Linen Pillow embroidered.

Baby Pillow embroidered.

Madras Handkerchiefs embroidered.

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