

Vote on Water Question in Few Days

The Form of Ballot at Last Decided

Commissioners Can't Resist Temptation to Compare Their Pet Project, From Their Own Viewpoint, With the Other Three Schemes.

The water commissioners have at last decided upon the form of the ballot which will be submitted to the people on the question of increasing the city water supply, and also on the reading matter which will accompany the ballot. The printing is not yet completed, but the commissioners say that every ballot will be distributed in a day or so.

Ballots will be sent only to the freeholders who appeared on the last revised assessment roll, and they will be requested to sign their names to every ballot, vote as they deem wise, and return the ballot to the secretary of the water commission in the city hall.

It is plain from the manner in which the literature has been prepared that the commissioner are biased in favor of the Komoka scheme.

Stick to Komoka.
The commissioners cannot resist the temptation to compare their pet project, from their own viewpoint, with the other schemes set forth. They tell the people what they believe the independent fire-fighting system will cost, but they do not explain that if the scheme is adopted a special tax will be levied upon the businessmen to defray a part of the cost, instead of levying the entire cost on the whole city, as will be the case if the Komoka or any other scheme is adopted.

Asked why this important point was omitted from the ballot and the accompanying literature, Commissioner Saunders stated to The Advertiser this morning that he was not officially aware that it was the intention to levy this special tax upon the businessmen—the people who will benefit the most by having the water supply and the pressure increased, because of the fact that their insurance will be reduced.

Voters are to be given the choice of four schemes. That is, the scheme they prefer above all others, they will mark No. 1; their next choice, No. 2; next choice, No. 3, and next choice, No. 4.

The taking of the mail vote was decided upon by the commissioners to assist them in coming to a conclusion as to which scheme the people want. Upon the result of the vote, they will largely depend the scheme which will be submitted to the people next October.

The Argument.
The following is a copy of the literature which has been prepared to be sent out with each ballot. All ballots must be returned by the 20th of July: To the Electors of the City of London:

For the purpose of learning which scheme for waterworks extension meets with the greatest favor among the qualified voters of London, the commissioners request that you will indicate your preference on the ballot inclosed with this circular.

In laying the details of the various schemes before you in the following paragraphs, the commissioners have endeavored to present fairly the particulars of each scheme, leaving you to judge which you would prefer to see installed. On the ballot itself you will find a summary of the cost of each scheme.

Komoka Scheme.

This will be an all spring water system, without filtration, to deliver 3,000,000 gallons daily into the present mains. The cost to supply this water to the city during the 30-year debenture period will be \$39,752 each year, consisting of:

Interest and sinking fund.....	\$32,252
Wages, repairs, etc.....	5,500
Coal.....	1,000
Total.....	\$39,752

The total cost of the system will be \$575,000.

This system provides a reservoir with a capacity of 20,000,000 gallons, for storing water for fire purposes, or for other emergencies. A dam will also be built for the purpose of backing the water for operating the hydraulic pumping machines, thus reducing the cost of pumping to the minimum. It also provides for the enlarging of the mains throughout the city, laying an 18-inch main from Komoka to Springbank, and a 24-inch main from Springbank back to East London. This system will give pressure in all parts of the city of about 75 pounds to the square inch.

River Filtration Scheme.
This system, as outlined by Engineer A. May, omits the addition and piping of the spring water along the north branch, which the commissioners regard as a needless outlay, considering that filtered water is to be mingled with it, contemplates taking the supply from the north branch of the river, which, after having been filtered, will be pumped into the city mains by steam, gas or electric power, and the cost is calculated on a basis of providing three million gallons of water a day. More water would, of course, cost more money.

This system provides for a reservoir capable of storing five million gallons, and a three-million-gallon covered filter basin, through which will pass, normally, three million gallons a day. This

RAILWAY FEUD IN ALASKAN WILDS, BATTLE COMING FOR RIGHT OF WAY

The Guggenheims Are Arming to Drive Off the Rival Concern.

Seattle, Wash., July 3.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Valdez, Alaska, tells of the preparations for armed conflict between the Copper River and Northern Railway forces and the Alaska-Pacific Railway men, at Kaillala. The Copper River Railroad, which is known throughout Alaska as the Guggenheim proposition, aiming to tap the Copper River district, is attempting to cross the right-of-way of the Alaska-Pacific Company, known as the Bruner Line, which also aims for the Copper River district by way of Lake Charlotte.

The Bruner people have applied to Governor Hoggatt, of Alaska, for the protection of United States troops, alleging that the Guggenheim forces contemplate an armed attack upon them. Authorities at Valdez admit that the situation is serious.

The launch Pioneer which arrived at Valdez yesterday from Kaillala brings word that the Bruner road has erected a "go devil" at the crossing which the Guggenheims are trying to take. The machine, by means of a donkey engine, swings continually across the tracks, making it impossible for men to come within a radius of 50 feet of the Bruner line.

The same launch brings the report that block houses of thick timbers have been erected along the right-of-way by the Bruner people, and that the Guggenheims are paying \$2 an hour to fighting men, with a bonus of \$100 to the first man who crosses the Bruner right-of-way.

LEANDER WINS FIRST GRAND CHALLENGE HEAT
Trials For the British Rowing Blue Ribbon Commence.

Henley, July 3.—The Leander crew, as anticipated, won an easy victory over the London Rowing Club today in the first heat for the Grand Challenge Cup. Leander led all the way. Time, 7 minutes, 33 seconds. The British oarsmen are relying on the Leander to win back the Grand Challenge Cup, which was captured by the Belgians last year.

The surprise of the day was the defeat of Blackstaffe, holder of the diamond skulls trophy, by Captain Darrell, of the First Life Guards. After a splendid race, Darrell won by a half a length. Time, 8 minutes, 57 seconds. The weather was dismal and cold, preventing the bright costumes and gaudies which usually mark the annual water picnic here.

Paying Teller Vanishes With \$96,317 in Cash
Said to Have Cleared Up All Available Money in the Bank.

New York, July 3.—Detectives throughout the United States are searching today for Chester B. Runyan, paying teller of the Windsor Trust Company, who the directors allege, is missing with \$96,317 in cash. The case is being handled by private detectives, George Young, a director of the trust companies, confirms the report of the defalcation, which the detectives say is one of the most remarkable ever reported.

Runyan is accused of having placed \$96,317 in currency in a suitcase last Saturday, and after shaking hands with his associates left the trust company. Since then he has not been seen. Runyan, it is said, did not even go to his apartment to bid good-bye to his wife to whom he had been married for five years. He is said to have taken all the cash available in the bank last Saturday. The directors, it is said, have made up all the loss of the defalcation.

Runyan was a man of good habits so far as known, and his conduct was such as not to arouse any suspicion. When the auditors went over his accounts on May 1, they were found to be all right.

INSURGENTS TORTURED
Chinese Rebels Refuse To Tell Names of Leaders.

Hong Kong, July 3.—It is reported here from Wong Hung that imperial troops surprised a band of insurgents recently, capturing 80 of them. The prefect of Wai Hui tortured the prisoners, pouring burning resin on their bare bodies in an attempt to extract the names of the leaders of the uprising, in which, however, he was unsuccessful.

DEATH OF MR. GEO. ACHESON
Prominent Businessman of Goderich Passes Away Suddenly.

Goderich, July 2.—Mr. George Acheson, Goderich's foremost financier, died here today very suddenly. He was interested in many of Goderich's biggest industrial concerns, being president of the Goderich Lumber Company. He was 76 years of age. He is survived by a widow and three brothers, William, Edward and Robert, all residing in this neighborhood.

EVANGELIZING KOREA.
Seoul, July 3.—Protestant Christianity in Korea has increased over 60 per cent in the past year, and there is promise of a national evangelization under the auspices of the American missionaries. Catholicism is apparently stationary.

WON'T RUN NEXT YEAR—FOR MAYOR
Mayor Makes Announcement While Engaged in a Hot Weather Talk.

"I will not run next year—for mayor."

So said Mayor Judd to The Advertiser today while engaged in a hot-weather talk with the reporters.

The manner in which his worship made the statement led to the deduction that he intends to run for something else if that something comes in sight. What it is he would not say. But he is quite sure he will not run again for mayor.

His worship added that the city is now in good shape, financially and otherwise, and that with careful management his successors should be able to worry along for the next twenty years with a tax rate of not more than 20 mills on the dollar.

The city is now paying its share of a great many local improvements, the debt charges on which will soon lapse, and then it should prove easy sailing for the civic ship. For example, the city has the cement sidewalks, of which the city pays half the cost, will last for 50 years, and when this debt is paid off, there will be a big saving to the city.

Every civic problem, with the exception of the elevation of the Grand Trunk tracks in London, and the reduction of business insurance rates, has been settled, and his worship believes that both of these matters will be settled this year.

His worship is not a little worried over the action of the council in leaving to him alone the selection of delegates to the three big conventions.

It is a recognized fact that the fire chief is the only one who has any business going to the firemen's convention, but two or three aldermen would like to take in the trip.

Then there is the trip to Port Arthur. London should be represented there, but not by a civic army. The mayor is vice-president of the Union of Canadian Municipalities, and no doubt is entitled to go.

As far as the convention of the Ontario Municipal Union is concerned, the assessment commissioner has always been able to bring back ten times as much information for the use of the city as ten aldermen who have been sent.

His worship stated today that he feels that he is barred from taking in any of the trips, from the fact that he cannot with good grace appoint himself a member of a deputation. The aldermen, on the other hand, claim that it was their intention, when they named the matter to him, to make him a member of each deputation, and to leave it to him to decide who should accompany him.

Ald. Matthews stated at the council meeting last night that he did not know whether he could get away to the convention at Port Arthur, even if he was delegated to go, but it was stated at the city hall today that for several weeks the alderman has thrown out the hint that he was due for a trip this year. Inasmuch as he was plucked last year when he wanted to go to Dallas, Texas, to the firemen's convention.

NEW ISSUE OF STOCK
Canadian General Electric Increasing Its Capital to \$8,000,000.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, July 3.—The Canadian General Electric Company is increasing its capital from \$5,000,000 to \$8,000,000 by new stock. Two million is preferred and one million common. Shareholders meet Aug. 15 to ratify the bylaw. Of the present stock \$300,000 is to be retired. It pays only 6 per cent. New preferred will pay 7.

Bonds to the amount of \$150,000 of the Northern Steam Pump Company will be paid out of the new issue, the balance to be used to make good advances made by the company's bankers. Only the preferred stock is to be issued at present. Stock not taken up by the shareholders is to be disposed of in England.

THE WEATHER.
TOMORROW—FINE AND WARM.
FORECASTS.
Toronto, July 3.—8 a.m. Today—Light to moderate variable winds; fine and a little warmer. Thursday—Moderate southerly winds; fine and warm.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Calgary..... 45 44 Cloudy
Winnipeg..... 64 56 Clear
Port Arthur..... 58 58 Fair
Toronto..... 64 58 Fair
Ottawa..... 58 48 Fair
Montreal..... 62 54 Clear
Quebec..... 48 48 Clear
Father Point..... 50 44 Cloudy
The first column records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours preceding.

MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES.
London, 51.5-75; Victoria, 54-75; Vancouver, 54-74; Kamloops, 54-68; Port Simpson, 50-76; Edmonton, 50-76; Prince Albert, 50-74; Winnipeg, 54-82; Port Arthur, 48-72; Fanny Sound, 48-72; Toronto, 64-65; Ottawa, 58-64; Montreal, 66-70; Quebec, 56-66; St. John, 50-72; Halifax, 50-58.

WEATHER NOTES.
The weather continues fine and warm throughout the Western Provinces, with a most favorable outlook. In Ontario and Quebec it is fine and cool, with indications of higher temperature, while in the Maritime Provinces it is unsettled and showery, with much rain along the coast.

FIRE FEEDS ON TOWN WATER SUPPLY GONE

Whitney, Tennessee, Likely To Be Completely Destroyed.

Chattanooga, Tenn., July 3.—A telephone message to the Times from Whitney says: "Fire which started in the store of the Whitwell Mercantile Company shortly before midnight is still raging, and the town is threatened. The bank of Whitney has been destroyed, and the postoffice and all the main business houses are in the path of the flames. There is little chance to stop the fire, as the only means of fighting it is with buckets. The water supply is practically exhausted."

RUNAWAY CAR ON A DOWNGRADE

Jumps Track, Turns a Somersault, and Pelts Torontonians With Bricks.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, July 3.—A freight car loaded with bricks performed great stunts on the Metropolitan Railway this morning in North Toronto. Somebody stole the brake chain of the car, which was a trailer attached to a motor car, and when coming down Gallows Hill at Deer Park, the trailer started to run away. Several of the crew who were aboard the two cars jumped out and tried to put blocks under the wheels of the car as it started down the grade. These were knocked aside like so many chips, and the car, gathering speed, proceeded on its way.

Soon it was going at a tremendous speed, and as it neared the Metropolitan station at North Toronto it was going at about 70 miles an hour. When within a few yards of where the track curves to go into the station, the only man who had stopped on the car jumped off to save himself.

At the curve the car jumped the track and ran across the sidewalk on to the tracks of the C. P. R. Here it struck a turning switch, and the car turned a complete somersault, throwing bricks in all directions.

Several people who saw the car coming hustled out of the way, but were struck by flying bricks. No one was seriously hurt. The car was completely demolished, the trucks being all that remained.

HER LIFE CRUSHED OUT

Little Two-Year-Old Girl Killed at Kingston.

Kingston, July 3.—Street car No. 18, in charge of Motorman Cadenhead, struck and killed a 2-year-old child of the corner of Union and Collingwood streets this morning. The child ran out in front of the car, wheeling a doll's carriage. Her name was Hilda MacGillivray, of Collingwood street. One of her legs was cut off and her life was crushed out.

PRIVILEGES OF THE PARK

May Be Fully Enjoyed by All Who Are Well-Behaved.

Mr. J. S. Pearce, London's painstaking park superintendent, has this to say in regard to those who frequent Victoria Park:

"In conversation with a gentleman the other day, and from questions asked by others, it is evident there are still many people who labor under a misunderstanding as to walking and strolling on the grass in Victoria Park.

"There will be no interference with anyone who wishes to enjoy walking and strolling on the grass; neither will there be objection to anyone sitting or lounging on the sward in a proper manner. But any unseemly postures or behavior will be promptly stopped. Making short-cuts across the park, or walking on the grass alongside the walks, we cannot allow. This is imperative. Mothers or nurses with children will be welcome to come and use the sward, and, in fact, any small children who will behave themselves.

"I shall be obliged to any of the citizens who will advise me or the police of any unseemly conduct or improper language being used by any of the loungers who frequent the park. I am anxious to make Victoria Park a quiet, restful place for all who may frequent it, and I hope the citizens will assist me in carrying out this object."

CREW NOT TO BLAME.

"That the late Richard J. Gould came to his death on the morning of June 22, in the G. T. R. car shops yard, in the city of London, by falling from the end of a car on which he was riding, to the rails, and there being crushed and mangled to death under the wheels of the car. We entirely exonerate the rest of the crew from all blame in the matter."

Such was the verdict returned by the jury at the adjourned session of the coroner's inquest in the case of R. J. Gould's death.

Yesterday afternoon the jury visited the scene of the accident, and there witnessed the shunting of the train, under the wheels of which Gould met his death, in a similar manner to that in which it was being moved when the accident occurred.

Last night at 8 o'clock Coroner MacLaren read over the evidence taken at the last sitting of the inquest, and then addressed the jury without the hearing of further evidence.

RAISULI TAKES NICE PRIZE CAPTURES BRITISH GENERAL

Sir Harry MacLean, Sultan's Right Hand Man, Carried Off by Moroccan Chief.

Held as Hostage to Squeeze Out a Pardon

Tangier, July 3.—Kaid General Sir Harry MacLean, commander of the Sultan's bodyguard, has been made a prisoner by Raisuli, the bandit chief, and will be held as a hostage by the latter until the Sultan agrees to pardon Raisuli on his own terms. Gen. MacLean was negotiating with Raisuli regarding the latter's pardon when he was made a prisoner.

Gen. MacLean is a former officer of the British army. All his influence with the Sultan has been exercised in the interests of civilization and humanity, and he is universally respected even among the most fanatical of the foreign-hating Moors.

The latest exploit of Raisuli in capturing Kaid General Sir Harry MacLean brings the noted bandit to public attention after a period of comparative retirement. MacLean is probably the most influential man in Morocco, being the English adviser who organized the Sultan's army, and civil administration, and who stands next to the Sultan himself in the practical conduct of Moroccan affairs.

His capture, therefore, is even more of an achievement for Raisuli than his former capture of Perdicaris and Harris, the latter the London Times' correspondent, Morocco advices are often misleading, owing to the inaccessibility of the mountain moorland and the magnified reports of their operations, but if Raisuli's capture of MacLean proves correct, the bandit has an unusually rich prize with which to negotiate with the Sultan, and possibly with England, to whom MacLean still holds allegiance, and with France and Spain, who are jointly charged with the international policing of Morocco.

WANTED GUTTER IN CENTER OF STREET

City Engineer, However, Would Not Listen to Suggestion of Clarence St. Ratepayer.

The Barber Asphalt Company has written City Engineer Graydon to say that the company will commence work on the pavement on Clarence street, from Dundas street to the G. T. R., on Monday next. This is exactly a month earlier than was expected.

This morning Water Commissioner Saunders waited on the engineer and asked that the pavement be constructed with a single gutter in the center of the roadway, instead of in the ordinary way with a gutter at both sides.

Mr. Saunders' argument in favor of the proposal was that if the gutter is in the center all the dirt will gravitate that way, instead of right at the doors of the people, as at present.

Mr. Graydon would not listen to the suggestion, however. He claimed that the roadway would be dangerous in this part of the country, and that a horse could not hold his feet on it in the winter.

Mr. Graydon is willing to meet the wishes of the people as far as possible, but he does not believe the suggestion made by Mr. Saunders is a good one. The street railway company, this morning began the paving of its track allowance on Richmond street, between Bathurst and Horton, with vitrified brick.

NO MORE COMPLAINTS

Tannery Has Met With the Wishes of the Health Board.

At the meeting of the board of health yesterday, Dr. Niven, the chairman, stated that C. S. Hyman & Co. have completed the new tanks which were constructed with a view to being away from the dumping of sewage and other matter into Carling's Creek, and that now only the overflow from the tanks will go into the stream. The company, which has done everything in its power to do away with the nuisance complained of by the people in the vicinity of the tannery, have asked the board of health to regularly inspect the tanks, so that they may be kept working to the complete satisfaction of the city.

FIRE IN A MAIL CAR

Forty-five Hundred Pounds of Matter on Illinois Central Lost.

St. Louis, Mo., July 2.—Fire in the mail car of the Illinois Central Chicago flyer destroyed the entire contents last night. About 3,000 pounds of letter mail, 1,500 pounds of newspapers, and all the registered mail, was destroyed. Mail Clerk Cleave was painfully burned about the face and hands.

The fire is supposed to have been caused by sparks from the engine.

SOUL PROBER ON ORCHARD

Famous Harvard Psychologist Says Murderer Tells Truth.

Boston, July 3.—In a newspaper interview, Professor Hugo Muensterberg, the famous Harvard psychologist, who has been attending the Haywood trial at Boise, Idaho, for the purpose of studying the mind of Harry Orchard, the principal witness, says he believes Orchard's confession to be thoroughly true.

"Besides, having every facility for investigation of the subject at the disposal," he said, "I also visited the penitentiary and made a psychological examination of Orchard lasting eight hours."

Professor Muensterberg added that he was very much impressed with the sanity which characterized the trial, and expressed his opinion that absolute justice was being accorded.

MORE OPERATORS OUT.

San Francisco, July 3.—President S. J. Small, of the "Telegraphers' Union," last night confirmed a report that he had ordered out the operators in another city. He said that the operators have been ordered out in at least one more city, and that they will leave their keys in less than a week. Both telegraph companies are now accepting business without the stipulation of "subject to delay."

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