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Some light snowfalls, chiefly  
on Friday. Weather moderating.  
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FORTY-FIRST YEAR

## Hydro Radial Bylaw Explained to Voters

### COMMISSION WILL NOT INSIST ON RUNNING CARS ON KING ST.

Sir Adam Beck and Others Address the Ratepayers Last Evening. Audience in Sympathy With Elmira to Hamilton Project.

#### WHY IT WOULD BE PAYING LINE

If the attitude of the citizens who attended the meeting in the City Hall last evening is a criterion the ratepayers will carry the Elmira to Hamilton radial railway bylaw on January 1st. Explanation of the by-law was made for the benefit of the ratepayers and all doubts cleared up by Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the Hydro Power Commission, Chief Engineer Gaby, Mr. J. W. Lyons, General president of the Hydro Electric Radial Railway Association and Mr. Hamilton, treasurer, Guelph. At the close of the meeting Mayor Gross told Sir Adam Beck that after the clearing up of doubtful clauses as they might affect this city he felt certain that the by-law would carry in this city.

Do Not Insist on King Street.

Several points as the radial railway will effect this city were brought out. Mayor Gross had asked Sir Adam Beck about the company's intention to use King street to Waterloo. "We would like some information on that point. There is a feeling that your cars come up and went over this street there would be too much congestion," the mayor said. "We intend to use our own right of way. Of course since you might want to run through the centre of your city we had to make provision. But the use of King street by us would be dependent upon arrangements we could make. I might say that while this commission is not anxious to have another road placed on its shoulders, experience shows that no street railway in a city of less than 50,000 people is paying."

The Mayor again referred to the possible congestion there would be on King street with the radial cars also running on it.

"I do not think that you have a 37 second service on your line. There would not be any congestion," Sir Adam replied. "But as I have said we intend to use our own right of way in the west end of the city. There is nothing in the by-law regarding our using King street. And it would only be used in case you wanted us to do so. We could run our local cars over it if you wanted this, and run our through cars over our own right of way. But this would involve a street railway service," Sir Adam replied.

Independently it might be added that the Hydro Commission in case the city would want them to run local cars over the street and the commission agreed would be willing to provide the necessary 40 pound rails on the street. The mayor asked about other points, these were the power of the Hydro Commission regarding having the railway, Chief Engineer Gaby, Mr. J. W. Lyons, General president of the Hydro Electric Radial Railway Association and Mr. Hamilton, treasurer, Guelph. At the close of the meeting Mayor Gross told Sir Adam Beck that after the clearing up of doubtful clauses as they might affect this city he felt certain that the by-law would carry in this city.

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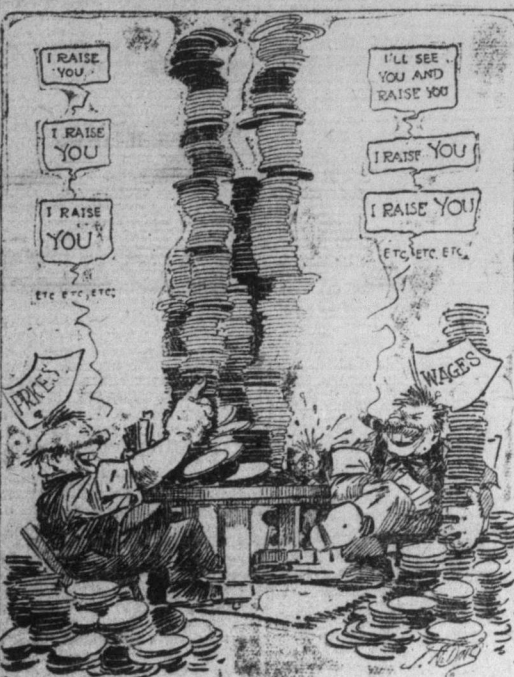
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ONE OF THOSE NO-LIMIT GAMES.—New York Tribune.

### LABOR MEN IN FIELD TO DATE

More To Be Named as Candidates For Municipal Office.

#### EXECUTIVE HOLD MEETING

Six labor men are in the field to date for the municipal elections. They have received the endorsement of the labor party and the Trades and Labor Council. More, however, are to be added.

The list to date is as follows:  
W. H. Halliwell, Alderman  
C. Massel, Alderman  
W. Munster, Alderman  
D. White, Alderman  
For Water Commission  
J. Hainsworth, For School Trustee in Centre Ward

It is the intention to hold a public meeting next week at which the issues of the day are to be discussed and more candidates named.

The executive met last evening and drafted the platform of the labor men.

### NEW AILMENT TO BE WATCHED

TORONTO, Dec. 11.—Ontario doctors have been asked by the Provincial Health Officer to be on the alert with regard to sleeping sickness. Cases have already appeared at Kitchener, Point Edward, Toronto and Port Williams. Although the disease is not notifiable under the act, Dr. McCullough has requested doctors throughout the province to notify cases so that the outbreak may be controlled.

Persons suffering from sleeping sickness may be aroused, but are indifferent as a rule to what is going on about them. The face of often has a mask-like expression and some cases of the disease stimulate meningitis or even cerebral hemorrhage. There is generally a temperature of 101 to 102.

### OFFICER ON TRIAL FOR BRUTALITY

New York, Dec. 11.—Brutal treatment and even deliberate torture of enlisted men of the American Expeditionary Forces are charged against Captain Detzer, formerly Commanding Officer of the 308th Military Police Company.

Reports submitted by the Inspector-General's office are said to disclose that methods used by him in wringing confessions from enlisted men included kicking, beating, compelling men to stand at attention for 36 hours, withholding food and water, not allowing men to sleep, threatening death if enlisted men did not make up their mind one way or the other until nomination time comes.

The accused officer has entered pleas of not guilty to all the charges against him.

### FEARS FOR MOTHER ARE VERIFIED

London, Dec. 11.—Rendered uneasy by the death of Mrs. Leo Sullivan, who was killed in this city by an automobile, Thomas Beechey, telegraphed for his mother to come home from Chicago, where she was visiting.

Soon afterwards came a telegram from Chicago saying she had been caught between two cars and killed.

### NEW N.P. OF U.F.O. TO REDUCE DUTY

WOODSTOCK, N.B., Dec. 11.—Speaking before the U.F.O. here last Hon. T. A. Cresser, former Minister of Agriculture, said that the new national policy adopted as the farmers platform was not a class policy, as claimed by many.

A study of the platform would show that one of the most important planks was the tariff, their policy was aimed at a reduction in the necessities of life. Canada's wealth, he said, was derived from producing and trading and had her fiscal policy for last forty years been different, there was not the least doubt but that the wealth and the population of the country would have been greater than it was to-day.

### FRENCH CONSIDER EXCHANGE CRISIS

PARIS, Dec. 11.—Problems related to the exchange crisis were being discussed by the council of ministers yesterday and consideration of the subject will be continued to-day. Louis Loucheur, Minister of Reconstruction, advised that merchandise be imported from all countries with which exchange is favorable. This plan would include Germany as soon as peace treaty is effect. The project of a loan is being studied and will be laid before the deputies this month.

### ITALIANS AFTER FRENCH

PARIS, Dec. 11.—French troops have clashed with D'Annunzio's volunteers at Fiume, many being killed and wounded on both sides, according to a Geneva report. It said that D'Annunzio's troops pillaged the French depots at Fiume.

### BOLSHIES ATTACK LETTS

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 11.—Bolshevik forces began a strong offensive against the Letts near Kuprova on Monday, according to report from Riga. All attacks have so far been repulsed.

### GERMAN REPLY REACHES PARIS

Translation Not Completed, But Opinion Prevails That Protocol is Signed.

PARIS, Dec. 11.—The German reply to the Supreme Council's note demanding the signing of the Peace Protocol has been received in Paris and this afternoon is being translated by the German delegation. The Intrinsigant declares the reply is substantially a capitulation on the Scapa Flow question and the proposal to discuss other points.

Leopold Bechard, five years old, lost his life in a fire in a house at St. Henri, Que.

### TWO MEN FALL FIFTY FEET

BELLELEVILLE, Dec. 11.—Alexander Reid, a returned soldier of Sidney township, was killed and P. Slack was perhaps fatally injured, when they fell fifty feet down an elevator shaft of the Canadian Industrial Alcohol Company at Corbyville distillery.

It is thought Reid was taken with a weak spell and that Slack made an attempt to save him from falling, with the result that both fell to the bottom.

To meet the pressing need for houses a Brantford eyecare will build an apartment house.

## SOFT COAL STRIKE IS ENDED PREVENTS COMPLETE TIE-UP

4000 U.M.W. Locals Instructed to Begin Work.—Coal Shipment Begins Monday.

#### GENERAL CONVENTION TO FOLLOW LATER ON

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 11.—With but one dissenting vote the General Committee of the United Mine Workers of America, yesterday noon, voted to accept President Wilson's proposal for immediate return to work. Telegrams were sent out to the first thousand leaders of the union by International officials of the mine workers, instructing the men to return to work immediately. Operations of the full resumption of operations, Friday and shipment of coal from the mines beginning Monday morning.

Miners operators and Government officials alike were highly gratified over the settlement, and all sides appeared confident of a final satisfactory settlement of the fight, by the Commission.

This action ends a tie-up of the coal industry of more than five weeks' duration, and one which was more far-reaching in its effects than any other in the history of the country. As a result of the strike the country was fast approaching a complete shutdown of industry and widespread suffering among its 100,000,000 inhabitants.

One concession was made to the radicals. The convention agreed to the calling of a general convention of the miners at a future date, at which time the action of the General Committee will be fully explained. The opponents of acceptance of the President's plan made their fight principally on the theory that only a general convention of the mine workers had power to call off the strike.

### LIBRARY BOARD HAS KEPT WITHIN ITS ESTIMATES

Exhibit of Christmas Books Merits General Inspection.

The last regular meeting of the Public Library Board was held last evening. Chairman P. Fisher presided. The other members present were Messrs. Weir, Schmidt and Motz.

The financial statement showed that the Board has kept well within the years estimates during the year, that there is a small surplus left which is to be used for the purchase of books from the exhibit in the reading room.

This exhibit of general literature and children's books suitable for Christmas presents. It has been arranged to give the general public an opportunity to make a good selection and all visitors will certainly find it worth while to see the exhibit.

The book report for the month of November as presented at the last night's meeting showed an increase in the daily adult circulation from 109 a year to 122. The total book issue was as follows:—3304 adult, 2437 juvenile, 231 German, 2 French, 2 Polish. There were 71 new readers, and the story-hour was attended by 468 older, and 488 little children.

### HOME RULE FOR ISLE OF MALTA

Rome, Dec. 10.—Great Britain has conceded local self-government to Malta. The news caused an excited celebration in Valetta where for three days the Italian, British, and Maltese flags have been flown. The Maltese are particularly grateful because Home Rule has been desired almost for a century.

According to the plan, the Imperial authorities retain control of the naval military, and other details of Malta, considered as a fortress and Imperial port. All other administrative details, including, it appears, taxation and finance, will be handed over to the Maltese.

### LIBERTY LEAGUE ENTERS POLITICS

TORONTO, Dec. 11.—The Citizens' Liberty League is to become a political party. This decision was reached by the Provincial Convention of the Citizens' Liberty League, which opened yesterday and will conclude to-day. About sixty delegates from branches throughout the Province are attending.

The decision to enter the political field was reached after a three-hours' debate held behind closed doors. It was expressed in three resolutions dealing separately with the municipal, Provincial and Federal elections. That relating to the Provincial field reads:

"Resolved, that in view of repressive and restrictive legislation now in force in Ontario and in view of possible further encroachments upon the sacred rights of the individual that the Citizens' Liberty League do become a political party for the purpose of running candidates at Provincial elections, and that the Citizens' Liberty League be empowered to support any other party when it is politic to do so."

Colonel H. A. C. Machin of Kenora is acting as Chairman, and Mr. W. H. Adams of Windsor as Vice-Chairman. It is intended to hold a big convention early in 1920 for the adoption of a political platform. The final meeting of the convention to-night will be open to the public.

As far as known North Waterloo was not represented at the meeting.

Complete Labor Slate.—The Independent Labor party will name a complete slate for Brantford, City Council, a Mayoralty candidate and three Aldermen in each ward.

### NEW BRUNSWICK FARMERS TAKE FARM PAPER STOCK

WOODSTOCK, N.B., Dec. 11.—The United Farmers of New Brunswick decided to-day to subscribe their share of stock to establish a Moncton Journal for the Farmers' organizations of the Maritime provinces, to be known as the United Farmer and to belong to the coast to coast chain of farm magazines which the Grain Growers' Guide organization is promoting.

Hon. T. A. Cresser, President of the United Grain Growers, and George Chipman, Editor of the Grain Growers' Guide, addressed the annual meeting of the United Farmers' Co-operative Company of New Brunswick, Ltd., after which the shareholders voted to accept responsibility for the allotted amount of stock which will be divided equally between the U.F.O. of New Brunswick and the United Fruit Growers of Nova Scotia and Grain Growers' Guide.

The movement is intended to extend the Canadian Council of Agriculture into a national organization.

### GRATUITIES FOR CANADIANS IN IMPERIAL ARMY

(Special to the Record.) OTTAWA, Dec. 11.—The first statutory declaration in connection with the qualification of gratuities paid to Canadians serving in the Imperial forces, was received at the Paymaster's office here yesterday and the first batch received will be sent overseas in the Corsican for verification by the British records office which she sails on the 13th.

Under the circumstances no Imperial veteran need expect his extra allowance as a Christmas box, for it will be at least 6 weeks before the first cheques are issued and these will only cover half of the amount due, it being provided that the remainder shall be paid in two thirty-day instalments.

### ONLY 42 NEW CASES REPORTED TO-DAY

(Special to the Record.) TORONTO, Dec. 11.—There was a considerable reduction in the number of smallpox cases reported during the past 24 hours, the total being only 42. The total number of cases to date is 1202, and altogether 1783 persons have been quarantined.

### BEET GROWERS DISCUSS PROBLEMS

Price Paid For Beets Was One Bone of Contention. Officers Elected For Year.

#### WATERLOO CO. REPRESENTED

A rousing sugar beet growers' meeting was held in Chatham, Saturday, Dec. 6th, by the Ontario Sugar Beet Growers' Association. The large hall was packed to the doors by representatives and delegates of the association from the counties of Essex, Kent, Lambton, Waterloo and other places. Both pessimistic and optimistic reports were given of the present situation as relating to sugar beet growing. The present contract, and labor problems were among the most prominent discussions with remedies suggested for many of the present grievances, the advisability of closer co-operation the advantage and absolute necessity of every sugar beet grower consulting his own interests by joining the association and sticking with it, thus enabling the executive to get a square deal with the Dominion Sugar Beet Company. Growers were advised not to sign contracts until officially notified by the association. The following officers were elected:

Pres. H. J. French; Vice-Pres. Leo O'Neil; Sec. J. G. Dogherty; Directors: Lester Pope, Harry Ghior, Lampton; Leuvrier, Draham, Essex; McAwary, Pickett, Walsburg and Olinberg; McDonald, DeCart, Jarvis, Essex and Kent; W. L. Coates, Tillbury; Messers, Shantz and Stickle, Waterloo.

### SINN FEIN M. P. UNDER ARREST

DUBLIN, Dec. 11.—Thomas Kelly, Sinn Fein member of the Commons, was arrested in the course of a number of raids by the police and military this morning, when the houses of several prominent Sinn Feiners were searched. The residences entered by the authorities included the home of Count Plunkett who was absent at the time.

Several other arrests were made beside that of Kelly. The prisoners were taken to Kingston in military lorries. They were placed in handcuffs and taken to a warehouse which sailed for an English port. The approaches to harbor were guarded by military with machine guns and tanks. It is rumored that the destination of prisoners is Normwood Scrubbs Jail, London.

Kelly was served on Tuesday evening with a police magistrate's order to close the Sinn Fein headquarters which despite several raids and its suppression by communication has continued. The order was not obeyed, the headquarters still being open when the raid took place.

#### Plaintiff Got \$100 and Costs

A verdict of \$100 and costs was awarded Mr. Richard Boudry, plaintiff vs. Mr. W. C. Thompson, defendant, by the jury in the county court last evening.

The plaintiff's claim was about \$150. It arose out of an accident in which the defendant was driving with a truck in front of the automobile of the plaintiff in the same direction, the rear vehicle wanting to pass the one in front of it.

### SEA TRAGEDY IMMINENT

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### SWITCH OPEN AND TWO KILLED

SHERBROOKE, Dec. 11.—Two men were killed and four others badly injured at two o'clock this morning when the C.P.R. special passenger train going towards Montreal, carrying Chinese coolies from overseas, collided with a freight train at Milan near Farnham, Q. The freight had been placed on a siding and the switch in some way was left open. The passenger engine collided with the rear of the freight, sending two cars off the track. The victims are M. H. Booth and J. B. Buchanan, respectively conductor and passenger of the freight.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—New low records in foreign exchange rates made to-day when demand bills on pound sterling fell to \$37.15.

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