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BRANTFORD CHIEF AND DOCTOR SUED

Two Constables Also Involved in Action For Heavy Damages Following the Examination of a Factory Girl—Commissioners Will Investigate Complaints in Writing.

(By a Staff Reporter.)
BRANTFORD, Ont., Jan. 2.—Following the recent attacks on policemen in Brantford, and the calling out of the militia, on two occasions, Judge A. D. Hardy has issued a notice calling upon the general public to file any complaint which may be with any citizen, and promising a complete investigation. The notice issued by the judge follows:

"Public notice is hereby given by the board of police commissioners of the City of Brantford that the commissioners will receive, with as little delay as possible, any letters embodying complaints regarding the police department, and upon receipt of same will fix a date for the public investigation of same, in so far as the said board has jurisdiction, of which sittings public notice will be given.

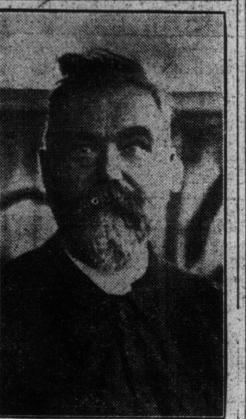
"(Signed A. D. Hardy,
Chairman,
Board of police commissioners.)"

For a month or six weeks there has been more or less general talk and indirect complaint against the police and Chief Slemin, following the arrest of a young girl who was employed in a factory here and her examination by a doctor at the instigation of the police. The girl was alleged to have been implicated in the death of a baby found in Brantford, but after her examination the charge against her was dropped. Her employers heard of the examination, and at once decided to pay all costs of an action against the chief, the doctor who examined her and the two constables who were present at the examination, Robbette, Godfrey & Phelan of Toronto were employed, and notice of an action for \$10,000 was served, returnable in a month. Mr. Godfrey, who has charge of the case, stated tonight that the matter would be pressed and the writ issued next week. A citizens' committee has been formed to subscribe funds for the conduct of the action.

The decision of Judge Hardy to investigate any charges made in writing arises out of a public demonstration on behalf of citizens against the police force, on New Year's Eve. It was deemed advisable to have the militia in readiness, to quell any riot which might arise following that of Christmas Eve, when the police station was stoned following the arrest of a citizen during a public demonstration against the police, in which more than a thousand citizens participated.

Mayor C. H. Hartman was loth to talk of the demonstration against the police. "It isn't a very good advertisement for the town to have this trouble with the police printed in all the papers of the country," he said "so to one has made a figure of it in the section which comes off next Monday."

Rev. John McNeill



Former Liverpool divine, who was inducted into pastorate of Cooke's Church last night.

NEW PASTOR WAS INDUCTED AT COOKE'S

Rev. John McNeill, Described as an Old, Tried Soldier Capable of Doing a Giant's Work, Took Over His New Pastorate Before a Large Congregation Last Night.

Rev. John McNeill was inducted into the pastorate of Cooke's Church last night with all due ceremony. The auditorium was well filled and an intense interest was manifested by the congregation, who look forward to the accomplishment of big things for Cooke's under the able leadership of the distinguished Liverpool divine.

According to Rev. A. B. Winchester of Knox Church, who addressed the congregation on behalf of the Toronto presbytery, last night's induction ceremony was a unique event in the history of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

"From my knowledge of things generally and what I have learned from talking with a great number of people, I can say that there never was so universal an interest shown in the induction of any pastor in a Christian church in this country as has been evidenced in the induction of Rev. John McNeill this evening. By a large number of letters I have received from different points in Canada I know that Mr. McNeill's coming has been anxiously watched from every part of the Dominion," he said.

A Giant Work.

Mr. Winchester reviewed the efforts that had been put forth, following up Dr. Taylor's resignation, toward the procuring of a suitable man, big enough to undertake the giant work connected with the pastorate of so

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Unionists Absolutely United On Inter-Empire Preference

LONDON, Jan. 3.—(C.A.P.)—"Silence is golden" is Lord Derby's motto for Unionists just for the moment. He reminded a Leigh audience of the proverb last night, and added he would speak out when an opportune time came.

"There are two things," he said, "upon which I don't think a single man of our party would go back for one minute. One is we are prepared to tax manufactured articles coming from abroad for the purposes of revenue; secondly, we are prepared to see what can be done to bring into closer relationship the mother country and the colonies. As to the method, by which that can best be done, that is a matter for discussion, but I believe the whole party is absolutely united upon the general principle. Don't, therefore, let our opponents be deceived."

A number of Unionists were discussing their differences, but he suggested it would be better if they were to try to discredit the government. "I want you," he concluded, "to get what odds you can from your opponents about a double event I think will come off. One event is that we shall settle our differences, and the other that we shall settle the present government."

Laurier Against Blocking Game

Leader Said to Have Vetoed Policy Advanced by Followers—La Patrie Indicates Otherwise.

MONTREAL, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—A Liberal senator is authority for the statement that all the leading Liberal members of the commons and senate favor a blocking session, but that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has put his veto upon all such tactics. The old chief declares that should an appeal to the people prove disastrous to the party, his prestige would be completely destroyed, and, in consequence, the government measures will be allowed to go through, which sentiment is confirmed this evening by a witness special declaring that, with the arrival of the opposition members from the constituencies, all talk of a blocking session will be abandoned.

On the contrary, a special to La Patrie from Quebec this evening states that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has written to Mayor Drun to the effect that there will be no work in Quebec next session, for the good reason that the opposition will not allow the estimates to go through.

It is also said that Sir Wilfrid will not be again a candidate in Quebec East.

James Reid Was Fatally Injured While Crossing Dundas Bridges Last Night

Three hours after he was struck by a street car, on the Dundas street bridge, James Reid, aged 45 years, of 40 Symington avenue, died in the Western Hospital last night. Reid was hit by an eastbound Dundas car, just east of Sorauren avenue, at 7.45 o'clock. His right arm was broken, a shoulder dislocated, an ankle sprained and his scalp was badly gashed. Two wheels passed over his body before the car was brought to a standstill. He was rushed to the hospital in the ambulance. The body was taken to the morgue and an inquest will be held.

THREE BOYS DROWNED WERE PLAYING HOCKEY

Triple Fatality at Olivet, Mich., Due to Puck Being Driven on to Unsafe Ice.

OLIVET, Mich., Jan. 2.—(Can. Press.)—While playing hockey on Pine Lake, near here this afternoon, three boys broke thru the ice and were drowned, in spite of heroic efforts by their companions to rescue them.

The dead are: George Dewey, 14; Clark Morgan, 12; and Stanley Lansborough.

During the game, the puck was driven to a spot where the ice was unsafe. Young Morgan skated after it and broke thru. Stanley Lansborough and Dewey, close behind him, also went into the hole.

Irvine VanWye, George Lansborough and Ward Kenney, in attempting a rescue, also were precipitated into the cold water. George Lansborough and Van Wye managed to break their way to the shore. Kenney clung to the ice and was almost frozen to death when rescued, but the other three boys sank before they could be reached.

MAY BE PHILADELPHIA STRIKE

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2.—(Can. Press.)—Representatives of Garment Workers' Union in this city met today and adopted a resolution protesting against their employers' "assistants" in doing work for them, against New York manufacturers by doing their work. The workers here declare that if the manufacturers persist in doing work for them, against whom the strike is in progress in New York, a strike will be called here. Another meeting will be held next Sunday.

DO SOME PUPILS GO TO SCHOOL HUNGRY?

District Labor Council Will Ask Board of Education to Investigate Report That Many School Children Are Half-Starved—School Kitchens May Be Established.

R. J. Stevenson, chairman of the educational committee of the District Labor Council stated at a meeting last night that he had been told that many of the poor children of the city were compelled to go to school hungry. Mr. Stevenson did not know whether the reports were true, but he called upon the board to write the board of education in an effort to see whether the investigation into the matter could be held.

"Children of a certain age," he said, "are, of course, compelled by law to go to school, and if it is true that many of them leave their homes hungry, it must be stopped. I suggest that the letter should ask the department to require the teachers in the different schools to keep the children, the matter being in the event of concrete evidence being found by the board of education, to make a campaign for school kitchens in Toronto. The labor men claim that in England they have proved a success, and have revealed in improved health of the children in general, as well as in the relief of hunger in individual cases."

W. H. Woodrow criticized the school law, which applies to the care of the children's teeth. He said that he had heard of a case where the child was sent home because two of its teeth were decayed. "The family are poor," he said, "and could ill afford it, but the father sent the child to a dentist. The dentist filled two teeth and charged the child \$5." Mr. Woodrow claimed that the price was too high, and that the law as it stood now left the poor parents at the mercy of the dentist. Favorable comment on the regulations was made by other members.

Serious thought is being given by the labor men to the scheme of forming a co-operative coal club, and the following names were appointed to make investigations: Ald. Robbins, W. Brown, James Simpson, C. Donovan, Donald Myers, J. J. Johnston and E. C. Woodrow. The names will also ask the city council to provide three farmers' markets in the city, one in the east end, one in the west end, and the third on Yonge street.

Some of the elections of the council were held last night. All the main officers were re-elected. The other contests will be held in two weeks. The ticket is as follows: (acclamation) President C. F. Hill (acclamation); vice-president, James Watt (ac.); financial secretary, James Ralph (ac.); recording secretary, James Ballantyne (ac.); treasurer, William Storey (ac.); trustees (three to be elected): T. Stevenson, Joseph Gibbons, James Simpson, William Gloecking; a executive committee (five to be elected): P. Young, J. T. Richardson, C. Donovan, James Stewart, M. C. Clark; municipal committee (five to be elected): Worthall, W. Brown, F. Critchley, James Simpson, W. Robbins, R. J. Stevenson, D. McDougall, H. R. Woodrow; legislative committee (five to be elected): T. Black, M. Clarke, J. Gibbons, W. Gloecking, D. Munro, H. A. Ryder, W. Bellemare.

ALLIES' DEMANDS NOT SATISFIED BY TURKEY

Territory Ceded With Fine Display of Magnanimity Is Already Held by Enemy and Until Adrianople's Destiny Is Settled Conference Has Much to Do.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—(Can. Press.)—The plenipotentiaries to the peace conference enjoyed a day of general relaxation. Even the meeting of the ambassadors today was purely academic as all agreed that yesterday's advances had changed the situation to such an extent that they must await corresponding instructions from their respective governments.

The Turks continue to declare that their concessions have surpassed any logical expectations, but that now they cannot at any cost cede an inch more, lest they should lose the fruits of their victories in the war.

That the game is being played on both sides is evident. The Turks emphasize the enormous importance of what they have gained, and in reality is only what they have lost and what, independently of the allies, not even the powers would allow them to reconquer.

For the opposite reason, the allies baffle the Turkish concessions, as they desire definitely to settle forever their differences with the Ottoman Empire.

The real stumbling block is Adrianople as a compromise solution respecting the Aegean islands is possible. Some suggest that Turkey cede them to the powers, which can decide their fate. It is recalled that such a course has been taken on other occasions, the setting even more difficulties than the present. For instance, in the war of 1866 between Italy and Austria, Austria ceded the Venetian provinces to France, which transferred them to Italy.

The supporters of this plan hint that Turkey might cede the islands to the allies, as has practically been done with Albania, on condition that the powers place themselves to claim, as in the case of Albania, the right to decide the status of the Aegean archipelago. The allies will certainly be bitter now between the Turks and the allies. The former are threatening to appeal to the supreme tribunal of Europe; the latter are threatening to resume the war. It is expected, however, that relief from this situation may result from the meeting of the ambassadors, to whose judgment probably both Turkey and the allies will submit, if they decide unanimously what the fate of the islands must be.

The powers are particularly concerned.

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CANADA BACKING BRITAIN IN PANAMA

Washington Inclined to Think That Prosecution of Grand Trunk Has Stirred Ottawa to Prepare Case on Behalf of Railway-Owned Shipping.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(Canadian Press.)—In the midst of the deliberate consideration which state department officials are giving the note of Sir Edward Grey of Nov. 14, protesting against the occupation of the Panama Canal, attention has been attracted to a report emanating from Ottawa, that the Canadian Government is preparing new matter to add to that protest. Without official knowledge on the subject, the conclusion has been reached that the Canadian protest would be devoted to an elaboration of statements made in the Grey note regarding the effect of the Panama Canal Act upon Canadian railways owning and operating between the Welland Canal and the Panama Canal.

Act of Reprisal?

Touching the first matter it is recalled that the British Government reserved the right to discuss further the application of the act to British ships. A strong defence also of the contention that the Sherman Anti-Trust Act would be extended to other than American-owned vessels. The recent action of the department of Justice in proceeding against the Grand Trunk Railway officials under the terms of the act is believed to have decided the Canadian Government to insist upon the present discussion diplomatically on this reserved subject.

Welland Canal Not Partial.

So far as the Welland Canal argument concerned the American contentions is simple and direct. In substance it amounts to a sweeping denial that there is anything like a parallel between the Panama Canal, an independent waterway, forming what in some quarters has been regarded as part of the coast line, and the Canadian waterway, which is a mere incident in the boundary waters of the two countries, use of which is specifically guaranteed to both nations on even terms.

COFFINS BY PARCEL POST

ZANESVILLE, O., Jan. 2.—(Can. Press.)—For the first time in the history of the country, a coffin was sent thru the mails today from the Zanesville postoffice. It weighed fourteen pounds and was sent by a coffin manufacturing company to an undertaker in Dexter City, O. The lid had to be sent as a separate package so the body of the coffin would come within the eleven pound limit. The total postage was 65 cents.

TROUBLE IN THE FABLES

Jeff: Diana must put it all over me Jeff, John?
John: Ah some one puts it all over me with big coats an' umbrellas.
Jeff: He has ye to yer mind, John? Jeff?
John: Rilly, Bee?
Jeff: Noo, John. Would it be smart? I was thinkin' they were brass, bronze, coats, like Sir Jem's; an' ye has s'ic a muckle segair, John.

JUST SEES IT IN TIME!

Old-fashioned

DANGER BOARD OF TRADE CANADIAN MANUFACTURERS ASSN CITY OF TORONTO VOTE

BANK OF COMMERCE TO ERECT HANDSOME BUILDING ON KING

May Occupy Present Site Enlarged With a Great Porticoed Front on Jordan Street Widened—Canada Life Buying at Bay and King—Jarvis Building Reported Sold.

It was reported yesterday that the Jarvis building at 101 and 103 Bay street had been sold at \$200,000. Aemilious Jarvis is on his way to England, so no information could be secured from him; his son, however, said he had not heard of a transaction. The property is 47 by 104 feet.

Indications point to the building being bought in connection with the corner property at King and Bay streets. The Canada Life, besides owning their own building at 40 and 42 West King street, own the plot the Sterling Bank stands on, and the one story brokers' offices just north of the bank at 95 and 97 Bay street. If the Jarvis place is to be included in these properties, there is now a building site that has 159 feet 10 inches on King street, with 133 feet 5 inches on Bay street—and with the

Jeff: But I'm a democrat, an' they make me out a landlord.
Jeff: But are ye no a landlord, John?
John: But they make me out a landlord, Jeff: But are ye no a landlord, John?
John: Well, that's why. An' the little children up to th' hospital want to call me Sandy Claws. When I was in speculatin' th' wards New Year's some youngster bewild me out behind my back. Is that ye, John?
Now I blame you fur that. Is that ye, John?
Jeff: Is that ye, John, that speaks me th' a freen?
John: There yuh are agin'!

Treat in Store for Theatregoers.

A week of delightful comedy is promised in the appearance at the Princess Theatre, beginning Monday, of Robert Loraine and his London company in Bernard Shaw's scintillatingly brilliant comedy, "Man and Superman." Mr. Loraine is supported in the presentation of Shaw's master comedy by the same splendid organization that appeared with him during the thirty-five weeks' run of the play in London last season.

The Judges of the Proverb Contest Are Announced Today on Page 7