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WILL INVITE COUNCIL TO RESIGN IN A BODY AND SEEK TEST VOTE

Ald. Church Will Move To-Day That Aldermen Show Their Confidence in Their Reduction Vote by Having It Approved by the Electors.

The resignation of the entire city council in a body, in order that the electorate may have early opportunity to declare its sentiment on the license reduction bylaw, will be proposed by Ald. Church in a motion to be submitted at this afternoon's council meeting. It is thought he will have some support. Ald. Bengough, for instance, declares that he is not unwilling to have the electorate pass upon his vote.

Not a few of the council are now satisfied that they "rushed in" and because of a personal sentiment railroaded thru a bylaw, without the slightest attempt at businesslike discussion, concerning several hundreds of thousands of dollars, as well as being in direct opposition to the wishes, so far as they know, of the people whom they were elected to serve.

In consequence there is some talk of the possibility of a motion also being introduced to rescind the reduction bylaw, in view of the manner in which public sentiment has displayed itself in the largely signed petitions against the overriding of the vote of two years ago, or by some other means to allow the bylaw to remain inoperative until after another general vote has been taken.

Ald. Church's Reason.

Ald. Church said that his attitude was the result, more directly, of the legal steps being taken to unseat members. If the council should relinquish their seats, the troublesome issue would be at an end, and public sentiment would be satisfied.

"We were elected on the power issue, and another issue, which was not an issue in the election has been set up," he said. "I hope all the council will agree to resign. Let us have another fight. I am willing to hand in my resignation now and have the people pass on our verdict. I always believe in trusting the people and will abide by their decision.

"Rather than fight any technicalities, while I am, and have always been fully qualified, I would prefer that we should all retire."

A suggestion that if the "unlucky thirteen" of the aldermen who voted for reduction without a referendum are subjected to quo warranto proceedings similar action will be taken against the other ten who didn't is evidently made in forgetfulness of the law. If the papers are not completed until the last minute on Wednesday, which is the last day on which proceedings may be taken, it would then be too late for the other ten cases to be taken up, as Thursday morning would be outside the statutory period.

Ald. Bengough Explains.

Ald. Bengough has addressed a letter to The World under the caption, "All Honorable Men," saying:

"This heading which you ironically placed over the copies of the statement signed by myself and other members of the city council, testifying to our adherence to the principle of government by majority, in your issue of Saturday, is intended, I presume, to imply that we acted inconsistently in voting against the submission of the license reduction question to popular vote.

"As I said during the debate on the occasion of the vote for the bylaw, license reduction or increase is a matter which the law of the province specifically places upon the city council, and

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STEAD WILL CUT WHISKERS.

Would Shave His Head to Act Part of Cromwell.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—When it was noticed that Oliver Cromwell was to be excluded from the list of characters to figure in London's historical pageant, W. T. Stead protested vigorously to the committee in charge that this would be to boycott "The Greatest Man in English History."

The committee replied that it would include Cromwell if Mr. Stead would appear in the part. Stead gladly and proudly consented, altho it will involve the sacrifice of an ample beard, which never yet has known the razor. It was never even trimmed till Stead was past forty. But Stead declares he would have shaved his head, if necessary.

COATSWORTH FOR M.L.A.?

Has Designs on the Second Seat in East Toronto.

"Tommy Church. And Tom Foster. And Tom Whitesides. And Billy Crawford. And Doc Noble. And how many more? Go over the census roll and if there's anybody that can qualify and isn't mentioned, put him on the list. They all have the same chance. It's the chance of the snowball."

The utterance was a diagnosis of the political situation in East Toronto as regards the choice of a junior candidate should the representation be doubled, as expected. How Dr. Pyne is considered to be elected already as senior man. The shrewd politician ventured a further remark:

"Barring a dark horse, and they say they have one stabled over the Don, has it not dawned on you that Emmie Coatsworth is expecting things to happen to him? That's my tip. He's out for the nomination, but don't say I told you."

Charged with stealing harness from Richard West, William Bryant, aged 35, No. 1 Elm Grove-place, was arrested by Detective Murray on Saturday night.

NO CHANGE OF STATUS.

Closer Trade With Canada —Bryan to The World.

MONTREAL, Feb. 9.—(Special).—To The World to-day William Jennings Bryan said:

"If at any time Canada, of her own free will, desired a more intimate relationship with the United States, such relationship would no doubt be satisfactory to the people of our country, but I am sure that at present no change in the status of each country is thought of except that which might conduce to a closer trade relationship between the two countries."

Stretch Day 80 Minutes

British M.P. Proposes Legislation to Set All Clocks Back.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—About a year ago The Sun published a scheme proposed by a certain Willet, who was distressed by the enormous amount of daylight Britishers and especially Londoners, wasted abed. He suggested that all clocks in the United Kingdom should simultaneously be put forward, so that a man getting up apparently at 9 in the morning would really be doing so at 7.40. Thus he would gain one hour and twenty minutes of daylight. William Pearce, M. P., has now drawn up a bill, called a daylight saving bill, by means of which he will ask the house of commons to legally institute a new British time in the summer months.

The measure proposes that all clocks shall then be advanced eighty minutes, giving an extra 210 hours of daylight as by a miracle to British business men. An eminent brain specialist declares that all the best work is done in the early morning hours. Therefore the scheme will increase the output of authors, clerks and all sorts and conditions of men.

The head of one of the biggest business firms in the city says he is willing to discuss the plan, but the railways and business houses all must concur. An extra hour on a summer evening for cricket and tennis would appeal to the young and to city men. The astronomers at Greenwich say it would be easy. Already they record three times—sidereal, according to the stars; astronomical, beginning at noon, and civil, beginning at midnight.

The manager of the Savoy Hotel, on the other hand, declares it would be impossible to change the time as Mr. Pearce proposes. The society dining hour, he says, is already late and it is possible that people would dislike walking about in evening dress by daylight. Should the bill pass it would mean that 7.30 would be equivalent to what 6.10 is now.

CHARGE FULL RATES AT NIGHT

Bell Co. Want Privilege in Conversations With U.S. Points.

MONTREAL, Feb. 9.—A meeting of the Board of Railway Commissioners was held at the offices of the Bell Telephone Company to consider an application of that company and the American Telephone and Telegraph Company to abolish the present half rates at night on thru business between Canada and the United States.

The application was made on the ground that the volume of business and the work involved so taxed the resources of the companies as to make it unprofitable to continue the half rates which were originally put in force in order to encourage night work so as to keep the lines employed.

The two main witnesses examined were Joseph L. Van Meter and Charles F. Sise, jr.

LEGAL FIGHT FOR "TIMES."

Holders of Minor Interests Form a Syndicate—Pearson Confident.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—It looks as tho there would be a great legal struggle for The Times newspaper. A syndicate representing the owners of several minor interests in the paper has been formed with a capital of $4,250,000.

Mr. Pearson and his associates assert that their deal has been approved by 75 per cent. of the owners. The question of the lease will be fought out in court.

WANTS TO GO 'OME.

George Manse wandered into No. 1 police station between 7 and 8 o'clock last night and told the officer in charge that he was wanted in London, England, for stealing £29. He was taken in hand by Detective Guthrie, charged with vagrancy

SAYS REPUBLIC IS NEAR FOR PORTUGAL

Leader of Reform Party Predicts a Peaceful Revolution Some Fine Morning.

LISBON, Feb. 7., via Badajos, Spain, Feb. 8.—The republican leaders in Portugal are to-day in extremely high spirits. They assert confidently that a republic is now a matter of months, not of years.

The Associated Press to-day secured an opinion on the situation and an outline of the republican plan of campaign from perhaps the most competent spokesman of the party. This man said:

"The end of monarchy is near. It will come as unexpectedly as did the murder of the King and the Crown Prince and the world will wake up one morning to find a republic in Portugal. We are convinced that the revolution will be a peaceful one. It is a mistake for foreigners to imagine that the people of Portugal are not awake. There is a republican organization in every town, and doctors, lawyers and even the village priests are sending in notices of their adherence by the score, and there are avowed republican officers in the army.

"We will make a change of regime an open issue in the coming campaign. We will demand that the monarchy which has dragged down Portugal into the mire of political and financial bankruptcy, abdicate to the people. They dare not try repression again; they can only surrender."

While the troops since last Tuesday remain in their barracks during the day time, Lisbon at night still resembles an armed camp. Cavalry is massed in the public squares, pickets patrol the streets and heavily armed soldiers guard the state bank night and day.

The financial situation is viewed with great alarm. The country is staggering under its foreign debt, and commerce is almost paralyzed by the fluctuations of the gold premium. Conservative bankers consider the financial situation to be more critical than the political.

It is hard to forecast the future. If things drift back to the old rut of governmental corruption, whence King Carlos and Premier Franco rescued the monarchy, a republic might come.

The immediate danger in the situation comes from the fact that the police are baffled and the government unable to ascertain the extent of the ramifications of the conspiracies which have been signalized during the last fortnight by the discovery at various places and depots of bombs and arms and ammunition.

There have been many reports of dissatisfaction in the army and navy, but a careful investigation made by the correspondent of the Associated Press does not confirm them and it may be assumed that the military is still loyal.

The censorship that is being maintained at Lisbon over both commercial and press despatches is most rigorous. There is in operation a regular star chamber to prevent any but the most rosy view of the situation from reaching the outside world. Even letters mailed at the post office are opened by the authorities.

SHIPYARD SUSPENDS.

Syndicate of Sir James Laing in Difficulty.

SUNDERLAND, Eng., Feb. 9.—The big shipbuilding syndicate of Sir James Laing & Sons has suspended. The yards of the syndicate at Sunderland and Deptford employed 5000 men. The concern had built liners for the Peninsular & Oriental and Cunard companies, as well as several men of war. A scheme of reconstruction will be submitted to the creditors at an early date.

DANGEROUS SPORT

ON PARLIAMENT HILL.

Bold Swindler Fleeces Italians at Big Hotel

Promised Them Easiest Sort of Work at King Edward and Collected $15 From Each—Nabbed.

Work—Four hours a day.
Library—Two hours a day.
Position—Light work and cleaning the corridors of the King Edward Hotel.
A beautiful new uniform and $2.50 a day.

The above position was offered to several Italians yesterday by a man who registered at the King Edward Hotel as H. Chapman. The Italians were to put up $15 apiece to get the job. Chapman got between $60 and $70 and took the 6.10 train last night for Chicago.

The matter was reported to the department too late to get him here, but he was arrested at London by Detectives Ryder and Egelton.

He is described as a man of Jewish appearance, from 30 to 35 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches, weight 160 pounds, dark complexion, clean shaven, wearing a brown christy, dark spring overcoat, black scarf, a brown leather suitcase and a silk hat box.

Chapman registered Saturday night. He went up to see Michael Basso and got the address at 150 Terraulay-street, where a number of Italians lived.

He took several of the foreigners looking for work to his room at the hotel, where he displayed a contract for them to sign after they had paid him $15 apiece for getting their new position as general cleaners-up around the big hostelry.

They were to receive $2.50 per day for 4 hours' work a day and each day they could have 2 hours in the library to improve their English, etc.

Detectives Guthrie and McKinney are working on the case.

Wabash Flyer Wrecked

Cars Went Down Embankment, But Passengers Luckily Escaped Serious Injury.

DELHI, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Wabash flyer No. 1 is lying in the ditch two miles east of this town as a result of a broken rail. The Wabash flyer consisted of an engine and five coaches. She was running westbound and left Simcoe about 9.30 this morning.

All went well until about two miles east of Delhi, when the entire train jumped the rails and tore along the ties for a distance of a hundred yards, when the two rear coaches broke loose and tumbled down a fifteen foot embankment. These two coaches are badly wrecked. They are lying on their sides, and the trucks in some places are badly smashed and torn completely off.

In these two cars there were only six passengers and two porters. One old lady was said to be badly injured, and one man had his head badly cut. Apart from this none of the occupants were severely injured, beyond a bad shaking up.

It is little short of a miracle that all the occupants were not killed, as the train was traveling at the rate of a mile a minute, and these two rear coaches were hurled a considerable distance. The other three coaches remained right side up.

Stately Funeral of Portugal's Royal Dead

The heavily armed procession which left the Neccidades Palace was reminiscent of a bygone age. Cavalry with pikes led the way; infantry and artillery brought up the rear.

The cortege proper was surrounded by squadrons of dragoons. It consisted of the funeral cars, following in the wake of high-seated gilded coaches, each drawn by six pairs of richly-caparisoned mules, in which rode the special ambassadors and the high dignitaries of the court. These lumbering, creaking, springless vehicles are Portugal's pride, dating back to the golden age. Each has a romantic history. Riding alongside of these were special platoons of hussars with drawn sabres.

The crown, veiled with crepe, was borne in a separate carriage. The sword-bearers, black-capped, and the staff-bearers, walked ahead of the funeral cars, and three rows of taper-bearers on either side.

Bareheaded lacqueys, in royal livery of red and yellow, and halberdiers, with arms reversed, marched behind the cars. Here also came the mounts of the dead master, covered with black mantles.

The sleeves of the soldiers, the whips of the coachmen, hilts of swords, caps of grooms and points of lances, all bore crepe.

The street lamps, veiled and lighted, heightened the effect of the cortege.

On the arrival of the funeral coaches before the door of the Morterio de Sao Vincente, the Holy House of Lisbon, an association for helping the poor, assisting the wounded and burying the dead, exercised the ancient privilege of carrying the coffins of kings to the grave and saying the first prayers. The caskets were placed on two biers before the door of the church, where the patriarch, assisted by clergy, received them, first sprinkling them with holy water, then giving his blessing and saying: "Requiescat in pace."

The ceremony of handing over the coffins to the patriarch of Lisbon was carried out immediately after the departure of the members of the cortege. The grand chamberlain handed him the keys and declared upon solemn oath that the bodies of King Carlos and Crown Prince Luiz Phillippe really were contained in the coffins, that he had seen and recognized them and locked them in and had accompanied the bearers of the keys to the cathedral.

High court officials signed as witnesses the two documents regarding the handing over of the keys.

ONLY ANSWER IS "KILL HIM"

Bernard Shaw's Lesson Drawn From the Assassination at Lisbon.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Bernard Shaw, writing about the appalling frequency of political assassinations, and after reviewing those since the murder of Alexander of Russia and referring to the death of Charles I, says:

"Let me try to bring the question home to England. For 200 years our monarchs have run no risks. Our kings have accepted a liberal position so completely that we have forgotten it is still possible for our kings to do what the late King of Portugal did. Our revolutions have been general elections, swinging the pendulum between the Whigs and the Tories.

"But the twntieth century brings a new force into the field — socialism. Private property at present is supreme over both king and parliament. It may be within a lifetime that many now living will be defending property in its last ditch.

"Suppose the next four general elections should show such a steady increase of Socialists in parliament as to make it a political certainty that the fifth general election will place them in a majority. Suppose that the only way of averting this will be the repeal of the two great reform acts or the introduction of the three class system of voting, the establishment of a Strafford or a Franco in a dictatorship to suppress public demonstration against the measures. Suppose the propertied classes of the day compel the reigning monarch to countenance those proceedings. Suppose he, having taken a political bias, and not like King Edward in the heyday of Victorian liberalism, but in a heyday of jingo imperialism, were to throw himself heart and soul into an attack on democracy, what should we do, what would be our remedy against the King?

"The English answer so far is, 'Kill him'; the French answer so far is, 'Kill him'; the Russian answer so far is, 'Kill him'; the Portuguese answer so far is, 'Kill him'; the Roman answer, glorified to the utmost of his power by our greatest poet, is 'Kill him.' No sane human person can be satisfied with that answer, but it stands and it will continue to stand until a better one can be found."

The most impartial advices from Lisbon give the impression that the cumulative effect of recent political history which culminated in the royal tragedy will be toward purity and conservatism in Portugal. It is not impossible that the man who will perform the real task of pacifying and uniting his country will be the Marquis de Soveral, the Portuguese minister at London. He is one of King Edward's closest and most intimate friends among the members of the diplomatic corps, and he has been in constant communication with Buckingham Palace since his arrival here on Wednesday.

FOUND DEAD IN BASEMENT.

Leonard Rafle, an Englishman, aged 45, was found dead at 9:45 yesterday morning in the basement of the building at 14 Leader-lane. Rafle had been employed by the caretaker to do odd jobs. He was apparently in good health Saturday afternoon. Heart failure was the cause of death.

RUSSIA MOVES LARGE ARMY TO FRONTIER

Alarmed at Turkish Penetration of Persia, Funds Are Voted and Troops Will Advance.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 8.—The Russo-Turkish relations have entered upon a menacing phase. Alarmed at the unchecked Turkish penetration of Persia, and the mobilization in Armenia, the Russian government has decided to execute a formidable military demonstration in reply on the Turko-Persian frontier despatching there a compact expedition of 60,000 select troops from Central Russia, with full war equipment, and it is acting with uncommon rapidity with a view to overaweing the Turks by a decisive exhibition of force.

The war office has drawn up plans of the expedition, and submitted them hurriedly for legislative enactment to the duma on Friday. The committee on national defence assembled in a virtually closed session. A representative of the war office briefly and impressively outlined the Turkish preparation, of which Russia is fully informed, and asked for an open credit for the maintenance of an army of 60,000.

He met the possible arguments of economy by saying that Russia had expended blood and treasure in Manchuria in vain, owing to the initial backwardness in armament. The empire's prestige in the middle east, he said, is now also in the balance, and Russia must be prepared to defend it.

M. Guchkoff, leader of the Octobrist party, in a speech, said that the majority in the douma were Russian patriots and willing to part with their "last shirt" to defend the fatherland. The committee in a high pitch of patriotism passed the appropriation unanimously. At the same session the war office obtained sanction for a further item of $10,000,000 to create floating batteries along the Baltic coast, which, owing to the weakness of the navy, is at the mercy of Germany.

War Cloud in Balkans Regarded as Threatening.

ROME, Feb. 9.—The situation in the Balkans, which suddenly has attracted attention here thru the reported recall of Prince Oureusoff, Russian Ambassador to Austria-Hungary, seems to be graver than official statements make it appear.

Austria and Germany charge that Russia is trying to obtain revenge for her failure in the far east by turning her attention to the near east, and is resuming her ancient traditional policy of aiming at Constantinople. It is further asserted by officials of these governments that she is helped in this above board by France, and secretly by Great Britain, the latter thus opposing German influence.

Russia has emphatically declared that it would be impossible to tolerate the carrying out of the proposed plan for the construction of railways in the Balkans, as anounced by Baron Von Aehrenthal, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, as this would mean, under the guise of commercial interest, a practical Austrian supremacy thruout the Balkans. Indeed, it would mean Austria's reaching Salonica, and Russia remarks, this would be equivalent to having Germany at Salonica.

However, it is believed here that if a conflict breaks out it will not be between Russia and Austria, but between Russia and Turkey, the latter being accused of favoring the Austrian plans under German influence.

The Popolo Romano goes as far as to chronicle the rumor that a Russo-Turkish war is likely to occur in the spring. Turkey has been making preparations, for she now has in Macedonia 100,000 of her best troops, officered to a great extent by Germans.

POSTPONED!

The Horse Breeders' Show is Off for a Fortnight.

Owing to difficulties of travel it has been found necessary to postpone the Ontario Horse Breeders' show, to be held in the St. Lawrence arena, from Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next to the same days two weeks hence, or to Feb. 26, 27 and 28.

The horse society meetings and the banquet in the King Edward on Wednesday night will take place as previously arranged, the program being: Canadian Pony Society, King Edward Hotel, Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock; Hackney Society, King Edward, Wednesday morning; horsemen's banquet, King Edward, Wednesday evening; Clydesdale Society, King Edward, Thursday morning; Ontario Horse Breeders' Association, Walker House, Thursday evening, and Shire Horse Society, King Edward, Friday morning. Meetings will also be held during the week of the Ayrshire and Holstein Associations.

THE CZAR'S ESCAPE.

Terrorists Had Bombs and Electric Wires Ready.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—A sensational story comes from St. Petersburg which gives the details of the latest reported plot against the czar.

A letter containing a Terrorist death sentence was found in the bedroom of the czarevitch. Investigation, according to this yarn, showed that there was a network of electric wires within the palace connected with seventeen bombs at various parts of the building.

These bombs could be fired simultaneously by the pressing of a button.