

DEBATE THE ORIGIN OF GROCERS' PROBE

At Hamilton Inquiry, Say That Electrical Firm Worked for Investigation of Grocers.

NEXT PROBE IN TORONTO

Hamilton, March 12.—The intimate relation of the origin of the attorney-general's complaint against the wholesale grocers led to a dispute in which the Canadian General Electric Company is defendant and the Lako Electric Company complainant, at the session of the board of commerce, this afternoon.

The construction on Mr. Porter's action, which was brought to establish that the instructions given to the electrical firm were to investigate the grocers' investigation before the board of commerce in order to delay the hearing of the dispute, the Canadian Electric Company and the Lako Electric Company, as a result of which the firm's investigation might lose its patent rights.

CLOTHING COMPANY SUFFERS BY FIRE

Upper Storeys of Yonge Street Building Burn From Unknown Cause.

Fire of unknown cause broke out on the fourth storey of a five-storey building at 312 Yonge street at 1 o'clock this morning, causing about \$3000 damage. The fire burned through the ceiling of the fourth floor, and the top floor was burning at great rapidity when the firemen arrived, the whole premises being filled with dense clouds of smoke from burning clothing.

A number of expensive oriental rugs were laid out on the third floor, which is occupied by N. Courian & Co. Rubber covers were put over these rugs, and none of them were damaged.

The International Clothing Company and the Regent Dress & Clothing Co., tenants of the fourth and fifth floors, suffered the heaviest loss. The second and main floors are occupied by the Canada Shoe Company. The loss was placed at \$1500 to the building and \$1500 to contents.

HOPE OF GOVERNMENT IS AGAIN DASHED

(Continued From Page 1). promise negotiations. For this language, thirty Democratic votes were understood to have been promised, but several last-minute changes in wording made by Senators Lodge and Watson threw the observation was presented were held to have invalidated the Democratic pledge, and a new canvass had not been completed tonight.

On the Republican side, the defection was not confined to the presidential alone, Senator Frelinghuysen of New Jersey, who had voted for ratification with the original reservation, declaring on the floor that he never would take the substitute, and Senator Wadsworth of New York, telling his party leaders he could not see wherein they had improved on their original measure.

Does Not Alter Substance. In presenting the substitute Senator Lodge declared it did not alter in any respect the substance of the reservation, or weaken the denial of the nation's obligations under article ten. He made the move, he said, because he did not feel justified in insisting on a mere matter of phraseology.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS DANFORTH RATEPAYERS INSIST ON PAPE CARS

The ratepayers in the Danforth and Riverdale sections are determined, as far as lies in their power, to see that the order of the Ontario Railway Board, regarding the construction and completion of the Pape street car line, is carried out promptly on the dates specified in the order.

The president of the newly-formed general's complaint against the wholesale grocers led to a dispute in which the Canadian General Electric Company is defendant and the Lako Electric Company complainant, at the session of the board of commerce, this afternoon.

Miss Betz, for some time organist of Simpson Avenue Methodist Church, has resigned and will shortly take over the vacant position at Westminster Methodist Church. Her successor at Simpson Avenue has not yet been appointed.

Bethany Baptists Hold Reception to New Pastor

Under the auspices of Bethany Baptist Church, the annual congregational tea was held last night in the church when a reception to the new pastor, Rev. E. Gray, of London, England, was tendered. Addresses were given by Rev. E. Gray, Rev. C. C. Shields, pastor of Jarvis Street Church, and Rev. C. Elliott, pastor of Danforth Avenue Church, representing the grand-nephew and mother churches of Bethany Church, Todmorden.

Words of welcome were spoken by Rev. A. R. Park, Pape Avenue, and attendance was very large. The Rev. O. Flett occupied the chair, and in the course of an interesting address pointed out that the work of construction of the new church on the southeast corner of Bee street and Pape Avenue would shortly commence.

Todmorden Women Tories Elect Officers for Year

The annual meeting and election of officers in connection with the Todmorden Women's Liberal-Conservative Association was held last evening at the residence of Mrs. Ailingham, 223 Don Mills road. Mrs. R. H. Fleming occupied the chair. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. R. H. Fleming, president, re-elected by acclamation; Mrs. A. Rousby, first vice-president; Mrs. Philp, second vice-president; Mrs. Bell, third vice-president; Mrs. Lewis, secretary; Mrs. Burgess, treasurer; Mrs. Amos, assistant secretary; Mrs. Ailingham, convenor of entertainment committee.

Earlscourt Poultry Men Want Birds Registered

Poultry breeders in the Earlscourt district are agitating for a more complete registration of the various breeds of birds, the Barred Rock, and the White Leghorns claiming that these birds are worthy of registration. One breeder of Nairn avenue, Earlscourt, says a Barred Rock belonging to him laid 211 eggs during 1919, her pullet, year, and is not yet registered. The poultry club here are to make representation at the next shows in Toronto.

BLIND BARRISTER BUYS STORE.

C. W. Carruthers, a graduate of Toronto University, has purchased the store formerly owned by the Toronto Music Company, corner of Clair and Harvie avenue, Earlscourt. The new owner has been blind since he was a child. He was called to the bar a few months before the war broke out. In his business Mr. Carruthers will use the Braille system for the blind.

MATINEE FOR CHILDREN.

The Earlscourt branch of the ladies' auxiliary have arranged to give a special matinee at the Christie Theatre through the courtesy of the management of this theatre, at noon today (Saturday) for the children entirely free of charge at the St. Clair Avenue district. Amusing and instructive pictures will be put on the screen and the proceeds will be handed over to the district fund of the association. Mrs. MacDonald is the president and has made all the necessary preparations for a big juvenile audience.

THE "GREAT SHADOW" Unquestionably a Notable Production

SKATING CARNIVAL SCENE OF SPLENDOR

Sinbad and Ali Baba Leave Orient for Western Ice.

Mystic legend was combined with oriental scenes, costumes and customs with a delightful effect at last night's skating carnival in Arena Gardens. The Persian court, gay companies from eastern countries, Ali Baba and his forty thieves, Aladdin and the Genie, and Sinbad, the sailor, were all represented in the merry throng of skaters. Perhaps nothing more elaborate has ever been presented at a Toronto carnival than the rich oriental costumes and court scenes shown in last night's pageant on ice.

The Chinese court enters a gorgeous spectacle—decked out in rich, multi-colored, oriental silks. They come Egypt with costumes of black and white. The Circassian court follows in brilliant costumes, and last appears India, headed by the sacred Indian cow. The proceedings around the ice with queer tremors and shakings of the head.

Suddenly the forty thieves, all in dark, dusky figures dart about with stealthy action on mischief bent. It is the clan of Ali Baba, who are hiding places, their lathen low as they crawl into the bagged out for a stool and gossip. They see the cauka and cannot resist looking into them. Then comes the forty thieves leap out and make the forty-five. This act was splendidly executed and brought round the rink.

Then Aladdin appears, finds the wonderful lamp, unwittingly rubs it and is confronted with the forty thieves. The two do some clever figure skating. The "best singles" in fancy skating were given by Miss Jeanette Rogers, a close second, Miss Chevalier and Miss G. H. Mesinger, amateur champion of the world in 1891, played the part of Sinbad the sailor, and proved to Toronto that he had honore of his lifetime in the last thirty years.

The whole program was a great success and those privileged attend will not soon forget the spectacle. A HERO IN BATTLE; PREACHER IN PEACE. What The Belfast News Letter says about the noted evangelist, Capt. Gipsy Pat Smith, who is holding an evangelistic campaign, would bring blushes to the boldest. The redoubtable captain, once a ragged and was engaged, as he himself quaintly remarks, in the time of his selling clothes pegs from door to door. He became an evangelist about this time, and met with striking success, being now the most famous preachers of the present day.

CANNERS OF HAMILTON BUYING ALL B. C. FRUIT

Victoria, B.C., March 12.—The minister of agriculture today told the legislature that the fruit canners of Hamilton, Ont., and those in the state of Washington are buying all the small fruit and berries they can at good prices to the growers of this province. Practically all the fruit in sight for the coming season had been sold at prices averaging 20c per pound.



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Winnipeg Strikers' Case Will Go to Privy Council

Calgary, Alta., March 12.—Organized labor will carry the Winnipeg strikers' case to the privy council, and confidently expects every decision of the Winnipeg courts will be reversed, said J. S. Woodworth in an address here last night. Mr. Woodworth said the whole status of organized labor was involved. A substantial collection was taken for the defence fund.

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Catalogue will be issued and Goods will be on display at our Warehouse, 130 Lagachetiere St. W. Wednesday, March 17th Sale will start at 9.30 a.m. Sharp at Windsor Hotel Monday, March 22nd AVERAGE SIZED LOTS FAIRLY AND ACCURATELY REPRESENTED BY SHOW BUNDLES.

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ADEQUATE PENSIONS FOR POLICE IN WEST

(Continued From Page 1). with water for hundreds of acres and some of the trunks of trees were in it three feet deep. There was quite an ice blockade in the valley on the Dunlop property at the head of the Don road. But the flooding of the valley from the Forks down to Gerrard street, over four miles, was very pronounced this year, and from the Bloor street viaduct looking north the railway yards of Grand Trunk and Canadian National were all submerged. There was a lot of damage done to cars, yard, plant and equipment.

Some discussion followed on the proposal to reduce the amount of silver in silver coins. Considering Nickel Coins. Mr. Fielding asked if any consideration had been given to the use of nickel, and Mr. McMaster questioned if any attempt had been made to establish a standard fineness among different countries for silver coinage.

The Hon. Dr. Beland asked if anything had been done to cut down the size of the one-cent copper coins. Sir Henry Drayton said that the dies for the new one-cent coin had not arrived yet from England. When they did, it would take about forty-eight hours to get the new coinage under way.

Criticize Annuity Scheme. Criticism of the government's annuity scheme proposals was voiced by Hon. W. S. Fielding and Dr. Michael Clark. Sir Henry Drayton had stated that the proposal now was to amend the scheme that it would be more popular and so that the government could make a little money out of it.

The resolution was carried, and a bill based on it was introduced and given first reading. The house adjourned at six o'clock until Monday afternoon, after seven private bills had been referred to committees.

Sergt. W. Wright of Woodstock Last to Return From Overseas

Woodstock, Ont., March 12.—(Special.)—Sergt. Waldon Wright, Woodstock, Ont., the last soldier to return from overseas, arrived home today, after five years overseas. He enlisted in London in the 3rd Battalion, in May, 1915, and arrived in France in January, 1916. He was thru all the big shows, except Vimy Ridge. In September, 1917, he was seriously wounded at Ypres and invalided to England, where he remained until a short time ago in headquarters work. He returned on the Empress of France.

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