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BOTTOM OUT OF THE PIT.

Patten Buys 3,000,000 Bushels to Keep Market in Hand.

Decline in Winnipeg Led to a Drive in Chicago.

Patten Has His Hands Full to Take Care of July.

Chicago, Ill., April 15.—A grey-faced man stood with his lips to the transmitter of a telephone in the Western Union building where are the offices of James A. Patten, and from the open door of the telephone booth could be heard a high pitched voice repeating monotonously:

"Buy 100 May. Buy 100 July. Buy 100 September. Buy 100 May." The bottom had fallen out of the wheat pit and the bull leader was putting the whole weight of his resources against the ebbing tide of values. In the vernal of the trade, hundreds mean hundreds of thousands.

Over in the pit the high pitched voice was translated into action. Prices halted, stopped and, finally rebounded, but the losses of the day had not been recovered when the market closed at the top of the most excited day it has seen since the collapse of the Leiter corner.

It was a day of tumult and sharply shifting fortunes. July wheat, following a decided advance to a new high level, suddenly dropped a perpendicular 4 1/2 cents. The pyramid fortunes of small speculators vanished in a trice and the day was saved from rout only by the vigorous exertions of the bull leader.

Within the last fifteen minutes of trading Mr. Patten bought 3,000,000 bushels of wheat for July delivery, the white he chewed the stub of a cigar and ran his fingers reflectively over the unshaven stubble there had been no time to remove.

"Nothing but a flurry," he said, but that was after the turbulent pit had been deserted for the day.

During the final quarter of an hour he was a very busy man. It was Patten against the field and the final hours showed that Patten was apparently as mighty as ever. His purchases and those of his followers, with the profit taking of shorts, caused a reaction of one cent all along the line. But before this occurred, the hoard of many a small speculator had gone.

Far from the roar of the wheat pit, in hundreds of bakeries, there was a different, although related scene.

Flour had risen and bakers were trying to find out where their profits were coming from unless the price of bread could be raised.

The speculative day on the board opened without indications of the sensation to come. May and July wheat quietly rose to new high prices, the former to \$1.29 1/4, the latter to \$1.17 7/8. The July price was the highest since 1877, when a European war exhausted reserves, but neither mark created unusual comment.

Patten is said to have disposed of 1,000,000 bushels of his May holdings to-day and to have really out of that option. His energies are now centered largely in July.

"I still have some May," said Mr. Patten, "but I am chiefly interested" (Continued on Page 10.)

CAPT. GILBERT

Honored by Firemen Before Leaving For Saskatoon.

On the eve of his departure for Saskatoon, where he goes to take the chiefship of the fire department of that growing city, Captain William Gilbert, of Central Fire Station, was given a pleasant little surprise in Chief TenEyck's office this morning. Chief TenEyck, Assistant Chiefs James and Cameron, Captains Aitchison and Glover and Fireman Wadsworth composed a committee which entertained the departing fireman. Chief TenEyck was spokesman and in a few well-chosen words expressed the regret of all that he wished him success in his new position, and said he was sorry to lose such a good man, but pleased to see him improving his position. He told Mr. Gilbert that his was a good move, and that he was always pleased to see the men under him bettering their situation in life. He thanked the captain for being always on the job, and always at the front with his company, and told him that it was the heartfelt wish of all that he attain every possible success in his new field. He then presented the captain, on behalf of his former comrades, with a travelling bag. He said it was not the value of the bag, but the fact that it was a token of the good feeling existing that made the gift worth while.

Captain Gilbert, who leaves for Saskatoon, and through them the others who were unable to be present, for their kind remembrance of the past and their kind wishes for the future.

DIED SUDDENLY.

Old and Respected Brantford Resident Passes Away.

Brantford, Ont., April 16.—Daniel Clifford, one of Brantford's oldest and most respected citizens, passed away last night about 9 o'clock from heart failure. Mr. Clifford took his tea at 6 o'clock, and was apparently in his usual health for his advanced years. At one time deceased carried on a very successful furniture store in this city, and also conducted the undertaking business. He gave up active business some years ago and has lived retired since then. He leaves a widow and son, who have the sympathy of the citizens in their loss.

FOURTEEN YEARS IN PRISON.



JOS. SLESINGER, AGED 22, WHO HAS BEEN OUT OF PRISON ONLY FOUR MONTHS SINCE HE WAS 8 YEARS OLD.

Cleveland, O., April 16.—In the coming trial for larceny of Joe Slesinger, of Chicago, the State of Illinois is on trial, and the State of Ohio—yes, and the whole penal system of the country.

Joe is 22 years old. He has been in prison for 14 years. Since he was a boy of eight he has had but four months of liberty.

Just four months to be a boy—that's all. Four months to learn self-reliance, and the use of money, and how to take care of himself and fight his own battles. And now boyhood is gone.

Just as boyhood holds no memories for Joe Slesinger, so manhood has no promise. It's prison for him—again.

For they will send him "over the road" again. Never worry as to that. See what they've done already.

He first slept in a doorway, then he stole a loaf of bread, then some more food; now they say he has stolen money.

MAYOR SAYS IT IS A GOOD CONTRACT.

Satisfied Hamilton is Getting a Fine Thing From the Cataract Company.

The Power Committee this morning finally decided on the amendments to be made to the Cataract power contract, and the questions to be submitted to the people. The City Solicitor was instructed to go over the matter with General Manager Hawkins and put the changes in proper legal form. As soon as this is done Mayor McLaren will call a special meeting of the Council for the afternoon to informally discuss the matter.

"I think with the changes we have made that it is a good contract," said His Worship. The most important amendment refers to a meter rate for incandescent lights. The aldermen asked for the same treatment in this regard as Brantford got. The company pointed out that Brantford agreed not to ask for any change in the style of arc lamps for ten years, and in return it got the concession of a meter rate for incandescent lamps. Hamilton has a clause in its contract which gives it the right to have the style of arc lamps changed at almost any time. If the city will abandon this the company will agree to the meter clause. The Mayor is inclined to favor

this, because the changing of the style of lights in the next ten years is only a possibility. The Mayor is satisfied that Hamilton is being fairly treated in the price of arc lamps, although Brantford is getting arc lights for \$18, while the price here is \$17.50. The Brantford lights are 9-10 of an ampere less than here. The Cataract agrees that the price of power and light in Hamilton shall be 10 per cent. below the Hydro price in any municipality in Ontario.

Hamilton still has a good chance of getting the kind of a bridge it desires over Garth street. This morning City Solicitor Waddell received from the Secretary of the Dominion Railway Board a letter stating that the plans submitted by the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway had been inadvertently approved of, but that the order had since been cancelled. He asks that the city engineers prepare plans, showing exactly what the city wants and that these be forwarded at once. The trouble with the company's plan was that it approaches to the bridge were altogether too steep and the grade unsatisfactory. City Solicitor Waddell this morning (Continued on Page 10.)

20 GUESTS ARE MISSING.

San Francisco Hotel Completely Destroyed by Fire.

Three Hundred Guests Thrown Into a Panic by Fire.

Six Men Badly Burned, One Probably Fatally.

San Francisco, April 16.—Three hundred guests of the St. George Hotel, in Howard street, between Eighth and Ninth streets, were thrown into a panic by a fire which completely destroyed the building, a three-story frame structure, shortly after 3 o'clock this morning. While it is not known that any lives were lost, it is reported by the clerk that at least twenty of the guests still cannot be accounted for.

Six men were severely burned, one probably fatally, and many received minor injuries by leaping from the upper stories, or by being trampled in the rush to escape. The seriously injured were hurried to the Central Emergency Hospital for treatment, and the others, few of whom saved their clothing, were housed in nearby lodgings.

Corporal Fontana and Policeman Kruger discovered the fire and dragged many of the guests from their beds. The building burned rapidly and within an hour was a ruin.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS. Boom buttons: Are there any? Hump for Hamilton! Take my advice and keep cool over the Kinrade inquest. Too much talk already.

Strathcona's girls did not get a very flattering reception from some of the Ontario School Trustees. Wonder what they think of the Dreadnought scare?

Take advantage of the good weather and tidy up. That alleyway is not very nice.

And I expected the Y. W. C. A. building to be half way up by this time. Need another tag day?

Dundurn Park will have to look mighty pretty this summer to outshine the Rutherford Cemetery.

What was that Hamilton was going to do for the Quebec battlefields scheme? My advice is to let it drop until a more convenient season.

One way to boom Hamilton is to patronize Hamilton merchants. See what they say in to-night's Times.

"Little curs of the party press" is the elegant way the Herald puts it. The check?

Where did the money come from, anyway?

The hundred thousand population is not too much to aim at.

Then, another question is, will the technical school be kept for public school scholars alone or will young mechanics have a chance of attending the classes after work hours?

The Tory Executive has scarcely the same grip at the City Hall as it had last year. When you see the President you don't see the Mayor this year.

No signs of a county poorhouse yet. This is rebellion, open defiance of the law, anarchy or whatever you like to call it.

Even the Toronto World admits that Dan Reed is a man to be reckoned with. South Wentworth is proud of him.

Would it be possible to induce a few British manufacturing concerns to come to Hamilton, as well as American ones?

No. Don't take them off yet. Do you want to get your death of cold?

Burned to Death

Buffalo, April 16.—Michael McGarvey was fatally burned in a fire in a rooming house on West Huron street early to-day. An explosion of gas in McGarvey's room started the fire. Roomers on the second floor ran to the street in their night clothes, while it was necessary for the firemen to place ladders and carry several women and children from the third floor. One woman and a child were seriously burned, but will recover.

It's Wonderful

The difference you can make to an old hat with a bottle of Oriental Hat Dye. You can change the color of that old hat and make it look like new, and the color won't wash off. Twenty-five cents per bottle. Oriental Hat Dye cleans the soil off that white hat, fifteen cents per bottle.—Parke & Parke, druggists.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES

To rent at \$2 a year and up—wards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables. TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

BRAVE OLD TOMMY HAS QUEER STREAK.

Night Watchman Jamieson Thinks He Has Divine Power—His Sanity in Question.

Claiming that he had been granted, by a divine act, the power to live without sleep, that he was the possessor of \$75,000 and that he had the same power as the Saviour when on earth, William L. Jamieson, 284 East avenue north, for years a nightwatchman in the central part of the city, was locked up yesterday afternoon by Constables Reynolds and Cheeseman on a warrant charging him with insanity.

Jamieson is a veteran of the British army and fought through the Crimean War. He has medals and an honorable discharge. Of late years he appeared to develop a strange streak and is now thought to be dangerous. Some time ago he flourished a revolver in a hotel and threatened to shoot a policeman, but his offence was overlooked and the revolver merely taken away from him and confiscated. Of late his mania has taken this violent form and it was decided that he was a dangerous man to be at large. The officers accordingly arrested him at his home yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock. This morning he was not brought into court. He was taken to the jail yesterday and a remand for examination was sent down this morning.

Fred Croft, or Anderson, has been judged insane by the lunacy commission which examined him and papers have been forwarded to the Government for his commitment to the asylum.

Hugh Ducker, 36 Leeming street, was summoned by Constable Springer on a charge of driving across King and James streets on the wrong side of the road. He pleaded guilty but said he had only been here five months and did not know he was committing a breach of city by-law. He was let down with a fine of \$2 with a warning that it would be \$5 the next time.

Edward Degan, King William street and East avenue, arrested for being drunk last night, was allowed to go this morning at sunrise as it was his first offence.



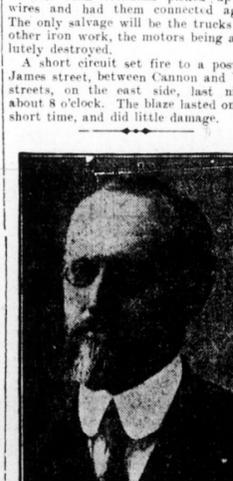
MRS. ROBT. M. LAFOLLETTE, Wife of the senator from Wisconsin, has been called an ideal helpmeet. Just now she is the busy associate editor of LaFollette's Weekly, the magazine the senator recently launched.

CAR BURNED.

All But Trucks Consumed at Herkimer and Locke Streets.

Shortly after 10 o'clock last night the fire department was called to Herkimer and Locke streets. On the road up the firemen thought they had a fire such as the one of two years ago at the car barns, as the reflection was plainly seen from the center of the city. The fire, however, proved to be in a little yellow street car. The motors of the car or the wires leading to them had short circuited and set the woodwork on fire, and the car was totally destroyed. The trolley wire above the car was burned through, and fell to the ground, and the fireworks display was spectacular until Trouble Man Williams picked up the wires and had them connected again. The only salvage will be the trucks and other iron work, the motors being absolutely destroyed.

A short circuit set fire to a post on James street, between Cannon and Vine streets, on the east side, last night, about 8 o'clock. The blaze lasted only a short time, and did little damage.



MR. GEORGE T. BELL, Former General Passenger Agent of the Grand Trunk Railway, who has been promoted to the position of Assistant Passenger Traffic Manager of the Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific Railways.

FLEW AGAIN.

Rome, April 16.—Wilbur Wright, the aeroplane maker, made three successful flights in his flying machine near here to-day. He remained in the air ten, eight and seven minutes respectively, and was accompanied each time by an Italian army officer. A great crowd witnessed the exhibition.

Bain & Adams' List.

Ripe strawberries, butter beans, spinach, new potatoes, endive, cauliflower, green peppers, Malaga grapes, Bermuda onions, Spanish onions, pineapples, Ruff-barb, Boston head lettuce, celery, Newfoundland, square cream cheese, English Stilton, Roquefort, Gorgonzola, Oke, Swiss, Edam, pineapple, Limburger, Holland, Camembert cheese, Bain & Adams, 91 King street east.

Many a man's best friends are those who don't know him very well.

SHE WON'T DEMONSTRATE.

Britain Not Sending Warships to Turkish Waters.

Soldiers Continue to Dominate City of Constantinople.

Making Away With Obnoxious Officials—Others Quit.

London, April 16.—The admiralty to-day gave denial to the report emanating from Vienna on a joint naval demonstration at Constantinople.

No British squadron has been ordered to leave Malta for the Bosphorus, as had been said, nor has information reached the admiralty of the intention of France or Austria-Hungary to send ships to Turkish waters.

FEAR SOLDIERS.

London, April 16.—Turkey still has a Parliament, but its influence appears to be dead. Many of its members are fearful of entering the doors; those possessing courage enter, but are bold only in confirming the acts and wishes of the reactionary party, which has now obtained control of the State. Nobody dares to predict what a few days may bring forth.

Constantinople remains quiet, but any public man who incurs the opposition of the soldiers or the reactionary parties seems in danger of being lynched, and the days succeeding the first rising have done nothing to relieve the anxiety.

The Times publishes a programme of the new Turkish Government's policy. The new Cabinet will follow the political programme of its predecessor, both as to foreign relations and to domestic affairs. It will maintain and develop the constitutional institution of the empire, and restore order by strict enforcement of the laws. It will submit to the Parliament financial and other administrative measures, and will maintain cordial relations with the powers.

OFFICIALS RESIGN.

Constantinople, April 16.—The manifesto issued yesterday by a committee of the Ulema, which movement of the last few days is declared to be in no wise directed against the constitutional Government, has created an excellent impression on the public mind.

The new Minister of Marine, Vice-Admiral Adjemian Pasha, has resigned, owing to the hostility shown his appointment by the navy; the president of the council of State also has surrendered his office, but on account of ill health.

The Minister of Police and other officials identified with the committee of union and progress have either resigned or disappeared.

TROOPS LEAVING.

Saloniki, April 16.—A battalion of troops left here by train for the capital last night. Another departed this morning, and others are preparing to leave.

NO CUT OFF.

That is the Indication in Regard to Licenses.

The License Commissioners do not know yet if they are to have a deputational visit them on Tuesday next or not.

They know that the Temperance Federation is not going to do anything, but whether the Citizens' League or the Ministerial Association will take a hand in the matter is more than they are able to determine. As far as things look at the present moment, there is reason to believe that the licenses will go through without a cut-off.

ROAD WORK.

Saltfleet Council Will Spend Over \$1,000 This Year.

Saltfleet Township Council held a special meeting last night to consider road work for the year and to pass a dog by-law, the latter being made necessary by reason of the presence in the municipality of supposedly mad dogs. The by-law was put through its three readings, and is advertised in this issue. It provides that no dog shall be allowed to run at large unless properly muzzled. Any dog not muzzled that runs at large may be killed, and any person harboring a dog not properly muzzled or otherwise secured will be subject to a fine. The by-law comes into effect on Thursday, April 22.

Seven petitions for road and sidewalk work were considered. The council decided to expend \$1,000 upon this sort of work this year. For some years past it has been spending two or three, and sometimes as high as four thousand dollars.

WHOSE DOORS?

Judge Monck Asked to Decide in Division Court.

Judge Monck had a rather amusing case before him this morning at the Ninth Division Court, when William Magill (Shaun Rhue) and a certain carter named Hobbs were sued by Joel Jerome for \$15 for work done on some doors at property owned by Magill. The property is situated at the corner of Hunter and John streets, and was one of the houses that were torn down when the Mills Hardware Company started to build. Stanley Mills sold the house to Charles Mills, and he in turn sold it to Magill, who tore it down. Jerome had put some doors on the old place before it was sold to Magill, and now he wants his money. Judge Monck laid the case over until the next court. M. J. O'Reilly, K. C., appeared for Mr. Magill. After the case was over there was an exciting scene in the corridor, but no casualties.

LOOKS BAD.

Ennis & Stoppani May Not Pay More Than 2 Per Cent.

New York, April 16.—The continued absence of Thomas A. Ennis and Chas. F. Stoppani, members of the bankrupt firm of Ennis & Stoppani, may result in the receiver, Lindsay Russel, going into court for an order to compel them to appear for examination. From the present appearance of things the creditors will not get more than two cents on the dollar, and the receiver is anxious to find if the partners have anything that he can reach to run up the percentage. Wall street is interested in knowing what became of the immense profits Ennis & Stoppani gathered in the panic. Some of the creditors do not believe that all these profits were wiped out later.

Receiver Russel, who put his expert accountants at work on the books on Wednesday, said at the close of the day: "I do not believe Ennis & Stoppani had any doubt of the solvency of their firm until three days before the failure."

Receiver Russel said that if Ennis' famous art collection in his home at 830 Park Place, Brooklyn, is in his name, it would surely go under the hammer for the benefit of the creditors. Mrs. Ennis is at Hot Springs, Ark., and those in the Park Place house insisted that they did not know where Ennis was.

Saturday Tobacco Bargains. Ten cent plugs of British Navy for 7c, Empire 8c, Lily 9c, Bobs 8c, Kings' Navy 7c, Starlight 8c, Sunny South 3 plugs for 2c, at peace's cigar store, 107 King street east.