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WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEB. 11.

CITY AFFAIRS.

One thing at least became apparent at the meeting of the city council on Monday evening, and that was the determination of Controller Church and his "disciples," at the sacrifice of efficiency and reason, to the more material interests of the city, to oppose whatever Mayor Hocken desired. The Telegram has been assuring everybody for months past that in opposing the mayor it was not Mr. Hocken they were against, but his principles. The Telegram insisted that his principles involved granting a franchise to the radicals and objected to the whole business of purchase on that account, while disclaiming any personal enmity whatever. As soon, however, as it is demonstrated beyond denial that it was not Mayor Hocken who wanted to extend the radial franchises, but The Telegram's own allies who were "loading the dice" to use its own expression, in private, The Telegram switches round and demands that a franchise be granted to the radicals, "in order to protect the city." This absolute right-about-face on the part of The Telegram needs to be understood to appreciate the situation in the city council. It is not clear that all the aldermen understood it, but it is clear that half a dozen members of the council understood that what they had to do was to oppose anything that Mayor Hocken proposed.

The city council should have nothing to do with extending the franchises of the radicals, or with conferring new rights upon the radicals, or with conferring any rights upon the radicals which they do not possess under the general law.

The resolution passed by the council is somewhat ambiguous, but it is at least clear that it does not provide for conferring further rights on the radicals than they would possess under the general law. It does, if the intention be correctly interpreted in the agreement, tend to restrict those rights. Under the general law radial cars will have a right of entrance to the city on terms to be settled by the railway board. Under an agreement in terms of the resolution, such rights will be restricted so that, instead of being able to enter the city with their own train crews, the radial car companies must hand their cars over to the civic crews at the city boundaries.

In all other respects but this one particular the resolution would leave the determination of the rights of the radial companies to the railway board under the general law, while the agreement, if properly drawn, will clean up absolutely and recover for the city all rights alienated by the franchise agreement of 1891, or by such other agreements as the radicals now operate under.

We shall expect a continuation of the campaign of misrepresentation. The unholty zeal with which certain advocates devote themselves to the task of making white appear black and black white, is familiar to those who have studied Toronto civic affairs for the last quarter of a century. It is quite clear that The Telegram, Controller Church and their disciples would sell out Toronto body and bones, to the Mackenzie or any other interests if the result would defeat Mayor Hocken.

PROSPECTOR, NOT PROPHET.

But for the talk of war and the fear of possible international conflict, the present season of easy money would certainly be followed by a remarkable revival of trade. During the recent period of stringency, money has been steadily accumulating in all financial centres, and the ready response to the more favourable outlook was sufficient to disburse how much of the sinews of industry has been held back by prudent investors. For many years, and especially since the opening of the century, the civilized world has been undergoing a process of education in respect to the interlocking of the common interests. So sensitive is the financial barometer that whether governments will or governments won't, they have to shape their policies with some regard to the current of public opinion.

What troubles men of affairs with broader vision is not so much the distinct inclination towards a readjustment of international relationship as the fact that all the nations affected have not arrived at the same plane of advance. That is a trite remark which determines the present as a period of transition. But it is not so trite to live actually in that period. At a time when the old agreements are dissolving before being replaced into a form better suited

ture is prone to offer crude schemes of reconstruction, which strive to anticipate the course of events. The time, however, calls more for the prospector than the prophet, particularly if the prophet is determined also to be the guide.

EUROPE AND THE NEAR EAST.
No doubt there is force in the arguments presented to show that the settlement of frontiers resulting from the Balkan wars has no element of permanence. The delimitation is arbitrary and has followed rather success in arms and the imposed will of the greater powers immediately interested than any true line of demarcation. More especially in the case of the new Kingdom of Albania has there been complete failure to follow any real and self-justifying principle. In fact, it is more than doubtful whether the Prince of Wied, the selected ruler, will be able to secure acceptance of his rule, or if it is accepted, to compel internal peace and obedience to law and order. Albania meantime is only a geographical expression, with a population void of the first essentials of nationality.

Nevertheless there is, at least, present peace with the participants in the war too exhausted to contemplate any immediate resumption of hostilities. Nor is it likely that the powers will depart from the policy which prevented the Balkan trouble from involving Europe in a wider war. This at least affords a breathing space permitting of a gradual adjustment to the new conditions. But it would be futile to hold that the nearer east is no longer the danger point of Europe. The Balkan states remain pawns on the chessboard of diplomacy, and will be more than ever inclined to yield to racial influences and animosities. The Turk, the Serb, the Greek, the Bulgarian, the Albanian, are always in the background hoping to regain some of his lost prestige, even though threatened that Asia Minor may in turn be the field of contention. Europe is an armed camp and remains as much as ever the victim of conflicting ambitions.

MR. BRYAN'S PEACE POLICY.

President Wilson's pronouncement against the exemption of United States coastwise traffic from Panama Canal tolls has probably to some extent been prompted by his desire to assist the peace policy of his secretary of state, to whom he recently paid remarkable tribute. Last week Mr. Bryan, and the Danish minister signed a treaty that is declared to be the most advanced step yet taken by any two nations in the interest of peace. It provides that all disputes between the two countries, of every nature whatsoever, which diplomacy shall fail to adjust, shall be submitted to an international commission for investigation and report, and that war shall not be declared or hostilities begun pending the result of the investigation. The commission must report within one year, unless the time is extended by agreement, and the findings must be accepted as a basis for the adjustment of the dispute. If a direct adjustment cannot be reached within a year, the dispute will go to the permanent court of arbitration at The Hague.

This is the eighth of the so-called Bryan peace treaties to be signed, the others being with Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama, Netherlands, Bolivia and Honduras. Similar treaties are now in process of negotiation with Portugal, Switzerland, Ecuador and the Dominican Republic. In arranging with the smaller countries first, Mr. Bryan followed the established practice, but before the series is completed he hopes to negotiate treaties with the great powers.

AS A DEPOSITORY FOR YOUR SAVINGS

We ask you to consider the strength and stability of this old-established institution. From 1855 to the present time citizens of Toronto and people in all parts of the world have found it a safe and convenient place to deposit their savings. The thrift and conservative Scottish bankers have entrusted it with many millions of pounds sterling. In the history of our city and our country there have been many lean years, many periods of misadventure, but there has never been a moment's delay in returning any funds of our depositors when called for. Today the Corporation has

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of fully paid-up capital, backed up by a Reserve Fund exceeding

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ties with the United Kingdom and

France, and possibly all the great

powers, including Japan. Each treaty

hitherto arranged has, broadly speaking,

represented an advance on its predecessor. All, however, embody Mr.

Bryan's idea that there should be an

intervening period between the emergence

of any difference, however apparently vital, and a resort to arms. Time

is a great healer both of national and

personal quarrels, more especially when

they are, in the first place, not allowed

to pass into the acute stage. All the

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REEVE OF WESTPORT IS

UNSEATED FOR BRIBERY

Three Cases in Connection With

January Election Proven

Before County Judge.

(Special to The Toronto World)

BROCKVILLE, Feb. 10.—In the

county court today application was

made before Judge McDonald by Albert

Bradley, ex-reeve of Westport, to

have J. H. Whitmarsh, elected by a

majority of six over Bradley on January

5, unseated on the grounds of

bribery and corruption. Bradley further

asked that he be declared chief

magistrate of the village. Some ten

witnesses were heard, and at the

conclusion the judge found that in three

instances the charges of bribery had

been sustained. He accordingly unseated

Whitmarsh. The right of

Bradley to the seat was left over for

further consideration. In order that

the business of the village may go

ahead as usual, the court suggested

that the four councillors meet and

elect a chairman.

The parcels post system came into

effect this morning, and conditions at

Brockville local office having been

carefully prepared there was little or

no hitch. Upwards of 100 parcels

were despatched and as many more

came thru the mails for local delivery.

BRANTFORD SEEKS

NEW INDUSTRY

Detroit Manufacturer Wants In-

formation and Council Will

Open Negotiations.

BRANTFORD, Feb. 10.—James E.

Walsh, general manager of the Power

Plant Supply Company of Detroit, who

representing the Canadian Crute and

Supply Company, has written to the

company to open a plant in Canada,

and requesting information relative to

the industrial standing of the city. The

city council has a committee of the city

will take this up and make an

endeavor to bring the factory to Brant-

ford.

MISS GREENSHIELDS DEAD.

PORT HOPE, Feb. 10.—Miss J. F.

Greenshields, who has been identified

with the work of Dr. Grenfell in the

capacity of honorary secretary of the

Grenfell Association of Canada, died

at her residence in Port Hope. Miss

Greenshields was a warm personal

friend of Dr. Grenfell. Miss Green-

shields' energies were not all expended

on the one object, she having been

identified with a number of charitable

societies in Toronto. The Old Folks

Home on University avenue is in ex-

istence mainly because of her efforts,

and she was convener of the hospital

visiting committee of the Church of

England Women's Auxiliary.

A cousin of the deceased, Miss M.

Gillivray of 96 St. Joseph street, has

come to Port Hope to take the re-

mains to Toronto for burial.

M. H. O. RESIGNS.

PETERBORO, Feb. 10.—Dr. Mc-

Pheron has sent in his resignation as

medical health officer. Dr. McPherson

would not discuss the matter.

AND HE DID

I'LL DO A LITTLE FANCY

SKATING AND AMUSE THE

CROWD IN A SMALL LIKE THAT

The Dyspeptic: "How Can a Man Live

in a Small Like That?"

Taste, sight and smell all have an

influence upon digestion. If one eats

something that does not taste good one

finds he needs to digest the thing

the stomach knows that it cannot digest

it.

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Overcrowding of Toronto Cars

to Be Subject of

Inquiry.

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Report Should Be Ready for

Railway Board Within

Two Months.

C. R. Barnes, traffic expert on public

service commission, New York

State, No. 2, will represent the Onta-

rio Railway Board in the investigation

of the overcrowded car condition

of Toronto. J. R. Cain of Roch-

ester and J. M. Campbell of King-

ston will serve as his assistants.

The street railway, represented by

R. J. Fleming and Mr. Hubbard, and

Commissioner Harris appeared before

the board to agree upon a system of

examination and to provide all necessary

conveniences for the expert. He

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MUNICIPAL BOARD

FOR PACIFIC COAST

Government of British Columbia

Will Make New Departure for

Canada This Year.

VICTORIA, Feb. 10.—The intention

of the provincial government at the

present session of the legislature to

introduce legislation for the creation

of municipal authority to fulfil a sim-

ilar function to that of the local gov-

ernment board in Great Britain in su-

persising the municipalities of British

Columbia, was announced by the Hon.

W. J. Bowser at the annual meeting

of the Vancouver Conservative Asso-

ciation, in Dominion Hall.

IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS.

At a meeting of foreigners held in the

Lyric Theatre on Sunday, a resolution

was passed and forwarded to Ottawa

protesting against the new immigra-

tion regulations by which every im-

migrant must have \$50 in his posses-

sion and a passport from the country

from which he came to Canada. It

was claimed up under the regula-

tions political refugees from Russia

would be unable to leave the country,

because they would have no money

and they would be unable to get pas-