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# Telephone War at Ottawa As Viewed by City's Mayor

## Municipal Ownership a Quantity That Official Has Not Tested Fully.

Ottawa, April 10.—(World Staff Correspondent.)—The telephone situation here has been again brought to the attention of the city council by reason of the application for the incorporation of the Canadian Telephone and Telegraph Co. This company still in embryo, has informed the city council that it is an applicant for the telephone business in the city, in view of the fact that the exclusive contract with the Bell Telephone Co. expires after ten years' life, on Wednesday, April 17. The Bell is naturally worked up over the arrival of the new comer.

For nearly two years the city council has been jockeying with the question of whether to have a municipal system installed. The Bell began business here with rates at \$40 for offices and \$50 for houses, but increased the rates when metallic insulation was introduced to \$45 and \$55, as they are now.

The agitation for a municipal system has been going on for years. Last year the expert opinion of an American electrical engineer was obtained, and the expressed disapproval of a municipal system, yet the facts presented were an eye opener to the citizens, showing that the Bell Co. had mighty stiff rates. What hurt most, however, was the excessive ten-year contract with the Bell people, which meant that the city would be paying for the telephone system for ten years, and the government's promise to bring in a general telephone system was somewhat subsided since the Minister of Justice has taken no steps to keep a promise.

Telephone Bill May Pass. Mr. Maclean's Telephone Bill is up for a speedy examination by the committee and is the topic of recent discussion throughout the city. It is said on good authority that the Bell Co. has not been willing to have its bill pass to bring in one of its own. The Bell Co. has not been willing to have the government, which does not wish to antagonize it. About the corridors of the House it is believed that Mr. Maclean's bill will be favorably received.

Want Municipal System. In the meantime, what is the council of the city of Ottawa doing? Mr. Maclean is waiting for the city council to turn up. Mayor Cook says the people want a municipal system, but he concedes that he knows that the government intends to do it. He wants an appropriation clause put into the Telephone Act, so that the city council will have to give the money to the Bell people. Mr. Maclean's bill will take the case to the Supreme Court and eventually to the Privy Council.

Watching Toronto's Action. "We have watched with great deal of interest the action of the City of Toronto on this question, and are naturally a conference, but the 200 trackmen are still on strike. Mr. Wilson before going into conference got the men to agree to accept the same rate of wages as was being paid by the C. P. R., but this would not be conceded, the Canada Atlantic refusing to treat with men on strike.

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# DARES FIGHT THE TRUST THAT CONTROLS THE COAL

## Strenuous Work of Ottawa's Mayor and Some of the Results.

Ottawa, April 10 (Special).—Ex-Mayor W. D. Morris, the after-conviction mayor, whose name will go down in history, is a strenuous man. This is said without any reflection on President Roosevelt, as both were glasses, also Mr. Morris does not carry his strenuousness to the extent of shooting mountain lions whether they like it or not. But the ex-mayor, who was disqualified for two years from holding any municipal office because he once took a drink with some friends after the lawful hour, is still strenuous, and his strenuousness has been shown in the past winter by the activity of his attacks on the coal combine which has been squandering the capital during the past winter.

Would Not Accept Defeat. Mr. Morris wanted to buy out a coal merchant and go into the business himself. He was asked \$17,000 for the good will, which did not carry with it the assignment of any contracts for the purchase of coal or any office, yard, rolling stock in the shape of cars or anything else. In other words, Mr. Morris was asked \$17,000 for a membership in the Ottawa Coal Company, Limited, in which are all the retail dealers in the city.

Will Stand for Office. It is an open secret that Mr. Morris will seek election as mayor or alderman next January. His disqualification will be removed, and his unquestionable familiarity with municipal politics and the relations existing between aldermen and their constituents, will make him a formidable antagonist in any municipal office he seeks. In addition to his ability as a municipal politician, he is a man of independent means, and he will devote the most of his time to an office which pays only pocket money of \$1,000 a year to its occupant.

Won't Treat with Strikers. Conference in C. A. R. Trouble Ends Fruitlessly. Montreal, April 10.—(Special).—General Manager Chamberlain of the Canadian Atlantic Railway, and President Wilson of the International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way have had a conference, but the 200 trackmen are still on strike. Mr. Wilson before going into conference got the men to agree to accept the same rate of wages as was being paid by the C. P. R., but this would not be conceded, the Canada Atlantic refusing to treat with men on strike.

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# CAN LOCAL BROKERS BE PROSECUTED.

The action of the Grand Jury at Halifax, in returning true bills against several stock brokers for selling stocks on margin, has created considerable talk in Toronto. As yesterday was a holiday, the local brokers didn't get together on street corners to discuss it, but the result of the jury's manner of dealing with the matter will be watched with interest by them, as similar prosecutions may be started here.

Text of the Recommendation. The Halifax Grand Jury made this recommendation: "That stringent laws be enacted for the licensing of stock brokers so that the law prohibiting gambling might be more easily enforced." Judge Weatherly, in addressing the jury, said that the parties found against would have to put in a defence, and investigation would probably enlighten the public as to the exact state of affairs in respect to stock brokers. The jury had returned true bills, it did not of necessity follow that the brokers were guilty of any misdemeanour.

Local Brokers Not Alarmed. Several other brokers when spoken to expressed themselves along the same lines. One was more pronounced in his opinion, and thought the country must be going crazy if it allowed such charges to be made and brought before the courts. The feeling was general that if the buying and selling of stocks on margin is to be classed as gambling, so also must be the borrowing of money for any business enterprise.

Will Make It Up to Him. R. V. COMMITTEE ROOM. A man in a suit and tie, looking serious, stands in a room with a sign that reads "R. V. COMMITTEE ROOM". He is looking towards the camera.

Mr. Blair (to Big Railway Corporations): I'm afraid you'll have to allow for that in the subsidies. The man in the suit is speaking to a group of people.

# Gambling Joints Closed Thru Fear of the Sleuths

The pronounced hostility of Judge Winchester to the gambling joints of Toronto, as announced in yesterday's World, was a new factor in the local disturbance. The new blood in the composition of the police board seemed to have been overlooked by some who recalled only the old policy of the board.

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# Rioters Close the Works of Company at Walkerville

## GULLIVANS ARE BACK FROM NORTH BAY TRIP

Father and Son on a Scouting Expedition Connected With Bribery Case. Frank Sullivan, one of the important witnesses in the Gully case, returned to Toronto, Friday morning, from North Bay, where he had been with his father, Capt. Jack Sullivan, and will remain in the city until the investigation is concluded. Frank had nothing to say to the newspaper men as to the object of his trip north, but it is believed he went to North Bay on a scouting expedition to evidence.

To Prove Auriferous Vein is in Charge Made in Buffalo. Buffalo, April 10.—In a suit brought by the Log Cabin Club and O'Connell against Frederick C. Fisk, Bertha C. Fisk and Charles A. Slack, the stockholders of the company claim that Fisk purchased 700 acres of land in Ontario, which he represented to them as valuable gold mining property, but which they allege is worthless.

Marine Notes. Detroit, Mich., April 10.—Vessel passages: R. M. S. Ontario, Martina, Whitehall, Trevel, Blanchard, Pater, Anna Laura, Sziglaw (arrived) Nyanza. St. Catharines, April 10.—Passed up: Ontario, R. M. S. Ontario, Martina, Whitehall, Trevel, Blanchard, Pater, Anna Laura, Sziglaw (arrived) Nyanza.

Readers on rising rapidly reduce remorse with Radnor. The man in the suit is speaking to a group of people.

Hill and Morgan to Appeal Their Big Ry. Merger Case. The records of the Circuit Court sufficient for purposes of appeal, and that the bill will be the presentation of arguments by counsel for both sides. The case will then rest with the court for decision.

Buffalo's Bloody Tragedy Is Now Closed Officially. Then the statement says: "During this time the man himself was in intimate relations with a woman he desired to marry. For that purpose it was necessary to be free from his wife."

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# Sequel of Thursday's Attack on Non-Union Workmen on Border Near Windsor.

## Windsor, April 10.—As the result of last night's disturbances at the foot of Joseph Campau avenue, Detroit, the Canadian Bridge Company has closed its plant at Walkerville and the management is unwilling to say whether it will resume operations Monday or whether it will continue closed until some compromise is reached with the strikers.

"The trouble is regretted by the company, and it is going to stand by George Kennedy, the shipping clerk who shot in self-defence last night," said one of the company. "Kennedy has been in our employ for some time, and is held in the greatest respect. It is believed if he had not fired the shot several of our employes would have been killed before the police arrived. He was perfectly justified in shooting to save his life. I believe that the trouble was prearranged, for as soon as the Post arrived a large crowd was waiting for the show, as yet made any move to reach a compromise since the fight last night."

Will Take Men Back. "I would not be surprised if this trouble would hasten matters, and that before long a committee of the strikers would meet with representatives of the company, believe nearly all the men would be taken back, notwithstanding the trouble last night. In a mix up like that it is hard to determine who is really responsible. The company employs about 300 men, 75 per cent of whom at least are laborers."

Major Charles Salomon. Major Charles Salomon has been closed in Walkerville since 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon by order of Mayor Swift. Today is Good Friday, and is being observed generally as a holiday. An extraordinary number of police are now patrolling the streets in the city, and the company and the company officers, and it is not believed that further violence will occur.

SULLIVAN WILL RECOVER. Detroit, Mich., April 10.—The Emergency Hospital authorities say that Michael Sullivan, injured in Thursday's riot, is progressing favorably, and that no ailment is expected to develop. He is in the condition of the desperately wounded man. Stephen Leduc, the Walkerville man who was struck by the butt of Kennedy's revolver, left Harper Hospital this afternoon for his home.

Was Self-Defence. Superintendent of Police Downey was greatly wrought up over the affair. After taking Kennedy's statement, which was to the effect that Sullivan was the aggressor, and investigating the circumstances of the riot, he is satisfied that Sullivan was in self-defence. The assault on Sullivan was planned, it is believed, by a group of men who would let him go for free.

FAIR TO CLOUDY. Meteorological Office, Toronto, April 10.—(6 p.m.) The weather today has been fair from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, with a few local showers in the latter district. In the Northwest it is unsettled, with best rains in Manitoba and rain and snow farther west.

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