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TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 2

Civic Car Fares

There will be general satisfaction in the outlying districts of the city over the decision of the board of control not to recommend an increase in the civic car fares. We believe, as we ventured to make it appear yesterday, that the best argument against raising the fares is to put the best possible face on the proposal to increase them. Apart from arousing the antagonism of everyone interested, the weakness of the case for an increase is so sufficiently self-confuting that the board of control could not but recognize the fact. Apart from the economic aspect of the question, it would be a distinct breach of faith with the population of the suburban fringe to increase the fares at this time. Many working-class families have been tempted to go and reside in the areas served by the civic cars on account of the cheap rates in force. To raise these rates now would be a distinct violation of the terms tacitly recognized. We are glad to see that the mayor agreed with us that the city will be recompensed in many ways for any loss entailed directly by the lower fares. The increase in assessment values alone ought to cover, and more than cover, any deficit on the overhead charges, which are estimated for the remainder of the street railway franchise at about \$800,000. There is still a possibility that the aldermen may try to raise the fares, but if sufficient publicity be given to the feeling of the residents in the city outskirts this is unlikely.

Inflammable Buildings

When a building like the headquarters of the Parkdale Canoe Club is burnt out with such regularity and completeness, it strikes the outsider that it might occur to the management that a less combustible material than wood might be used in its construction. In these days of fireproof buildings and near-fireproof buildings, it seems inexcusable to go on erecting wooden frames in which to deposit valuable property, trophies and memorabilia, not to mention the risk to human life which a sudden fire on a crowded occasion would bring. Quite as attractive a building could be constructed out of non-inflammable material, and the Canoe Club would surely have more satisfaction in possessing a building which was not quite so liable to disappear periodically and at times when its existence was most required.

Germany's Illusion

For more than a generation Germans of all classes have bragged and boasted about their superiority in every branch of human activity. The more they asserted their claim to be supermen the stronger the obsession became, and its unceasing iteration and reiteration in endless forms impressed the remainder of the civilized world with the belief in its truth, not without some show of reason. For it was certain enough that German effort was concentrated year by year, day and night, on the perfecting of their war machine. All the qualities associated with German character were devoted with infinite pains to the forging of a weapon, that, once set in motion, would prove as irresistible as the hammer of Thor.

Great was the disparity in population between the opposing countries. It was nominal rather than real. Germany was thoroughly prepared, and the Austria-Hungary was regarded as inferior in strength its armies were expected to hold Russia until French resistance had been effectively crushed. France, according to the calculations of the German strategists, would stake everything on one great battle and would certainly lose, finding refuge within the fortifications of Paris. With their surprising strength in siege guns the Germans then expected in short order to batter their way into the French capital and the fall of Paris in 1914 would result, as it did in the preceding war, in the collapse of France.

German preparations were complete so far as patient study and careful attention to detail could ensure success. But German information and calculations were entirely wrong, for the simple reason that they omitted

fundamental elements—the matter of leadership and the effect of German aggression on national sentiment. German military authorities did not reckon on Joffre or on Kitchener or on the emergence of a strategical scheme that immediately neutralized German superiority in mobilization and equipment. Neither had they wit to anticipate the loyalty with which the allies would co-operate in gaining the time needed to establish their preponderance in the campaign.

Tubercular Cattle

There will be mingled feelings in carnivorous households over the statement that the medical-health department has stated that a large amount of meat placed on the market comes from tubercular cattle. In the discussion that occurred in the property committee yesterday it was stated that 15 per cent. of the hogs and 40 or 50 per cent. of the cattle slaughtered were tubercular, and that the meat from these animals was edible. Undoubtedly it is edible, but the householder will wonder if it is healthy. A large number of things are edible which are scarcely to be regarded as wholesome food.

The public will want to know more about this alleged tubercular condition of cattle slaughtered for food. Perhaps there is some connection with the scarcity of cattle at present and the fact that such statements transpire at the present time. If 40 or 50 per cent. of cattle slaughtered have been tubercular all along, consumers will ask what connection there is between the consumption of such food and the prevalence of tuberculosis.

It has been frequently stated that where there are no cows there is no tuberculosis. Taryia is one of the countries cited as an instance of this, and there are some other places. The effect of this announcement coming from the property committee, coupled with the high price of meat, will perhaps have some effect upon the consumption of meat as an article of diet.

An Alliance of Sacrifice

That was a striking and historic speech in which Mr. Lloyd George outlined the result of his conference in Paris with the French and Russian ministers of finance. Had any one been venturesome enough to prophesy only a very few years ago that the powers of the triple entente would co-operate in war with a loyalty that refused no individual sacrifice for the common good, he would probably have been stigmatized as a dreamer of dreams. Yet this is just what has happened thru the strain and stress of this epoch-making conflict. Each nation that is battling against Prussian ambition for world dominance has in turn been called upon to suffer in order that victory shall be achieved.

Little Belgium was the first to offer itself and its ordeal remains. It could have purchased immunity at the expense of honor, but it preferred the higher and nobler part. With a country devastated, desolated and almost entirely in the hands of the enemy, it has saved its soul, whose living embodiments are its heroic king and queen. History will record no more tremendous immolation on the altar of duty than that of Belgium and the redress of her wrongs, in so far as that can be done by money compensation, will be the first concern of the allies. Serbia, with the population of Ireland, is engaged in a third great war within two years and fighting too, with undiminished valor. Serbia, too, deserves all consideration.

Russia did not hesitate in order to relieve the strain on the allies in Europe to invade East Prussia with an inadequate army. It was defeated in the end, but the object was attained. The needed relief was ensured, and too much praise cannot be accorded to the Russian Government for the readiness with which it intervened at the critical moment. France, too, as Mr. Lloyd George said, has hitherto borne far and away the greatest strain of the war in proportion to her resources and has had the largest proportion of her men under arms. Britain has now accepted the heaviest and of the financial burden and will soon have armies in the field commensurate with her stake in the war. All these reciprocal sacrifices for the one great end, and what is practically the pooling of the financial resources of the three leading powers of the allies, cannot but result in consequences that will affect not their later relations alone, but the whole future of Europe.

Standard Reliance Mortgage Corporation

In another column of this issue will be found the second annual report of the Standard Reliance Mortgage Corporation, presented at the meeting held yesterday at the head office, 34-38 East King street. It showed the net earnings for the year ending Dec. 31 last, after deducting all expenses of management, to be \$325,032.30, which, with the balance of \$39,761.69 brought forward, provided \$364,793.99 available for distribution. After payment of interest on debentures, deposits, etc., and \$138,978.69 in dividends, and the transfer of \$30,000 to contingent reserve, a balance of \$235,815.30 was carried forward to current year's account.

The extent of the company's business can be gauged from the fact that the mortgage loans upon real estate, buildings and services Co., Limited, and other companies, secured by charges upon lands and improved properties, amounted to \$5,349,595.97. Assets in

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FIVE GERMANS INDICTED ON CONSPIRACY CHARGE

Federal Grand Jury at New York Probes Activities in Coaling Karlsruhe

Canadian Press Despatch.
NEW YORK, March 1.—The federal grand jury, which has been investigating the furnishing of supplies to German submarines in the Atlantic, today returned two indictments against the Hamburg-American Line and five men alleged to have been connected with the shipments.

The men named in the indictment are: Karl Buns, director in charge of the New York office of the Hamburg Line; J. Poppenhauer, who served as super-cargo on the steamship Berwind; George Kotter, Felix Seffner and Adolph Heineke.

The federal grand jury had been investigating since February last a complaint made by Sir Courtney W. Bennett, British consul-general here, and evidence submitted by the office of the U. S. district attorney.

Seffner was super-cargo of the Lorenzo, a vessel owned by the New York and Porto Rico Steamship Co., which was given the honorary rank of paymaster by a British cruiser while coaling the German cruiser Karlsruhe.

Two indictments were returned. The conspiracy was formed on Aug. 1 last, and included the defendants named, and other persons unknown to the grand jury. Supt. Kotter, on Aug. 5, 1914, consulted with John H. Gans of the Gans Steamship Line, officials of the Berwind White Coal Mining Co., and Wessels, Kulkampff & Co., exporters, regarding the clearance of the steamship Lorenzo, with a cargo of coal, to be delivered to the German cruiser Karlsruhe.

Further particulars at City Ticket Office, northwest corner King and Yonge streets. Phone Main 4209.

PETITION FACULTY

Varsity Students' Council wish to petition the faculty to remove the fine of \$5 which is demanded of the students who failed to have the second instalment of their fees ready on Feb. 5.

TRIED TO ASSASSINATE TWO TURK MINISTERS

Unsuccessful Attempt on Lives of Enver Pasha and Talaat Bey

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PARIS, March 1.—The Temps prints a despatch from Sofia, saying that news has been received from Constantinople that an unsuccessful attempt was made yesterday to assassinate Enver Pasha, Turkish Minister of War, and Talaat Bey, Turkish Minister of the Interior. An attempt was made on the lives of the two men in the street but was unsuccessful.

DEVELOPMENT IN B. C.

J. S. H. Matson, proprietor of The Vancouver News-Advertiser, The Victoria Daily Colonist and The Nanaimo Herald, is in Toronto, at the Queen's Hotel, in connection with the British Columbia, has felt a slowing-up in business on account of the war, the people are bearing up well and are anticipating great development and prosperity, as soon as peace is restored.

PRESENTMENT HAS A STERN REBUKE

Grand Jury Criticizes Toronto's Council, Police Court and the Jail

INJUSTICE IS DONE

Chief Justice Mulock Says More Thoro Investigations Should Be Held

The presentment of the grand jury delivered to Chief Justice Mulock yesterday in the assize court, city hall, called forth a stern rebuke for the city council and police court.

"It is gratifying to know that you can approve of the management of our many public institutions, but your censure upon the lack of adequate fire escapes at the municipal jail is very deserving, as it endangers the lives of prisoners who are forced to remain there," said Justice Mulock.

"The police court should be more thoro in its investigations, for in one instance a loyal Russian desirous to serve his country was clapped into jail for four months, an injustice that occurred thru the evidence not being properly investigated. When this man came before the high court he was acquitted. We extend to all foreigners a welcome to our land and offer them the privileges of citizenship. These have been three cases of treason tried in the past assizes, the first cases since 1838, but most of these did not prove treasonable."

"I wish to add a word of praise to the Salvation Army work among prisoners, and we had a worthy proof of their good work during the Carrie Davies trial, for one of their 'angels of mercy' stayed constantly with her, and it was upon her shoulder that Carrie Davies wept when she received her acquittal."

A charge stating that all persons guilty of treasonable offences should be severely dealt with was contained in the presentment, and that the law be drawn more tight around the sale of revolvers. All drivers of motor cars should pass an examination, and that leather cushions should be placed on jury chairs.

The jury also wrote that the House of Industry was too small for the enormous work being done and advised the erection of a new building. A place after the style of the women's jail farm was recommended for the present quarters being unsuitable.

The Hospital for Sick Children was highly recommended, as also was that which was founded by the city council in the Danforth car line thru the negligence of the city's servants.

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OFFICIAL RECOGNITION UNIVERSITY BATTALION

Official recognition was given to the University Battalion in a communication from the militia department, and the names of the officers will be shortly published in orders. The body is to be known as the University of Toronto contingent of the Canadian Officers' Training Corps. Lt.-Col. Lang's appointment as commander was approved some time ago.

The commanders of half battalions are: Capt. C. S. McVicar, M.B., of the 1st Regiment, and Capt. A. D. LeVoy, R.O., B.A.S.C., who will have charge of the right and left half battalions respectively. Quartermaster J. H. C. Wright has been given the honorary rank of paymaster; F. B. Kenrick is rank paymaster with the rank of hon. lieutenant; Chief Christie is the regimental sergeant-major.

Mount Clemens, Michigan. Mount Clemens is famous throughout America as an all-the-year-round health resort, and thousands of people bear testimony to the benefits derived from its mineral waters in cases of rheumatism and kindred diseases. For bilious and liver troubles, digestive troubles, nervous disorders, general debility, etc., the efficacy of its waters is wonderful. Seventy-five per cent. of rheumatism are cured, and ninety per cent. benefited. Reached direct by Grand Trunk Railway System.

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CROWD THOUGHT IT WAS CARRIE DAVIES

Only Moving Picture Man Who Was Posing for Film, But Crowd Would Not Believe

Great excitement occurred at the corner of Yonge and Richmond yesterday morning. A moving picture man had been taking a photo of a man coming out of the Royal Bank with a bunch of bills in his hand. A rumor immediately spread that Carrie Davies was in the bank drawing out her account, and from 10 o'clock until 2 the police were unable to keep the doorway leading to the bank clear.

HUSBAND GETS THIRD

George W. Grieve, dentist, of East Bloor street, has applied at the surrogate court that he be appointed administrator of the estate of his wife, Hattie Alberta Badgley Grieve, who died in Matamoras, India, Nov. 18, 1914, leaving no will. The estate is valued at \$25,572. The husband will receive one-third of the estate, the remainder will pass to Frederick E. Watson, a son.

BRITISH MAIL CLOSURES

British and foreign mail (via England) was closed at the general post-office at 6 a.m. today. Supplementary mail will close at 11 a.m.

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The opening of the public library at Mimico will be held tonight at 8.

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Administration of the estate of the late John Peter Jackson of Manchester, Vermont, who died in Toronto Feb. 11, 1915, leaving no will, has been applied for by the Toronto General Trusts Corporation.

The estate, which comprises \$2242, is to be divided equally between the widow, Mrs. Jane Baxter Jackson, and her daughter and son, all of whom reside in Manchester.

MUNICIPAL RESEARCH

R. C. Harris, commissioner of works, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Municipal Research Bureau Thursday at 4.

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