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IRELAND'S HOME CENTRE OF CONSTITUTIONAL EMPIRE WHICH MIGHT MEAN THE OVERTHROW OF BRITISH POWER AND INFLUENCE

Strong Resolution Condemning Home Rule Was Passed at the Mass Meeting Held in Massey Hall Last Night, Which Was First of a Series of Demonstrations.

Applause from a minority of the audience for Winston Churchill, when that British cabinet minister's name was mentioned, added zest to the proceedings at the anti-home rule meeting at Massey Hall last night.

Mayor Geary presided. He was supported on the platform by Rev. Dr. Hincks, Rev. Canon Dixon, Hon. Wallace Nesbitt, Dr. Thornton, Henry O'Brien, K.C., Dr. Conboy, J. S. Williams, W. Irving, W. Bush, R. Caldwell, W. Crawford, Fred Cane and W. Collins.

The platform and galleries were decorated with Union Jacks. Several hundred ladies with their escorts occupied the first gallery. The speeches were interspersed with patriotic songs.

Letters of regret were read from Col. Scott, supreme grand master of the Loyal Orange Association; Hon. A. E. Kemp, M.P., and John Ross Robertson, the latter sending a cheque for \$125.

Mayor Geary expressed gratification at the large attendance. He explained that the object of the meeting was to demonstrate that the meetings in favor of home rule did not fully express the opinion of the people of Toronto.

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NO FRANCHISES WITHOUT VOTE OF PEOPLE

Hon. Adam Beck Introduced New Bill, Which Stipulates That Electors Must Pass Upon All Terms and Conditions Before Any Private Corporation Gets Privileges.

In a bill respecting the granting of franchises by municipal councils, introduced by Hon. Adam Beck in the legislature yesterday, it is provided that no council of a municipality shall grant to any individual or company a franchise for a street railway, or public utility, including gas, electric light, heat, power or steam service, until a bylaw setting forth the terms and conditions of the franchise shall have been assented to by the electors.

The bill exempts from the operation of the law any case where gas, electric light or power lines are carried through a municipality to serve another municipality, the right to build works for the transmission of oil, natural gas or water, or where the franchising is limited in its operation to a period not exceeding one year and is approved by the Ontario Railway Board, or in the case of a county by the lieutenant-governor-in-council.

MAINE SENATOR HAS GOOD BILL

Would Acquire Tangible Assets of Four Big Express Companies at Value of \$39,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Senator Gardner of Maine has introduced a bill authorizing the government to acquire the tangible assets of the four big express companies at their appraised value of \$39,167,819 for the purpose of at once establishing and operating a complete parcel post system.

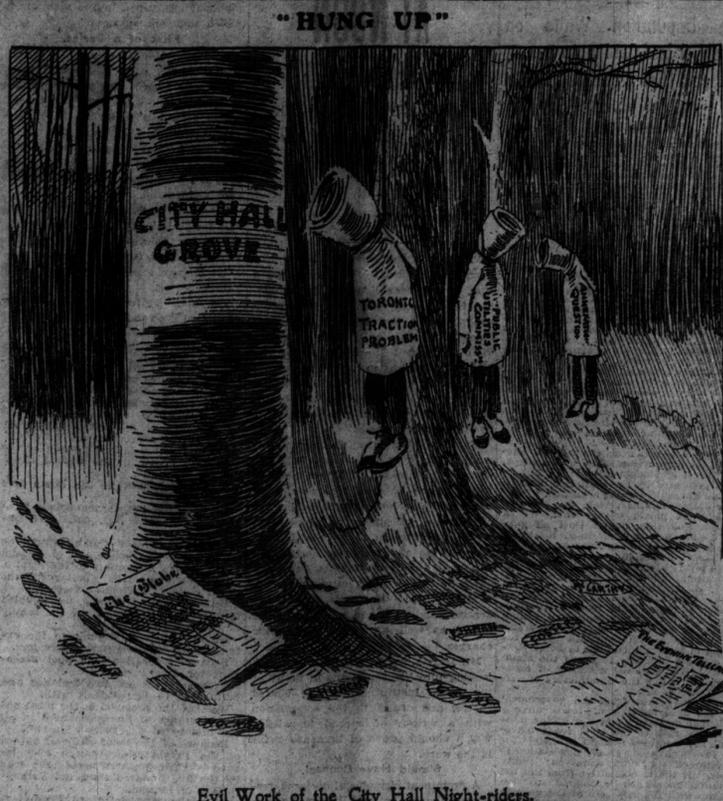
GAS STRUCK IN BRANTFORD.

BRANTFORD, Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Gas was struck in the centre of the city in large quantities here today on the residential property of Col. A. J. Wilkes. Drilling operations have now been commenced in the rear of the Kerby House.

Forget Party To Join Hands In Fighting Votes For Women

Mass Meeting Which Crowds Big Albert Hall To Doors Declares Enfranchisement Would Be Detrimental To National Welfare—Prominent Statesmen Give Addresses

LONDON, Feb. 28.—(Can. Press.)—An anti-suffragette campaign was launched to-night by a mass meeting in Albert Hall, which was packed to the doors. The presence of a great number of prominent persons in various walks of life attested to the existence of a weighty opposition to the enfranchisement of women.



Evil Work of the City Hall Night-riders.

BELIEVES IN STRAPPING BOYS AND HAS HANDCUFFED THEM! PUT ON BREAD AND WATER

D. McKinnon, Former Superintendent of Mimico Industrial School, Says That He Remembers Chaining Up a Boy Over Night, and Admits That System is the Same as When He Was In Charge.

J. D. McKinnon of the Pease Furnace Company, a member of the board of directors of the Victoria and Alexandra Industrial Schools, and formerly superintendent of the Victoria Industrial School at Mimico, told The World yesterday that there were boys at the school who were like the wild horses of the west, "loosed horses," he called them. He said that he had chained up a boy overnight while he was superintendent of the school 20 years ago, and that when a boy got the idea in his head that he would run away sometimes the only way to get it out was to tie him up for a few days so that he could not run away and that would get the idea out of his head. He said that the rules at the school were the same now as when he had been there, and that Superintendent Ferrier had shown in his sixteen years on the job, that he was just the man for the position, and that it was unfair to condemn him, even if he had made one mistake and gone a little further than he, Mr. McKinnon, would think justifiable.

"There are two men who know better than any of the rest of the board what conditions are at the school, for they have been there," said Superintendent Ferrier, at the meeting of the board yesterday. He referred to Ex-Superintendents Hendry and McKinnon. The World talked to Mr. McKinnon after the meeting. He said: "The rules are the same now as when I was there. My assistant could whip the boys when I was away. I did put handcuffs on one boy that I remember. There may have been more, but I remember one boy distinctly. I put the handcuff around his ankles and around the bedstead. They were put on at night and taken off next morning. I have put boys on bread and water, too. You know there are boys out there who are crazy. They may be just crazy about one thing. They are like loosed horses out west. Mr. Ferrier may have done some things which I would not have done, but he should not be condemned for one mistake."

"I believe in strapping boys, give it to them hot and forgive them, and have some fun with them. Of course, there are some boys who do not answer to whipping. Then it should be made harder and harder until you come to the bread and water and the handcuffs."

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THOMAS SNAKE KILLED BY TRAIN

Workman Fell From Flat Car When Shunting Engine Ran Into Train in C. N. R. Yards.

While engaged on construction work of the Canadian Northern Railway east of the city, shortly before six o'clock last night, Thomas Snake was instantly killed. Snake was standing on the rear of a flat car and did not notice that the shunting engine was backing into the train a few car lengths away from him. Losing his balance, he fell onto the tracks.

Dr. Winnett will open an inquest this afternoon at the morgue.

THEATRICAL MAN DIED YESTERDAY John Lewis, Who Was Property Man of Holman Opera Company for 25 Years, Passed Away.

After a lingering illness of six months, John Lewis, for twenty-five years property man of the Holman Opera Company and late property man at the Gaiety Theatre, died yesterday morning. He was one of the oldest members of the Theatrical Mechanical Association and was at one time stage manager of the Star Theatre.

The funeral will take place at three o'clock to-morrow afternoon from his late residence, 111 Montrose-avenue. The Theatrical Mechanical Association will take charge of the funeral.

ASQUITH FAILS IN EFFORTS TO AVERT HUGE COAL STRIKE MINERS' STAND IS UNSHAKEN

Nearly a Million Men Will Probably Quit Work To-morrow, But Legislation Forcing Owners to Give Minimum Wage is Expected to End Trouble Speedily.

BAY-ADELAIDE CORNER IS SOLD

Walter Harland Smith Paid W. D. Grand \$385,000 for Property Which Was Bought by Mr. Grand's Father 44 Years Ago for \$3500—Hotel and Five Stores Change Hands.

"For how much will you let me have that property?" "Well, we have been asking \$425,000, but if you close quick, we'll let you have it for \$400,000." "I'll give \$375,000." "Make it \$310,000 more and you can have it." "Done!"

The foregoing dialog closed up probably one of the quickest of big Toronto deals on record. The property involved in the southwest corner of Bay and Adelaide-streets, now occupied by the Widmer Hotel and five stores. It has a frontage of 94 feet on Bay and 98 feet on Adelaide-st.

The parties to the deal were Messrs. Walter Harland Smith of Toronto and W. D. Grand of the Grand Estate of this city, purchaser and vendor respectively. Mr. Smith already owns adjoining property, having 54 feet frontage on Adelaide-street, with a depth of 14 feet, and including his latest purchase, will have a ground area of about 18,000 square feet. He has not yet decided just what he will do with the property, "but is pausing," as he puts it, "to regain his breath."

He considers the property among the best in the city, and the fact that the land has a rear entrance adjacent to the Molsons Bank Buildings on Bay-street makes it all the more desirable.

Neither of the parties had had any previous negotiations on the deal until yesterday. At luncheon at the National Club Mr. Smith suddenly put the question to Mr. Grand, and in about 20 seconds the deal was closed.

In connection with the transfer it will be interesting to note that 44 years ago it took Mr. Grand's father, the late Joseph Grand, one year to decide whether to pay the Gilmour Estate \$8500 for the same property, but he eventually purchased it, and until yesterday it has remained a part of the original estate.

The solicitors in the deal are Clarke & Swabey.

WOULD END TURKO-ITALIAN WAR

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 28.—(Can. Press.)—It is stated in official circles that Russia has made fresh proposals to the powers with a view to securing an armistice for the discussion of a basis of peace between Italy and Turkey.

What Constitutes Tights And What Doesn't?

Story That All Chorus Girls Would Have To Be Draped Caused Great Flurry Among Theatre Folk, But It is Only Partially True.

Last night the cry rang out thru the city that the morality department of the police had issued a general order abolishing the wearing of tights in theatrical performances and in various places the lovers of burlesque and musical comedy were to be found bathed in tears and sunk deep in several fathoms of gloom. Later the terrible story was found to be only partially true, when Staff Inspector Kennedy declared that he had heard of no such sweeping edict and that all he knew of the matter was that the police were continuing to demand that pianos or pantees must invariably be found with tights.

The trouble arises from the fact that one man is unable to be in several places at once, so that the tights passed by one officer of the department at one theatre may shock one who attends another house. The protest raised is that costumes which get by at the musical comedy houses, and jokes, too, for that matter, are barred in the burlesque houses. There is also a kick coming because one officer may pass a certain kind of costume one week and another will nail the same thing to the wall another week.

Morning Merry in the Hot Section

Women's High-grade Boots

ing Pumps and ppers, \$2.95

Items for the Annual Day the Sale Hosiery

point of visiting the Yonge street section, the hosiery for women and occupy new quarters.

Pure Silk Hose, light blue, boot, gauze weight, extra fine thread sole, heel, and toe, white, tan, sky blue, navy, Regularly 75c. Hosiery Sale, Thursday, 50c.

Fine Imported Lisle Hose, in a large variety of plain black, tan, sky blue, and colors with silk embroideries, lace and fancy patterns. Regularly 50c. Hosiery Sale, Thursday, 35c.

Plain Black All-wool Hose, seamless double toe, heel, and sole, soft elastic, Regularly 50c. Hosiery Sale, Thursday, 35c.

Plain Black "Llama" Hose, English make, full 1 1/2, Llama in red silk at the sale. Regularly 1.19. Hosiery Sale, Thursday, 85c.

Fine All-wool Cashmere, extra fine elastic rib, toes and heels. Black, tan, pink. Sizes 4 to 7. Hosiery Sale, Thursday, 50c.

and Girls' Heavy All-wool, made from good quality yarn, black only. Seamless, sole, toe, and sole sizes 4 to 7. Hosiery Sale, Thursday, 50c.

Fine Imported Lisle Thread in lot consists of all kinds in plain, fancy, patterns, provided. Regularly 50c. Sale price, Thursday, 35c.

Plain Black Cashmere seamless double elastic, heel, sole, toe, and sole sizes 4 to 7. Hosiery Sale, Thursday, 50c.

ASSAM TEA FOR 25c

Fine Rich Full-bodied Assam, 25c. tea anywhere, say, per lb.

Yonge Street Store For Rent

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GOVERNMENT MAY BUY COLLIERIES

LONDON, Feb. 28.—(Can. Press.)—After negotiations lasting a week, the government to-night in an official communication admits its failure to stave off a national coal strike. True, the negotiations will be resumed to-morrow, but little is expected from these.

The deadlock is graver than anticipated. It had been supposed that the greatest difficulty would arise from the Welsh mine owners and public opinion was veering in favor of the miners, who it was thought would be satisfied with the concession of the principle of a minimum wage, leaving the adjustment of the detail to subsequent arbitration or negotiation. It is now seen that the miners themselves are placing the greatest obstacle in the way of a peaceful solution by insisting upon their own interpretation of the terms of the minimum wage.

Minium Wage Bill. A meeting of the cabinet has been called to to-morrow to discuss the government's policy in view of the failure to avert a strike, and it is expected that an important statement concerning the situation will be made to parliament. The general expectation is that the government will introduce a minimum wage bill, and there is also some talk of the introduction of a crown to purchase some of the collieries in Wales, so that henceforth it will be impossible to jeopardize the navy's supply of Welsh coal.

By to-morrow night nearly a million miners will have ceased work. The best authorities, however, are strongly of the opinion that the strike will be of short duration.

Conferees Not Barren. In this aspect of the situation which renders the outlook almost hopeless. At the same time it is felt that the government's efforts have not been wasted. The government has secured the assent of 80 per cent. of the mine owners of the country to the principle of a minimum wage, thus greatly facilitating its task should it be deemed advisable to resort to legislative enforcement of the minimum wage, according to opinion on the lobby of parliament to-night, this will be the next step, should the conferees which are to be held to-morrow show that the deadlock is insuperable.

Breaking the rule of secrecy and silence which has heretofore been rigidly observed during the course of the

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JOHN WILL KEEP QUIET TILL ANNEXATION PASSES.

John, Florida. Toronto: Forman's doll gran. He's barked the estimation of Victoria-when he's been to work his association of Moore Park. He's delighted Maister Fleming, whom he succeeded, as you can see, in the City Hall as Assessment Commissioner. Maister Fleming has every confidence in Forman. He's been the Little York cut at the minister's love to say. We're puttin' what Tammas Church call the kybosh on every proposition for civic progress that comes along. Let me know how much will gang in a bit side by side. I agree with you on the matter of the blue line. I have some tips on Maister Nelson call them at the Woodbine. The War loss is callin' for a traffic expert. As if Maister Fleming was use all the expert the city needs! He's the fella's the day? Jeff.

Jeff, Toronto. Florida: Forman's the man to hold things to. We're in a bit of a bit this morning when I was thinking of the absurdity of putting Toronto out to Eglinton-ave. If the people live south of Bloor-street, they'd have only one fare to pay! And The Tel's favor of clearing out all the stumps south of Bloor-street. I agree with you on these propositions! We want the ward for hospital and fraternal purposes. If that involves the people going out to Mimico, let them pay two fares for doing so. That's legit. Not does Toronto want any traffic expert or more municipal lines. Toronto can't afford to sustain two lines; therefore, Robert John's must get the preference. Besides, I'll never let The Tel's help anything that we don't be the first to advocate. But sometimes we'll go quiet on a thing and say nothing more against it when we can't any longer head it off. I, therefore, authorize you to keep The Tel's quiet on annexation till Geary puts it thru; then, we'll claim it as another of The Tel's victories. You ought to see the judge on the women down here. They're a lot of rich people here and they spend money like sixty. Most of them, I find, made it in public franchise business. They all think like me that cities should be kept in check. They are fine people. Jim is for a swim. Lots of lady dolphins here. John.

THE ENGLISH HATS.

The English style in hats has been completely a new thing in the world of fashion. Even the very independent makers of the American narrow rimmed blocks have been forced to copy the prevailing London designs or go broke. Dunlap of New York, the greatest of all American hat makers, has fallen in line with some splendid Derby hats with low crowns and sweeping brims. The E. J. Neen Company, at 140 Yonge-street, are sole Canadian agents for these Dunlap hats and for Henry Heath of London, England.

