

UTILITIES WOULD PURCHASE POWER

Springbank Dam Plan Favored By Commissioner

WOULD PAY HIGHER RATE

Mr. Pocock Confident Contract Could Be Arranged

"I think I am perfectly safe in saying that the Public Utilities Commission would sign a contract with the city for all the power it could generate at Springbank if it went ahead and built a dam there. I also think that I am safe in saying that the commission would pay a higher price for this power than they are paying at present for power from Niagara."

This is the statement of Commissioner Pocock, when asked regarding the dam and its power possibilities. Commissioner Pocock pointed out that the opinion seemed to be general that the Public Utilities Commission was opposed to the construction of the dam at Springbank and declared that, as far as he was concerned, this opinion was entirely erroneous. He also declared that he believed this was the opinion of all of the other commissioners.

As far as the commission building the dam as a power proposition, it is useless to consider, he declared. "We have had engineers here and the cost of the dam puts it out of reach from a power standpoint. We are anxious to see the dam built from an aesthetic standpoint, however, and believe it will make a remarkable improvement, providing, as it will, boating and other water sports, and at the same time make a great improvement along the river."

POTENTIAL H. P., 1000.

He pointed out that at the present level, the river could generate only 200 horsepower of electrical energy. But if the dam were built, it would be possible to generate some 1,000 horsepower, which would be used by the commission two or three hours each day for peak factor correction.

"If the city builds the dam I am convinced that the commission will buy all the power it can generate, put in a meter and pay them a higher rate for the power than we are paying for the power from Niagara. This increased price would be offered to encourage the construction of the dam and for the benefits which will be derived by the city in improvements. We would only be pleased to see the city go ahead and build it."

Regarding the proper site for the dam, Commissioner Pocock stated that he believed the proper site would be about opposite the casino.

"There is a drop of about seven feet between the location of the old dam and the point opposite the casino, and this would be a great benefit to the power standpoint. The river is narrower at this point, and this is also in favor of the construction of the dam here, and then there is the fact that boating facilities would be afforded for a distance of some three-quarters of a mile more than we had before. There is the fact that only one lot on the north side of the river would have to be purchased. I have been talking to the owner of this lot and I am under the impression that he would deal very reasonably with the city if they were interested for the purchase with a view to building the dam."

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RAINFALL 1.88 INCHES DURING THE PAST MONTH

During the month of July 1.88 inches of rain fell, as compared with 2.24 inches of rain for the corresponding month of last year.

The highest temperature for the past month was 80 above on the 20th. The lowest temperature for the past month was 44 degrees above, recorded on the 2nd. The lowest temperature registered for the month of July, 1923, was 17 degrees above, recorded on the 26th of the month.

STRONG WESTERN FILM AT PATRICIA

"The Back Trail," Starring Jack Hoxie, Makes Big Hit

For the latter half of the week the Patricia is offering one of the best screen productions for some time, "The Back Trail." This is a thrilling Western story, starring the well-known cowboy screen star, Jack Hoxie.

The story opens with Jeff Prouty, a wounded war veteran, being identified as a "sore" gambler hall as a native of the old west. He is then taken to a saloon where he is identified as a "sore" gambler hall as a native of the old west. He is then taken to a saloon where he is identified as a "sore" gambler hall as a native of the old west.

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THREE GOOD ACTS ON LOEW'S BILL

"Babbitt the Feature Film of Great Interest"

Three splendid acts form the vaudeville bill at Loew's, the latter part of the week. The bill opens with a paragon of comedy, a number of the very highest calibre plays the comedian, who is certainly one of the best of his kind in the city.

There was also the first chapter of a new serial, "The Past Express," and the playing throughout the whole chapter is excellent. The star is William Duncan.

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CHILDREN STAGE SLENDOR PARADE

Playgrounds Youngsters Held Torchlight Procession

BIRKETTS WON SHIELD

Lanterns and Costumes Lent Carnival Appearance

Seven hundred joyous youngsters joined in the monster torchlight procession of playground children starting from the federal square last night. Lanterns of gaily decorated strawberry boxes lent a weird, unearthly appearance to the long line as it marched up Dundas street, through Victoria Park and back along Richmond to the square, where they broke up to go home.

Long-ears, pony riders, with their loads of tiny tots, and one brave horseman, bravely clad in scarlet and yellow, led the different sections of the parade, following the mounted orchestra. Next came the regular army of marchers, each holding his or her lantern. Each playground group was headed by a huge banner and decorated floats of colors gloriously beyond description, and the whole looked like a Chinese holiday carnival. Huge lanterns, with the names of the grounds emblazoned on them, were carried by the children.

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HOLIDAY HOURS AT THE LOCAL POST OFFICE

Monday, being civic holiday, the post office will be closed on that day except between the hours of 8 and 10 a.m. During which period the general delivery and registration tickets will be open.

There will be no delivery by letter carrier, but special delivery letters received at the post office will be specially delivered.

The outgoing mails due for dispatch after 12 o'clock noon will be closed at that hour. The night mails will be dispatched as usual.

Only one clearance will be made from the street letter boxes and parcel receptacles, commencing at 7:30 p.m.

Money order, savings bank and postal note tickets will be closed the entire day.

MAJORITY OF 157 FOR BY-LAW AT GODERICH

GODERICH, July 31.—Goderich citizens again showed faith in the industries when they carried the Goderich Salt Company by-law today, 236 to 157 against, a majority of 157.

This by-law is an extension of an old one which expired this year. It gives them exemption from taxation, except school taxes, and free hydro up to 12 hours per month. Less than half the voters' list polled their votes.

THREE KILLED WHEN AIRPLANE CRASHES

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ark., July 31.—Two men and a woman were killed today when the airplane in which they were making an exhibition flight over this village fell 1,500 feet to earth.

The dead are: Barney Schulz, 26, Lalet, Miss.; Charles Hendrick, 26, Lulu, Miss.; Miss Audrey Gates, 19, Vinson, Ark.

Grand Bend, Ford Picnic Postponed

The Ford picnic at Grand Bend was postponed last Wednesday because it rained all morning, and will be held on August 13. It will take more than rain to postpone that wedding day if you are Sir George arrives at Quebec to do a picture of blue-white diamonds from John A. Nash, My Jeweler, London, Windsor, "where you will eventually buy."

How They Looked 40 Years Ago

A picture of the delegates from the British Association for the Advancement of Science was taken in 1884 on board the Allan liner Parisian. This unique photograph is published through the courtesy of Sir George Greenhill, who forwarded it through the Cunard Steamship Company.

On the Cunard steamer Caronia, with Sir Ernest Rutherford, president of the association, and most of the remaining delegates. He is seen at the top of the picture with arms folded on the rail. He is the oldest living member of the British association today.

REMAINED FOR WEEK WHEN FOUND IN PARK

Ray Rowley, Dressed in Highly-Decorated Uniform, Arrested at Brantford

BRANTFORD, July 31.—Remand for a week was granted in the case of Ray Rowley, who appeared in police court dressed in a uniform which might be taken for that of a rear admiral of the navy. He was recently sent to an institution at London, was found in the Mohawk Park pavilion at a late hour last night, stating as reason that he was following some men who had broken in, he desiring to find out what they were doing in the place. The police were then called.

After serving as membership and in the secretary of the Y. M. C. A. here for five years, Mr. Leslie Broomfield left to go to Oshawa to become general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. there. While here he was responsible for the organization of most of the city sporting organizations and, while these were now firmly established, his loss will be keenly felt.

Dr. E. Hill, Ottawa General Hospital, arrived here today to take up residence on the six National Indian Reserve as assistant to medical superintendent. Dr. W. Davis, in place of Dr. H. J. Quinn, Mount Pleasant, retiring to enlarge his private practice.

RELINQUISHES POSITION

LONDON, July 31.—Obed Smith, commissioner of immigration for Canada in the British Isles for the last 16 years, relinquished his position today.

Mr. Smith was in the service of the Manitoba Government for 10 years previous to his being appointed Canadian commissioner of immigration.

There Was No Waiting For This Barber!

Charles McIndoe, 416 Talbot street, wanted to find a barber immediately—not to cut his hair, but to get a haircut.

And he certainly got one in a hurry—in considerably less time than a half day after his "help." Wanted one of the barbers of the Free Press classified section. I had an unusually large and prompt response to my ad," he phoned, "and I'm more than prepared to pay for the service. If you have an employment problem of any sort—solve it now by calling 5200."

AUDIENCE ENJOYS MAJESTIC SHOW

Fred Webster's Company Presents Delightful Revue

With "A Night On a Roof Garden" as their latest vehicle, Fred Webster and his "Atta Girl" company scored at the Majestic Theatre. Again yesterday before probably the largest crowd to greet the players so far. Laughs and general entertainment is equal to any of the first time. The show is well worth seeing.

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PLANS OF FRANCE BREAK DEADLOCK

Experts Make Rapid Progress In Adjusting Views.

LONDON, July 31.—(Associated Press Cable)—The deadlock in the interallied conference was broken yesterday by the proposals of M. Herriot, the French premier, submitted on Wednesday to the allied plenipotentiaries. When the experts adjourned at 2.15 this (Friday) morning, after having been in session throughout the night, while a large part of the proposals had been made acceptable, certain phases had not yet been agreed to.

James A. Logan, the American official observer, said he was hopeful that a settlement would be reached today. The experts will reconvene at 10 o'clock this morning to continue their work.

It was a tired, haggard group that left the foreign office and walked through Downing street and Whitehall in the small hours after 15 hours of almost continuous deliberation on Premier Herriot's new plan.

The experts took the proposals in hand yesterday morning and made rapid progress. Officials who are close to the conference table believe that an invitation for German representatives to come to London will be dispatched some time today. After discussing with the conference delegates the methods which have been agreed upon for financing the Dawes plan, the Germans, if they give their acquiescence, will make final arrangements with the reparations commission for putting the new reparations project into effect. The commission decided to sit officially in London for that purpose.

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LEADS HELPING HAND TO CUPID

Lovers In Dilemma On Finding Dean Tucker Ill

GEORGE T. HISCOX ASSISTS

Secures Minister and Plays Host At Ceremony

Miss Hilda Rankine, of Norville, Ont., and John Hartgrave, of Brantford, Ont., came to this city on Wednesday to get married. They journeyed to Dean Tucker's home and were seen by George T. Hiscox, of 150 Queen's avenue, to the bell for some time. Mr. Hiscox told the party, which included the intending bride and groom and the former's mother, that the dean was at his country home at Springbank, in fact that he had been injured by a fall from a cherry tree.

The party was greatly disappointed. The groom explained to Mr. Hiscox that he and his fiancée had come from Brantford to be married by Dean Tucker, a personal friend. Mr. Hiscox took the party to his home, which is across the street from the church, and introduced them to his wife. He then telephoned Rev. Canon Gunne, of the church, and had the marriage ceremony performed in the Hiscox residence.

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