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CASE OF THE U.S. GOVT. AGAINST TOBACCO TRUST

Attorney-General Wants to Get After Companies Omitted From a Previous Verdict.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Attorney-General George W. Wickersham, and his special assistant, J. C. McReynolds, to-day presented to the supreme court of the United States, a lengthy brief in the cases of the government against the tobacco trust, which will be argued next week in that court.

The attorney general takes the position that the findings against the trust in the United States circuit court for the southern district of New York, sweeping as they seem to have been, were not broad enough and he asked the supreme court to extend them as to so widen their scope as to take in the foreign companies and some individuals who were relieved from the operation of the verdict. Many other extensions of the judgment also are requested.

Huge Resources.

After showing that in 1890 competition was free, coalitions are given to show that the combination has grown until its combined assets amount to $400,000,000. It is asserted that the combination manufactures all of the cigarets for export, and almost three-fourths of the smoking tobacco, and of the cigarets for domestic sale, more than three-fourths of the plug, twist and fine cut tobacco, and almost all of the snuff and little cigars that are made.

It is declared, "that the defendants have persistently exercised duress, have practiced wicked and unfair methods, and used their great power in oppressive ways." Further, it is asserted that they have been actuated by a fixed purpose to destroy competition and obtain monopolies.

"Competitors have gradually disappeared, and the combination, now strongly entrenched, unduly restricts the business of those in the trade and prevents others from entering."

It is declared that substantially all established jobbers in New England were induced to throw out independent products, as were those of Philadelphia, New York, and many other specified places, and that independent jobbing in New York was destroyed by the organization of the Metropolitan Tobacco Company.

Heavy Advertiser.

The advertising methods of the trust are referred to as a means of influencing both business and public sentiment, and it is said that not less than ten million dollars were expended in this way in the single year of 1906.

The attorney-general interprets the complaint as not merely directed to the acquisition and ownership of stocks or other property, but as against the company's operations in commerce.

He seems inclined to the view that a receiver should be appointed for the business of the parties to the combination, and he adds:

"The very existence of certain defendants is criminal and certainly they cannot rightfull yecomplain. Because restrained from carrying out the unlawful purposes of their creation; they are wilfully in positions where every act is a transgression."

THE WEATHER

OBSERVATORY, TORONTO, Dec. 30.—(8 p.m.)—During last night the disturbance off the Atlantic coast developed into a very severe storm, which is now centred in New England, and heavy gales, with snow, have prevailed in Nova Scotia. The weather has moderated somewhat in Ontario and Manitoba, and continues mild in the far west.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 32—42; Vancouver, 37—42; Edmonton, 20—30; Battleford, 10—22; Calgary, 34—44; Moose Jaw, 12—33; Qu'Appelle, 10—34; Winnipeg, 2 below—14; Port Arthur, 8 below—16; Parry Sound, 16 below—12; London, zero—12; Toronto, 2 below—17; Ottawa, 4 below—6; Montreal, 2 below—8; Quebec, 14 below—8; St. John, 4—12; Halifax, 8—26.

—Probabilities—

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fresh southwesterly winds; mostly cloudy and milder, with light local snowfalls.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Fair, with a little higher temperature.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf — Strong westerly winds; fair and cold.

Maritime—Westerly winds, gradually decreasing in force; fair and cold.

Superior — Partly fair; light local snowfalls.

Manitoba—Fair and milder.

Saskatchewan and Alberta — Fair and mild.

THE OBSERVATORY.

Time.	Ther.	Bar.	Wind.
8 a.m.	1	29.66	7N.
Noon	11	....	....
2 p.m.	13	29.69	12W.
4 p.m.	13	....	....
8 p.m.	16	29.64	15S.W.

Mean of day, 7; difference from average, 17 below; highest, 17; lowest, 2 below zero.

STEAMSHIP SAILINGS.

Dec. 31	At	From
Pennsylvania	New York	Hamburg
Cedric	New York	Genoa
Monmouth	Liverpool	St. John, N.B.
La Provence	Havre	New York
Argentina	Venice	New York

Foreign Mails.

British and foreign mails via England will be closed at the Toronto General Postoffice during the early part of January as follows:

Date and hour of closing.	Steamer.	From.
Jan. 3—11 a.m.	Kaiser W. II.	New York
Jan. 4— 3 p.m.	Umbria	New York
Jan. 4— 3 p.m.	Kaiser Aug. Victoria	New York
Jan. 6— 8 p.m.	Grampian	Halifax
Jan. 7—11 a.m.	New York	New York

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Geary meeting, O'Neill's Hall, Parliament and Queen, 8.

Royal Alexandra, "The Blue Mouse," 8.

Princess, "The Thief," 8.

Grand, "St. Elmo," 2 and 8.

Shea's, vaudeville, 2 and 8.

Majestic Music Hall, vaudeville, 2 and 8.

Star, burlesque, 2 and 8.

Gayety, burlesque, 2 and 8.

DEATHS.

CHANT—At her residence, Brampton, Dec. 29, 1909, Emily Anna, wife of Thos. Chant, in her 51st year.

Funeral to Brampton Cemetery on Friday at 2.30 p.m.

CLARKE—At her late residence, lot 13, concession 6, of Whitchurch, on Thursday, Mary Wideman, beloved wife of David Clarke, aged 50 years 10 months and 2 days.

Funeral from the house on Saturday, Jan. 1, at 12.30, to the Mennonite Church, concession 8, Markham, for service and burial.

JOHNSON—On Thursday, Dec. 30, 1909, at No. 7 Trinity-square, Toronto, Mrs. Jennie Johnson, aged 53 years.

Funeral from B. D. Humphrey's undertaking parlors, 321 Yonge-street, to-day, at 4 p.m., to H. Baker's, Stouffville. Interment on Saturday, Jan. 1, in the Mennonite Cemetery, Markham.

PERRY—On Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1909, at the residence of his son-in-law, N. Camps, Scarboro Junction, Charles Perry, in his 65th year.

Funeral Saturday, Jan. 1, at 2 p.m., to St. Margaret's Cemetery, West Hill.

LAMENT EARL PERCY'S DEATH

Balfour Fears Nation Has Sustained Irreparable Loss.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The most interesting utterances in Arthur J. Balfour's first speech since his recovery, delivered to-night at Haddington, was his eloquent tribute to Earl Percy, by whose untimely death in Paris to-day, he said, "not merely the Unionist party but the nation sustained a great and for a time, he feared, an irreparable loss."

The other Conservative speakers and all the Conservative newspapers are lamenting Earl Percy's death as a serious blow to the cause, especially in the present campaign. Earl Percy they declare, was one of the most promising and brilliant men on the Unionist side.

The flood of election oratory increases daily, the feature of the campaign being the large number of peers who are addressing political meetings.

FROM WITNESS BOX TO JAIL

Attempt to Clear Friend Leads to His Own Arrest.

ROSTHERN, Sask., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Reinhard Fisher, a young farmer, was to-day committed for trial for seducing a 16-year-old girl. Fisher endeavored to prove she was a prostitute and a friend of his, Charles Lehman, swore to alleged occurrences two years ago. Lehman was promptly arrested on his own evidence. It is believed he swore falsely to clear his friend, and should he clear himself of the charge of having carnal knowledge of a child, he will face a charge of perjury.

Ward for Controller, with his twelve years' experience.

TWO DIE FROM COLD

Two Men Found Frozen in New York Doorways.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Three deaths, due directly to the cold wave that held the city in its grasp, were reported to-day.

Two were unfortunately homeless men. They were found frozen to-night crouching in doorways where they had sought shelter from the icy blasts.

The third victim, was John Flanagan, a teamster. Benumbed by the cold, he fell from his truck to instant death beneath its wheels.

Workingmen, remember your best friend, Controller Ward, and re-elect him.

G.T. CENSURED FOR NOT KEEPING LINE FENCE UP

Boy Lost His Life While Trespassing on Grand Trunk Tracks—Inquest at Morgue.

"Thomas Percy Hodgson came to his death Dec. 23 by being run over by a Grand Trunk freight train between Galt-avenue and Blake-street. We find that the Grand Trunk Railway is to blame for not keeping the fences in a proper state of repair."

The foregoing was the verdict returned by Coroner Fred Winnett's jury at the morgue last night.

The evidence showed that the boy wanted to cross the track before the train got out of the way, and tried to cross between the cars. He tried to catch one car, but failed, and, falling on his back across the rail, his body was severed at the abdomen.

Mrs. Edith Payne of 2 Blake-street, an eye-witness, said people constantly crossed the track there. Persons had broken down the fences. It was a common practice for boys to get on the trains there.

Mrs. Lucy Taylor, 162 Galt-avenue, said a fence had been put up one day by the railway employes and torn down by people who wished to cross there the next day. She had heard of the railway people warning children from the track.

Gordon Love, aged 10, who was with the Hodgson boy when he was killed, said the boys were in the habit of crossing there. He had crossed there before, but said he would not do it again. He swore he had never been told not to go on the track.

Gobin Ogilvie, aged 12, who was also with deceased, said he had not been warned against going on the tracks.

A. Conde, Grand Trunk engineer, said he had been troubled with boys riding on the trains, and had had a number of them arrested.

Richard Day, Grand Trunk constable, said there had been on an average of forty convictions a year for trespassing on that grade during the past fifteen years.

James Hodge, another railway constable, had taken the names of numerous trespassers. He said the fences had been fixed in the day-time and chopped down by persons unknown at night.

William F. Wood, railway constable, had both warned and arrested boys.

George Hoag, police constable, examined the fences and found them in bad shape.

MONTREAL CIVIC SLATE

Guerin for Mayor and Strong Quartet for Controllers.

MONTREAL, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—It will now be seen if the citizens committee will be able to impose their selection upon the electorate, even supposing the choice is all right.

The official slate as announced is: Dr. J. J. Guerin for mayor, and Dr. Lachappelle, president of the board of health, J. N. Dupuis, F. L. Wanklyn and Joseph Ainey for board of control, the last named being a labor leader of some prominence. They all have as good as accepted.

There is also a statement that Senator Casgrain will oppose Dr. Guerin, but it is not thought probable.

St. Catharines Curling Club.

ST. CATHARINES, Dec. 30.—The St. Catharines Curling Club has reorganized, with these officers: Patron, R. W. Leonard; president, W. J. McCarron; vice-president, D. B. Crombie; secretary-treasurer, Alex. Milne; executive committee, the officers and J. P. Casey, D. M. Muir, G. F. Peterson; skips, J. B. McIntyre, J. L. Weller, H. J. Johnston, G. F. Peterson, D. M. Muir and D. B. Crombie.

WOMEN GIVE SIGN OF TIMES

T. P. O'Connor Sees Hope in New U. S. Movement.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—T. P. O'Connor, in an interview here, gave an interesting account of his American tour.

He commented, as a remarkable sign of the times, on the assistance given the labor movement in the United States, especially by women of the richest classes, and expressed the belief that the United States was coming to some decisive movement in the direction of a more equitable distribution of wealth.

Broadway Tabernacle, New Year's Evening, Jessie Alexander, Arthur Blight, 25c.

WYCHWOOD CHEERS HOCKEN

Tubes Evidently Highly Popular in Northwest Section.

Controller Hocken was cheered to the echo at a fine rally of 200 Wychwood electors in Hillcrest School, Bathurst street, last night. Enthusiasm for the tubes was very marked, and there seems no doubt that both Controller Hocken and his pet project will be given solid support by the whole northwest section of the city.

Mr. Hocken, speaking of his opponent's professions of civic economy, asked whether Mr. Geary intended to deprive them of the services to which they, as new citizens, were legitimately entitled. His description of the great benefits that would accrue from the municipal railway drew great applause.

The speaker replied to The Star's editorial, charging him with having undertaken to reorganize the parks department to satisfy a personal grudge. He declared that he had advocated the retirement of certain employes solely because they were unfitted by age and infirmity, and their replacement by competent men.

Controller Geary, who spoke earlier, failed to rouse any appreciable enthusiasm, his reception being lacking in the warm cordiality shown Mr. Hocken.

Addresses were given by board of control candidates and aldermanic aspirants of the fifth ward.

State Government by Commission.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Government by commission must have had red ears today, if it was listening to the proceedings of the American Historical and the American Economic Association.

The subject under discussion was the physical valuation of public service industries, and both W. H. Williams, vice-president of the Delaware & Hudson Railroad, and Frederick W. Whitridge, receiver of the Third-avenue Railway took strong stands against present tendencies, both in national and state legislation.

Mr. Whitridge contended that any physical valuation made to-day of his properties might be worthless to-morrow "unless science were chained."

"Otherwise," said he, "somebody may come along and smash the whole official edifice by revolutionizing the business."

BRAMPTON POWER BYLAW NO TIME LIKE PRESENT

Big Public Meeting Held and Facts Given to Show Advantages That Will Accrue.

BRAMPTON, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Brampton will vote on a hydro-electric power bylaw on Monday. A public meeting was held to-night practically in favor of the bylaw. Hon. Adam Beck was prevented by illness from being present, his place being well filled by J. W. Lyon of Guelph. Other speakers were John R. Barber, Georgetown, ex-M.L.A. for Halton, and E. W. Sothman, engineer of the power commission.

Mr. Barber is the owner of the big paper mill at Georgetown. He has a valuable water power on the River Credit. His endorsation of the power policy of the government is therefore very valuable. So fully convinced is he of the profitable and efficient nature of the power, that he is ready and waiting to make a contract for all the power required to run his mill. He had investigated power of all kinds here and in England, and had formed the conclusion that hydro-electric power is cheapest and best.

J. W. Lyon asked: "What has the Hydro-Electric Commission or the government to gain by doing something that might injure the credit and standing of your towns?" The only thing they could gain is votes. To do that they must act squarely. They were making no money; Hon. Adam Beck had not accepted one cent, except expenses.

The present was Brampton's opportunity. If a contract was made now it would be put on the Toronto line—a great advantage. The cost would be lower than if a special line was constructed. Toronto was the great power user and Brampton would get the advantage of every additional horse power used there, thus reducing the cost. The cost was $9.40 at the Falls and with the cost of transmission, $29.75 in all for 24 hours. The taxpayers would not contribute one cent, as the burden would be carried by the people who used the power.

Mr. Sothman explained that in not one instance was the commissioners' estimate in error. Brampton's estimate is $40,000, but only a portion of that would be required for some years.

A TORONTO ENGINEER WINS ENGLISH BRIDE

Wedding Ceremony at Richmond Park, With Bridesmaids Wearing Real Canadian Maple Leaves.

A Canadian wedding in old England was celebrated yesterday, when John Frederick Vandeleur of Toronto, son of Col. Vandeleur of Howe, England, was married to Miss Mary Theodora, daughter of Lt.-Col. Owen of Sheen Lodge, Richmond Park.

The ceremony took place in Christ Church, Richmond Park, with the service fully choral and the national hymn "O Canada," was sung as a recessional.

The bridesmaids were attired in white, with white fur hats trimmed with real maple leaves that were sent from Toronto by special request.

Mr. Vandeleur is a member of the well-known engineering firm of Vandeleur and Nicholls, this city. With his bride, he will arrive home about the end of January, and will reside on Chestnut Park-road.

DRAFTS NOT A DANGER

Woman Expert Believes In Lots of Cold Air.

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Helen H. Richards of the faculty of the Massachusetts' Institute of Technology, in an address before the biological chemists, at to-day's session of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, ridiculed the fear of sitting in draughts and made an earnest plea for air draughts and lots of them.

"In no quarter do we do more wrong," said she, "than to our young students by compelling them to listen to lectures and to work in an atmosphere that dulls their wits and befogs their minds. It is quite time that some biophysicist wrote a convincing tract on draught and its necessity."

BLOOR STREET VIADUCT.

Editor World: The papers that favored the Wilton-avenue bridge are against the viaduct. The Wilton bridge was, one might say, only a benefit to a small section of the city. Therefore some of the papers favored it. But those papers are now opposed to an improvement that will benefit the whole city. Why are they against it? Do they want the city to be kept back another twenty years? Or do they want to wait until the increased cost would pay the interest on the present cost? Some years ago we tried to get the gas laid up Broadview to Danforth, but one of the aldermen said if one was fool enough to build in this section we could put up with the consequences. He was a shareholder in the Gas Company. But since gas and electric light service has been given in this section and before a west ender decides to take tion house after house has been built the advice of interested newspapers or senile moosbacks let him take the Broadview-avenue to the head of Broadview and look around and see the progress made in the course of a few years, and the amount of available land there is for the home of the workingman. The members of the Civic Guild are like the gentleman tailors who thought they represented the whole of the British nation. They imagine the city's progress ought to be kept back to protect a few nice residences in Rosedale. East enders always helped the west enders to get their subways thru. We only ask justice to be done us because we want a greater Toronto. And we do not want the city kept back by the Toronto Railway Company or any other corporations. G. F.

Re-elect Controller Ward and a Low Tax Rate.

Ald. McMillin's record for his first year as an alderman in the first ward is a creditable one. While he is not a heaven-born orator, he has shown himself a hard worker and when he speaks it is decidedly to the point. He has done a great deal for the ward in an unobtrusive way and his constituents should recognize the fact and support him for re-election.

See that Controller Ward is returned at the head of the poll. His record entitles him to the first choice.

Facts About Bloor St.-Danforth Ave. Viaduct

The estimated cost of $769,000 is the outside figure. The actual expenditure may be less.

City Engineer Rust figures the cost of construction at $619,000. Assessment Commissioner Forman says positively land damages will not exceed $150,000.

The viaduct will consist of two sections—one 1200 feet long, to span the first Rosedale ravine from Sherbourne-street; the other, 1450 feet long, crossing the Don River at a height of 120 feet.

Mr. Rust says: "The extension between these viaducts is comparatively level, and will involve only a small amount of grading."

The viaducts will be built of steel and concrete, at a width of 54 feet. This will give a splendid, broad roadway 42 feet wide, with six-foot sidewalks on either side.

The whole cost of roadways, grading, paving, sidewalks, is included in the $619,000 estimate.

Ten years ago the city engineer reported that the viaduct could be built for $350,000. The cost has doubled, and in a few years the figure will be a million.

Practically everyone, even those opposed to going ahead now, agrees that the work must be done some day. Why wait, when the cost of material and labor is going up year by year?

The hostility of the Guild of Civic Art is due to the influence of a little clique of members who live in Rosedale, and who mistakenly imagine that its stately quiet is to be invaded.

The viaduct will give a thru thorofare from the extreme west to the extreme east of the city.

Toronto's growth has been so rapid that Bloor-street is now the actual geographical centre. With the bridging of the yawning gap, it is bound to become a great commercial thorofare.

Bonds to cover the cost can be issued from year to year. Even if debentures for the entire amount were issued at the outset, the yearly interest and sinking fund charges of $40,000 would be twice met by increased assessments, which, it is estimated, would yield $80,000.

While the viaduct is an essential part of the tube system, it is needed whether tubes are built or not. Everyone voting for the tubes, if a property owner, cannot consistently vote against the viaduct.

The viaduct plan is not an undigested matter. It has been before the city council for ten years. The principle has been overwhelmingly approved by the councils of 1906 and 1909.

Ex-Mayor Thomas Urquhart, whose knowledge of the city's financial status is unquestioned, says: "A few years ago Toronto could not afford to build the viaduct. The city can now do so. The viaduct should certainly be built." Mr. Urquhart's view is that of scores of Toronto's leading business men interviewed by The World.

City council advocates of the viaduct have pledged themselves to seek legislation so that the city can expropriate lands immediately benefited. Thus the city gets the increment.

There is no sounder city financially in Amercia. Toronto's latest flotation of bonds was actually on more favorable terms than the Dominion Government could secure.

Toronto's non-producing debt is only about $19,000,000. But it owns property outside its public service works worth $20,000,000. The income from this property is alone this year half a million above the total debt charges.

If the three money bylaws pass, the city's borrowing power next year will be more than three and one-half millions in excess of the chargeable obligation.

Let everyone vote for the viaduct in the city's interest and give Riverdale, known as the dumping ground for every undesirable institution, something to be grateful for.

Start the New Year right by taking a broad view of your duties as a citizen.

YULETIDE "MESSIAH" OPENS CHORAL SEASON

Splendid Rendition of Handel's Oratorio in Massey Hall—Orchestra and Soloists Win Laurels.

More than twenty-five hundred music lovers thoroly enjoyed Handel's most celebrated oratorio, "The Messiah," last night at Massey Hall, rendered under the baton of Canada's most distinguished conductor in this form of choral music, Dr. F. H. Torrington. The chorus, as usual, was made up from the combined forces of the so-called Toronto Festival and the West Toronto Festival choral organizations, accompanied by the "Toronto Orchestra" (which is not by any means the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, as some, unfortunately, understood the term).

Orchestra and Soloists.

Dr. Torrington in this year's concert, however, must place the success of last night's rendition of "The Messiah" not so much to the chorus as to the soloists and his orchestra. The latter is the best body of instrumentalists he has ever got together for his immemorial occasion, while the soloists, both in pure vocalism and in the art of interpretation, were distinctly notable. The band, on the whole, showed evidences of very careful grilling, and in the interlude between the first and second parts, when they played the soft-stilled music of the Pastoral Symphony, really "showed up strong" in the string section. Improvements were obvious also in the brass section. Dr. Torrington may congratulate himself on having the best assisting orchestra in the history of his manifold presentations of Handel's immortal oratorio.

He was equally fortunate in his choice of soloists. It is seldom that a "seasoned" music critic really gets a surprise—at least after years of experience. But the present reviewer must record such. I had never before heard Mrs. Carter-Merry, and I must confess that I have missed in several years hearing not only one of the finest natural contralto voices on the continent (and I have heard scores of them), but also one of the most expressive vocalists in interpretation that either the United States or Canada can boast of. I shall not signalize each of her various airs, but I must say that Mrs. Carter-Merry's singing of the aria, "He Was Despised" (in part II.) was the finest piece of emotional realism, both in conception and in beauty of spiritual interpretation, I have yet heard. If Handel had been alive last night I believe he would have risen up and said: "Perfection in understanding, perfection in art."

Notable Soprano.

But, at the same time, I cannot forget the other soloists. Miss Eileen Millett, soprano, certainly won plaudits which she richly deserved. She has definitively vocal art. Her voice is a pure, sweet soprano, which rang as clear and melodious as a silvery flute. She was overwhelmingly winning in her soulful singing of the aria, "His Yoke is Easy," superbly phrasing and enunciating "And ye shall find rest." Miss Millett comes from Franklin, Pa., one of the United States towns that can really boast of having accomplished vocalists, and she may go back with the full and happy consciousness that she won last night a real place in the deeper heart of Toronto's music-lovers.

Basso and Tenor.

It is Handel's fault rather than of the male vocalists that Mr. Frank Croxton, basso, had opportunities much greater to display voice and technic than had Mr. E. C. Towne, tenor. Mr. Croxton has a most melodious, sonorous bass, and both in his recitatives and arias he displayed the acme of cultivation in phrasing and interpretation. Mr. Towne, too, was superexcellent in these qualities in recitatives and in arias. But preferences are always individual; and both gentlemen may sincerely be assured that their art (or arts) were greatly appreciated last night.

Good Choruses.

A closing word for the singing of the vocal ensembles. The balance of the different sections was quite noticeable. Possibly the bass section was too large to be heard, and thus disturbed the balance of the "chorus," but this is a fault of detail, not glaring enough to warrant criticism. On the whole the balance was fair; the attack on initial phrases was "ragged," but, once going, the chorus sang with excellent precision and tone, and the crescendi and climaxes (especially in "Glory to God," "Surely He Hath Borne," "Lift Up Your Heads," "Hallelujah"), were well graded and coherent.

J. D. Logan.

Harper, Customs Broker, McKinnon Building, Toronto. ed

NEW MONOPLANE RECORD

Covers 124 Miles in Two Hours and 32 Minutes.

JUVISY, France, Dec. 30.—At the aerodrome here to-day in the presence of the official timekeeper of the Aero Club of France, M. Delagrange, aboard a Bleriot cross-channel type monoplane beat all records for speed and established a new monoplane record. Delagrange covered a distance of 200 kilometres (124 miles) and the flight lasted exactly two hours, 32 minutes, making an average speed of 78.9 kilometres (48.9 miles) an hour. The weather was ideal, almost spring-like, and the flight was accomplished without incident. The spectators gave the aviator an ovation on the termination of his brilliant feat. Delagrange intends to try for the Michelin Cup tomorrow.

Cardinal Satolli Dying.

ROME, Dec. 30.—Cardinal Satolli, who is ill with asphritis, is failing rapidly to-day. Life is being prolonged only by the artificial administration of oxygen.

Controller Ward's Record is good. Send him back again.

OSLER SAYS WALK AND GET EVEN WITH T.S.R.

M.P. Gives Geary a Doubtful Boost By Showing Opposition to His Adopted Policies.

Somewhat at cross-purposes were the speeches of Mr. Geary and his chief booster, E. B. Osler, M.P., at Summerfelt Hall last evening. Mr. Osler preceded the mayoralty aspirant on the platform and gave him a very good endorsation, but Mr. Osler was against the Bloor-street viaduct and was vigorous in his condemnation of this project. Mr. Geary, speaking later, regretted that the M. P. had not remained to hear his views on this subject. It was a worthy project and he thought he might enlighten Mr. Osler on this fact.

Mr. Geary Bold.

Probably it was not policy, Mr. Geary said, for him to walk into the northwest and assert such convictions, seeing that if there was to be any opposition to the bridge, it should naturally come from this quarter, but he couldn't help that. Those were his convictions and he must speak.

Reggie then took up The News' editorial, which suggested that a salary of $15,000 might tempt "an eminent engineer like Mr. J. W. Moyes" to enter the city service. "Mr. Moyes," said Mr. Geary, "is the engineer who prepared this tube report, a document so full of errors that even a layman like myself can pick holes in it in a dozen places. 'If we can get Mr. Moyes,' says The News. Why, a chicken jumping at a lump of dough wouldn't be in it for speed with Mr. Moyes going after that $15,000 which Mr. Hocken, thru one of his organs, seems prepared to offer him."

"Venom and viciousness" is the way Mr. Geary characterized The World's treatment of him.

"I am here to say a word in favor of a very old friend, Mr. Geary," said E. B. Osler, M.P. for West Toronto. "I have always found Mr. Geary a straight, square, honest and honorable man, full of energy and determination. Early in his life he entered municipal politics, and it is a pity more young men did not follow his example. Mr. Geary is entitled to win because he has been an able and faithful servant of the city.

"One reason why I will vote against Mr. Hocken is that on the eve of election he has brought in a big scheme when it is too late to consider it properly."

Walk, Says Osler.

Mr. Osler said further that if the radials came in thru the tubes, the chief party benefited would be the Toronto Railway, which owned the radials. It would be only a few years in the city's life when the franchise expires, and then if it was decided to renew the franchise, the city could make a bargain which would bring a return sufficient to pay the interest on the city debt, or else secure a reduction of fares. The citizens should not be led into any wild scheme to shake that old man of the sea, the Toronto Railway, from the city's shoulders. There was only one way to beat the railway and that was for everyone to do more walking.

It was an unusually crowded meeting and Mr. Geary's remarks favoring the viaduct were as warmly applauded as were Mr. Osler's opposing it.

R. J. Clarke, president of the Whitney Club, presided. Other speakers were Thomas Church, ex-Mayor Peter Laughton of West Toronto, W. J. Dalton, Harry Lovelock, R. G. Agnew, Fred McBrien, R. R. Davis and T. Sproule.

ORGANIZING A LEAGUE TO BOYCOTT THE TRUSTS

Is to Be National in Its Character and Scope—Women to Be Included in Membership.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Plans for a national boycott of those combinations that increase the cost of living were laid here to-night when the National Anti-Trust League was launched.

Members of congress are interested in the new movement and immediate steps will be taken toward perfecting state organizations.

Then, when the prices soar, the league members, by stopping the use of such articles or commodities as have gone above the legal level, will put them back again by refusing to furnish a market.

The plan is one that was tried in Germany a few years ago and which, according to a report, broke a combine in coffee that had raised the price of the bean to almost prohibitive prices.

Among the speakers to-night were several members of the house or representatives.

One matter was settled to-night, however. The women of the United States will be taken into membership on equal terms with the men and have equal voice in the campaign. The women, being the housekeepers of the country, the pioneers of the plan recognized at once that their assistance was vital to success.

"We furnish the purses," said one of the speakers, "but our wives and sisters and mothers have the disbursement from them. We've got to have the women with us."

Accordingly, when congress meets, the league will work thru its representatives and in some cases thru senators, with a view to having them interest themselves in the organization of state branches.

A nominal fee will be charged each member, probably not exceeding 25c a year, to cover the cost of mailing proclamations against certain articles of food that have been pushed too high in the market.

A national charter will be also sought and the head of offices likely will be in Washington.

$5000 A YEAR.

MONTREAL, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—It was decided by the city council today to pay members of the board of control, who come into office in February, $5000 a year each. The recommendation of the finance committee was $10,000 a year.