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CITY SHOULD SPEND \$100,000 ON MOTORIZING FIRE DEPARTMENT FORTY MORE FIREMEN NEEDED

Chief Thompson Reports That He is Satisfied Fifty Per Cent. of Recent Fires Have Been of Incendiary Origin—Firemen Hampered by Inadequate Water Pressure.

Chief Thompson recommends that \$100,000 be expended on motor equipment for the city fire department, and that forty additional firemen be appointed. This is the substance of his reply to the board of control for a report on the efficiency of fire protection in Toronto. His report to the board is as follows:

"In compliance with your instructions I beg to submit the following answers to the questions contained in yours of the 7th inst., relative to fire department matters:

"1. Report showing the causes of the fires at the Exhibition grounds, Balmuto street, Jersey Avenue and other recent ones giving full details. The fire at the Exhibition grounds was caused, in my opinion, either by an incendiary or spark from a locomotive. It was burning in such a manner when our department arrived on the scene that it was utterly impossible to ascertain as to how or where the fire originated in the sheep pens, the poultry buildings from the fire in the pens being in flames when our department got there.

Balmuto Fire a Mystery.

"So far as the Balmuto street fire is concerned the 2-1/2 storey brick factory on the south side of the brick works was almost destroyed, or burning in such a manner that it was positively useless to make any effort to stop the progress of the flames in this building. The firm of R. C. Cron and Co. can give no reason or assign any cause for the fire; we have

A Longer Driveway.

Now that University avenue has been made an ideal driveway Commissioner Harris will recommend that the roads through Queen's Park be surfaced with asphalt macadam. This extension of an ideal driveway would permit connecting up with Avenue road and provide an attractive route from Queen street to St. Clair avenue district. University avenue improvement is so attractive it naturally invites the similar improvement of the roads through Queen's Park.

Fire Alarm Service.

Report on the fire alarm service, boxes, keys, etc. There are three fire alarm boxes in the Exhibition grounds, one at the west end of the grounds and one at the east end of the grounds and one at the northwest corner of the grand stand. These boxes have no keys as fixtures in each and covered with glass as the boxes in nearly all the other parts of the city, but the Exhibition officials were supplied with an ample number of keys for these boxes for the purpose of giving an alarm at any time a fire should occur. When the boxes were installed in the Exhibition grounds the superintendent of fire alarm telegraph advised me that in his opinion it would be very unwise to fit out the boxes with keys on account of the danger of false alarms.

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HAMILTON'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



Lieutenant-Governor Sir John Gibson and Lady Gibson leaving Armories after the formal opening ceremonies yesterday morning.

HAMILTON CITY OF CARNIVAL WITH JOY TRULY UNCONFINED DECORUM CAST TO WINDS

With Twenty-Five Thousand Visitors in City on Opening Day of Centennial Celebration, Downtown Streets Are Crowded—Formal Ceremonies of Day Usher in Week of Merry-Making.

(By a Staff Reporter)
HAMILTON, Aug. 11.—(Special).—For the past five hours Hamilton has been trying to remember what things were like before the storms broke on this the first day of Centennial Week. It can't be done. Last night Hamilton was a city; tonight it is just a merry riot. The mountain city, which for a hundred years has been growing up, is showing what it can do when father and mother are not looking. James street at the Gore are, of course, the centres of celebration. They have not seen anything like it since the night in 1868, after Varsity beat the Tigers up at the cricket grounds, and that was only a drop in the bucket. That was just a touch on the safety-valve, but tonight the valves are open wide, and the city is blowing off steam.

The Giddy Whirl.

It is impossible to get away from it. The narrow streets are the most crowded, and after a few hours on the sidewalk you feel lost unless someone else is twining on your heels or blowing a horn in your ears. It is intoxicating to be in the crowd, jostling and jostled in the midst of a medley of discord that drowns out the band. Before darkness fell you could see that the streets were decorated with banners and bunting, but now it is all lights and jousting, thronging along in groups of two and three and five. No one is alone. Conventions are thrown away, for it is carnival, and it only comes once in a century.

Know How to Do It.

The men of Hamilton who planned this centennial knew well what they were getting in for. No city but Hamilton could do it so well. A bigger place lacks the necessary unity, a smaller town could not provide the bulk and grandeur that redeem the scene from lawlessness. So quick has been Hamilton's growth that her people have not yet forgotten how to be villagers when the time comes. Old and young alike, the aboriginal and the charwoman and the boarding school girls, they are a part of the riot and are proud of it. It is the only time on earth when the folks in the big automobile are not excited because there is more fun to be had on foot.

25,000 Visitors.

Twenty-five thousand visitors have arrived already and 1500 are on the way. Hotel accommodations have been scarce, and many are still in the hotels. The board of trade has held out no promise of reconsideration of the British Government's attitude.

RUSSIA RECOVERS SPOILS OF WAR

Great Bell, Taken From Sebastopol After Crimean War, Returned by France.

PARIS, Aug. 11.—(Can. Press).—France today gave back to Russia the great bronze bell taken from the cathedral at Sebastopol and brought to France as part of the spoils of the Crimean war. Since then it has been in one of the towers of the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris.

The bell, which weighs upwards of three tons, was formally presented by a representative of the French ministry of fine arts to the Russian ambassador this afternoon. It will shortly be sent to St. Petersburg.

BRITAIN WILL NOT RECONSIDER

Attempt to Revive Question of Panama Exhibition Fails in House of Commons.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—(Can. Press).—An effort to resurrect British participation in the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco was made in the house of commons this afternoon by Col. George A. Gibbs, a Unionist member. Col. Gibbs asked Sydney Buxton, president of the board of trade, for his reasons for withholding British official recognition of the exposition. He put the following question:

"In view of the importance attached to the Panama-Pacific Exposition by Americans, will the board of trade reconsider its decision?"

Mr. Buxton referred his question to Sir Edward Grey's reply as fully covering the official view of the matter, and held out no promise of reconsideration of the British Government's attitude.

BRITAIN DEFENDS MEXICAN POLICY

Recognition of Huerta Was Dictated by Hopes of Restoring Order.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—(Can. Press).—The British Government, nettled by the comment of certain American newspapers concerning Great Britain's recognition of President Huerta, declares that the comment is based on a misconception of facts. It also repudiates the insinuation that the influence of powerful financial interests were used in bringing about recognition. In a statement issued today the government says:

"The recognition of President Huerta was the recognition of a provisional president pending an election. It was done on the advice of the British minister to Mexico, as he is likely to assist in the restoration of order—an important consideration, in view of the large British interests involved.

"The French and German Governments also recognized President Huerta after a reception by him of a congratulatory party, at which a congratulatory party was made in their behalf by the American ambassador."

JAP GOVERNMENT IS EMBARRASSED

Doesn't Know What to Do With Chinese Rebel Leaders Who Seek Asylum in Japan.

TOKYO, Japan, Aug. 11.—(Can. Press).—The Japanese Government is somewhat embarrassed by the presence in Japan of Dr. Sun Yat Sen and Gen. Huang Sing, leaders of the recent Chinese rebellion, both of whom arrived in disguise. The government was at first disposed to refuse them permission to land, but eventually consented to their doing so in view of the fact that if they were deported to China, where a price was set on their heads, it might mean their arrest and death.

It is reported that Dr. Sun Yat Sen does not intend to proceed to the United States as it first stated, but will try to gather funds to continue the campaign against Provisional President Yuan Shi Kai.

BECAME FASCINATED WITH HIS PET DOG

DENVER, Col., Aug. 11.—A novel contest was started today over the will of Alfred H. Miles, a Colorado pioneer millionaire and congressman, by his grand children. The contest arose because the testator left a large sum of money to a little dog and the instrument in causing the aged pioneer to give his estate to his brother. They charge that the dog had become fascinated with a dog, that he would sit for hours to watch the little animal, that this affection became a mania, and that the brother took advantage of the affection and convinced the man that the dog was the will before he would permit him to have the companionship of the animal.

The contestants are: Emma Marshall, granddaughter; Ed. Garrison, granddaughter; and William A. Garrison, great grandson.

MEXICAN SKIES ARE RAPIDLY CLEARING

Statement of Foreign Minister Gamboa That Difficulties Should Be Readily Adjusted Causes Tension to Relax at Washington—No Unpleasant Sequel to Lind's Arrival at Mexico City.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—(Can. Press).—Distinct relief was apparent in official circles here today over the course of events in Mexico. The statement of Frederico Gamboa, the new Mexican minister of foreign relations, holding the conviction that the difficulties between the two countries "soon would be adjusted," produced a very favorable impression in administrative circles.

President Wilson pointed out during the day to callers what seemed to him the most important part of the statement was that the attitude of the government toward Mexico in the present situation was one of peace and friendliness.

The safe arrival in Mexico City of John Lind, personal representative and official designated adviser to the American embassy, ended some tension in the situation. Administration officials tonight looked forward hopefully to a favorable reception of their efforts to suggest measures of peace in ending the struggle between the contending factions in Mexico.

"With the air cleared of rumors" and hostility in the Mexican capital to Mr. Lind's presence, there, officials were disposed to believe the program of the American Government would be carried out quietly and in such a manner as seemed most expedient to Mr. Lind and the embassy at Mexico City.

Capt. Caschart of the battleship Michigan, which proceeded last Thursday from Vera Cruz to Ciudad del Carmen, as the result of a complaint to the state department by Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, that reveals were threatening American life and property in the region of her ranch near that place, has reported that American subjects have not been threatened, and American subjects and foreign subjects have received proper protection from the Mexican authorities.

Wednesday Favorite Night For Lovers

(Special to The Toronto World.)
MILWAUKEE, Wis., Aug. 11.—The county clerk has found that the most engagements of marriage are made Wednesday night, and so he will keep his office open that night to issue licenses.

STRUCK BY BAT BOY MAY DIE

Eddie Grant Seriously Injured at Ball Game in Playgrounds on Lovett Street.

Becoming very much interested in the progress of a baseball game at the playgrounds near Lovett street last evening, little Eddie Grant, aged 8, Lovett place, was struck by a bat, and so seriously injured that he may die. The boy now lies in the hospital for Sick Children, and his chances of recovery are slim.

Young Grant became over curious to see the ball being batted out, and forgetting the danger, stepped up behind the batter who was hitting the ball. The latter did not notice the lad, and swung the heavy bat in the air, preparatory to hitting the ball. Just as he did so the little fellow stepped in closer and received the blow on the side of the head. His skull was fractured and he lapsed into unconsciousness. The police ambulance conveyed Grant to the hospital for Sick Children.

IMPEACHMENT OF SULZER STARTED

Motion Introduced in New York Legislature by Majority Leader Levy—Governor Charged With Wilful and Corrupt Conduct in Office.

ALBANY, N.Y., Aug. 12.—(Can. Press).—The report of the Erwin legislative committee charging Gov. Sulzer with having diverted campaign contributions to his own private use was adopted by the legislature early today and a resolution to impeach him for "wilful and corrupt conduct in office and for high crimes and misdemeanors," was offered in the assembly by Majority Leader Levy.

The Erwin committee report and the Levy resolution charges the governor with having falsified under oath his campaign contribution account, diverted some of the funds to his own use for the purchase of stocks, traded executive approval of bills for support of his direct primary measure and having done everything in his power to obstruct the committee's efforts to bring proof of his alleged misconduct to light.

The adoption of the report carries

OPENING CEREMONIES AT ARMORIES



Mayors of Hamilton and Toronto at the opening ceremonies at the Armories.

VALUATION OF PLANTS IS THORO REPORT IS NECESSARILY DELAYED

So thoro are the valuations going over the physical assets of the Toronto Railway Co. and Toronto Electric Light Co. companies there is little likelihood of the valuation being completed before the end of this month. There is no blocking the work, such as the conditions in the layout of the city. Very much detail work is obligatory.

A staff of ten men are engaged on the valuation, and are working long hours. Some are necessarily experts in the use of scientific instruments for measuring and calculations. Others are experts on clerical work. The miles of rails, wires, poles, have to be measured. The numerous intersections have to be diagrammed and valued. The intersections are all different and were made by hand. All this takes much time and must be done.

THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND FOR FOURTEEN ACRES ON INDIAN ROAD

Old Bolt Works Site is Purchased by W. A. Goldblatt From Mrs. Mary McDonnell for Record Price—Property Will Be Subdivided Into Building Lots.

The 14 acres of property situated at the foot of Indian road, west of Sunnyside, has just been purchased by W. A. Goldblatt for the Equitable Securities of Canada, Limited, for \$300,000. The property is that on which Bolt works recently was situated. The value of the property has risen an average of nearly \$10,000 yearly. Twenty-nine years ago the same real estate was sold by Mrs. Phoebe Hearst for \$18,000 to the present vendor.

The property will be graded, subdivided and placed on the market in building lots by the present holders, who will probably be compensated for the property.