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CITY COUNCIL AND FIREMEN WERE CONFERENCE UNTIL ONE O'CLOCK THIS MORNING, DISCUSSING QUESTION

It is Believed An Amicable Understanding Will Be Reached, Though No Definite Statement is to Be Given to the Public Before Monday.

A conference behind closed doors, held at Central fire hall last night between the members of the City Council and the men of the fire brigade, discussed the question of increase of wages and the firemen's union. The Council decided that no public statement would be made as to the outcome of the meeting until a report was given to the Council next Monday night at the regular meeting.

Ald. Graves, when asked today if any progress had been made towards a settlement of the trouble, stated that he could not say anything about the matter.

Ald. Avery, chairman of the Fire and Light Committee, divulged that things were going along favorably, indicating that the union question had been arranged satisfactorily, he believed. Both sides had given a little and both were in a mood to end the matter.

The committee sat until after one o'clock, Ald. Avery said, and more was accomplished in the last half hour than in all the rest of the session.

Lake Erie Waters Purer Than Niagara?

Local Commissioners Ask Hon. Mr. Rollo

The Water Commissioners of St. Catharines and Merriton conferred with Hon. W. R. Rollo, Minister of Labor and Health, in regard to the proposed scheme of running a pipe line from Lake Erie to St. Catharines, to supply St. Catharines, Welland, Merriton, Thorold, Port Colborne and Port Dalhousie with water. The Provincial Board of Health, through its engineer, had been advocating another scheme of taking water from the Niagara River at the mouth of the Chippawa Creek, supplying Niagara Falls also.

The local commissioners informed the Minister that they did not consider the water in the Niagara River as sanitary as that which would be obtained from Lake Erie under the original scheme, to which the Dominion Government was bound.

John Shell, Sage of Greasy Creek, Ky., Is the Oldest Man in the United States

Aged Mountaineer is 131 Years and Thinks People Get Sick Because They "Bundle Up"—Too Old to Fight in Civil War—Recalls Washington's Death.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 18.—Is the modern woman who steps blithely to face the winds of winter wearing slow-cut shoes and transparent silk stockings flirting with the under-vest? When she leaves her slender neck and alabaster chest uncovered to the assault of zero weather is she inviting illness?

Not if the philosophy of Uncle John Shell, who lives in Greasy Creek, far back in the Kentucky mountains, is sound. And Uncle John himself is a living demonstration that his mode is fundamentally correct.

Uncle John is 131 years old. He is believed to be the oldest man in the world. He has the records to prove that he was born in Tennessee in 1788.

Now, Uncle John has never seen the modern "fopper" and knows no

New Zealand is Paying Largest Bonus to Vets

Statesman of Gallant Little Colony Grateful For Services Rendered.

In view of the false reports being circulated throughout Canada that the Dominion Government is paying a larger gratuity to her returned heroes than any of the other countries, we publish the following article clipped from the Alberta Veteran of January 24th last. It is understood that the Vets of Alberta are on the eve of a great drive for an increased gratuity for the men who fought Canada's battles in the recent struggle, and that the campaign is to be taken up anew throughout the Dominion. The United Veterans' League have been conducting a whirlwind agitation in the form of a giant petition at the Toronto city hall, and have met with a great deal of success in securing signatures for the petition favoring the increased grant. The article taken from the Alberta Veteran is as follows:

Following our special articles of last week regarding the stand Australian statesmen took in reference to a gratuity for Australian soldiers, the following article, reproduced from the B. C. Veteran, is of special interest:

At the very time that Hon. N.W. Rowell and other members of the Government were boasting that Canada had done, and was doing, so much more for her soldier citizens, New Zealand was passing legislation that is more generous and more far-reaching in every respect.

On this account the official report presented in the House of Commons on September 12 by Hon. Mr. Rowell is no longer a fair statement. It was true at that time, but it is not true now.

However, the damage has been done. A large section of the Canadian people have been led to believe that Canada has been more generous than any other part of the Empire. The Government knows the value of such an impression, and has lost no occasion to deepen it.

The B. C. Veterans' Weekly has succeeded in securing the official figures showing what New Zealand is doing for her soldiers. The figures will prove startling, we predict, to the self-satisfied members of Parliament. (Continued on page four)

ED STEPHENSON'S LITTLE ADVENTURE ON TRAIN

Getting in the train at Oakville yesterday afternoon, Ed Stephenson sat himself beside a stranger.

"This gentleman," said Stephenson, relating the story last night, "did not know me until I told him who I was. He had mentioned casually to me, that he owned a farm somewhere in the district, and I was supposed to understand he was a U. F.O. supporter. I mentioned that it was a sure win for myself, and my companion disclosed the fact that the Farmer party were exceedingly nervous.

"He asked me what I thought would be the proper procedure, assuming Mr. Drury were defeated. I mentioned several of the members of the U.F.O. Cabinet whom I did not think would be worthy of the premiership, and then I was tempted to mention the name of Hon. F. C. Biggs, the U.F.O. Minister of Public Works. But that was the gentleman to whom I was talking, though he never hinted to me just who he was."

The death occurred at the family home on Tuesday afternoon of Timothy John, second son of the late James Burke, who passed away on October 2nd, and Mrs. Norah Burke, residing at 26 Thorold Road, aged 4 years, 1 month and 6 days. Much sympathy is expressed to the bereaved family in their hour of trouble.

PUBLIC ARE WARNED TO EXPECT ANOTHER JUMP IN THE PRICE OF GROCERIES PRETTY SOON

Exchange Rate and Other Things Have Combined to Cause It, They State—Cost of Living Has Increased Four Per Cent. Since First of Year.

TORONTO, Feb. 18.—More uniform pressure conditions prevail this morning with a cessation of the high winds which have prevailed in many localities. Light snow falls have been recorded in Southern and Eastern Ontario, also in Quebec, and locally in the Maritime Provinces and Manitoba. Low temperatures prevail again in Ontario.

Forecast: Moderate winds; generally fair and quite cold today and on Thursday.

Sister in House Causes Trouble For T. Concordia

And That is Why He Struck His Wife: Fined \$5—Other Police Court News.

Tony Concordia, who, on the night of the 5th of December, was relieved of \$65 by robbers with guns, this morning appeared in police court in a new role, that of defendant in a charge of assaulting his wife. She said he hit her and kicked her.

To A. W. Marquis, counsel for Tony, Mrs. Concordia admitted that her husband objected to her having her sister with two children boarding at the house.

"Did she try to teach you to smoke cigarettes?" queried Mr. Marquis. "No, she never showed me anything," answered the woman.

The sister said on the stand that she was quite willing to leave as soon as Tony paid her the money she had spent to come to this city.

Tony, on his own defence complained that his wife made faces at girls passing which raised his righteous ire and so he had remonstrated with his boots. He had offered to pay his sister-in-law's way back to Ottawa and pay her \$20 but she wanted \$50.

"It will cost you \$5.25," added His Worship.

John Nicholls pleaded not guilty to having a bottle of whiskey and of being drunk.

Constable Howden said he was called over to Nicholls' place on Queen street last night. Nicholls slipped out of the house and the officer followed him and found the bottle on him.

Mr. Johnson, his counsel, called Nicholls as a witness.

He explained that he had two bottles in his secretary at his house, and to avoid breaking them he put them in his pocket, as there had been a family quarrel. The officer got him just outside of his house.

He was remanded for a week to sober up.

Herbert Dixon pleaded guilty through his counsel, Terrance McCarron, to assaulting Stephen E. Emmett. The magistrate decided to hear the evidence and Emmett was called. Emmett said Dixon came in and asked why his son had been dismissed from the flax works.

Emmett told him the boy had "sacked" himself because he came late and left when he pleased. Words led to blows and Emmett emerged with a cut ear. Dixon offered to apologize and was ready to fight again right after, when Emmett wouldn't accept it.

To Mr. McCarron Emmett admitted shaking hands with Dixon, but he said that didn't mean he had forgiven him.

A workman at the mill threw mud on the fracas, and the magistrate ordered Emmett to pay the costs of the case, \$4.85.

THE WEATHER.

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That the cost of living has advanced from four to ten per cent. since the first of the year, and is due for further advances in the immediate future, is the consensus of opinion of wholesale grocers. Prices have been steadily advancing since the end of the war, and until the new crops are in they will continue to advance, they say.

"It is all a matter of production," said one. "Exchange rates and other factors are immediate causes of advances in the cost of living, but these causes are themselves the results of unusual conditions affecting production. Take sugar as an instance. Prior to the war we imported large quantities of raw material from the Ukraine, Germany and other European countries. Now we are compelled to import all our supply from Cuba and the Indies. This gives the exchange situation a chance to get at us. When normal production in the former countries is resumed the cost of sugar will be greater, because the supply will be greater, and because the American exchange rate will cease to be a factor affecting our purchases."

Sugar To Go Up.

Sugar will very likely go up in price immediately. The exchange is adding from a cent to a cent and a half a pound to its cost. Just now Canadian refineries are for the most part shut down waiting for supplies of raw material. When they resume grinding the prices, it is anticipated, will go up. This is for granulated sugar. There is a slight downward tendency just now for raw sugars.

Products requiring sugar in their manufacture are also expected to go up in cost soon. Jams in two months will be selling at from 20 to 25 per cent. higher than at present. Present stocks of jams held by local wholesalers are fairly full, and the consumer has here a good chance to beat out the H. C. of L.

Several causes contribute to the present high cost of sugar, of which there is a scarcity on the entire continent. Strikes have tied up many vessels at Cuban docks on which refineries must pay heavy demurrage charges.

Alleviation Possible.

Owing to the exchange situation Great Britain and other European countries are not purchasing American sugar and other grocery products, a circumstance which some wholesalers aver might cause a glut on the American market. Some years.

Canal Men Working on The Hydro Construction Are Seriously Handicapped

Some Men Compelled to Lay Off Until Better Weather Conditions Prevail—Big Staff of Men Have Been Working Night and Day.

Many of the men from this city employed on the Hydro Canal have laid off work until the electric cars are once more running regularly and better weather prevails.

Men working on the canal this winter say it resembles the late warfare under its worst conditions which indicates that there are plenty of heroes, in peace as well as war. About 2200 men have been employed on the canal right along, working on night and day shifts as it was the desire of the Hydro Commission to push the work as rapidly as possible and keep operations in full swing as long as weather permitted.

commodities purchased by Great Britain have already been thrown back on the American market, and it is rumored that some goods actually delivered to Great Britain are to be shipped back to America. If this situation develops to any extent it will, of course, have a tendency to reduce the cost of these commodities; and if producers and dealers become apprehensive as to the future of the export market they might, in a panic, throw much produce on the markets at a lower rate than that now prevailing. This is considered a possibility by wholesalers.

Cereals and Canned Goods. No change in the cost of cereals is anticipated, as is also the case with canned vegetables and products not requiring sugar in their preparation. Soaps, however, which have been going steadily up for some time owing to the world-wide fat shortage, are expected to go still higher. Laundry soaps are now selling at \$10 a box, and it is expected that the price will go up to at least \$12.

Whether Prices Go Up or Remain About the Same as They Now are Is Conjectural, Entirely, Speaking Broadly, Said a Wholesaler.

"Whether prices go up or remain about the same as they now are is conjectural, entirely, speaking broadly," said a wholesaler. "But of this I have reasonable assurance: There cannot possibly be a drop in prices for some time to come. If the cost of living does not stay where it is, it will go up. It is the only way in which it can move just now."

WALTER BLYTHE SET FREE

Had Been Sentenced for the Murder of His Wife.

Walter Blythe, sentenced to eighteen years imprisonment for the murder of his wife, after a sensational trial, was released from Portmouth Penitentiary on Thursday last, after serving but ten years of his sentence.

According to Mr. Wm. B. Horkin's of the legal firm of Robinette Godfrey and Phelan, executive clemency was exercised owing to good conduct and ill health. He is said to be suffering from goitre. It is understood that permission may be granted him to visit his children, who are in England. While incarcerated he was employed as a cabinet maker. The crime for which he was sentenced was the most brutal murder on record in Canada. He was first sentenced to life imprisonment, and on a second trial was given eighteen years.

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