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C.P.R. Prepares to Absorb Rival Lines---Panama Tolls Question Revived---Toronto Street Car Accident

Controller Foster Refused $25 a Foot for Property Assessed at 50 Cents

SLIPPERY RAILS CAUSED BAD ACCIDENT

Street Car Struck a Hack in the Ward, Throwing Wm. Lodge and Harry Morrison to the Pavement, and Both Are in Critical Condition.

Two men were seriously, one perhaps fatally, injured, in an accident at the corner of Agnes and Elizabeth streets at 9 o'clock last evening, when westbound Dundas street car No. 1230 struck a hack belonging to Doane's Livery, cutting it in two, throwing the horses from their feet and hurling the two men from their seats on top almost across the roadway.

William Lodge, 25 Price street, and Harry Morrison, a roomer at the corner of St. Mary and Yonge streets, both employes of the livery stable, are the injured, and at the General Hospital last evening it was stated that Lodge is suffering from serious internal injuries, but so far no broken bones have been found, while Morrison has a very deep cut over the left eye, and may also have a fractured skull. Both are in a critical condition.

According to eye-witnesses, the car was traveling at a medium rate of speed, but it seemed that the wheels slipped on the greasy rails when the brakes were applied by Motorman Joseph Smithearst (886). The driver of the hack failed to notice the approach of the car until it was almost upon him, when he just failed to evade it, and the hack was struck in the middle. After being thrown the horses bolted down Teraulay street, but were captured before they could do further damage. They were practically unhurt, but the hack lies a total wreck at the corner of Agnes and Teraulay.

WILL SUSPEND DUTY ON UNLEAVENED BREAD

Government Makes Concession to Canadian Hebrews for Passover Season.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—An order-in-council has been passed allowing Passover bread and matzo to come into Canada free of duty between March 11 and April 12. The minister of customs was asked by a number of leading Canadian Hebrews to make this concession.

NEED FEDERAL LAW IN REGARD TO BANKRUPTCY

Hon. Mr. Doherty Promises to Take up Question With Cabinet.

MONTREAL, Dec. 23. — (Can. Press).—A federal bankruptcy act would be a desirable innovation in Canada, is the opinion expressed by Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, in a communication to the Builders' Exchange of Montreal, received today. This opinion comes as a result of a resolution adopted by the exchange in November, which pointed out the hardships worked on the manufacturer or wholesaler who distributed goods over the whole Dominion. The present system is for each province to do its own legislating with regard to bankruptcy, and as a result the business man having connections thruout Canada is compelled to be acquainted with the provisions of many different acts.

Hon. Mr. Doherty promised to lay the matter before his colleagues, and added: "Personally, I am of the opinion that such a law, provided its provisions be carefully considered, and adapted to the needs of the country, would be highly desirable."

"FORECAST" ON N. T. R. IS GIVEN LITTLE CREDENCE

Report Says Forty-Four Million Dollars Has Been Wasted.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23—(Special.)—Little credence is given here to the story published in a local paper tonight purporting to be an accurate forecast of the report of the commission which investigated the N.T.R. finances. It was alleged that the report would show that the road had cost the country $44,000,000 more than it should have done.

The investigation conducted by G. Lynch-Staunton, K.C., of Hamilton and F. P. Gutelius, now manager of the government railways, has extended over a period of two years.

ADOPTED CHILD DENIED ADMISSION INTO STATES

Immigration Authorities Refuse on Ground of Illegitimacy—Appeal to Washington.

SARNIA, Dec. 23.—The adopted child of Mrs. Fay Sampier, of Algonac, Mich., is being held at Sarnia, the United States immigration officials having for the third time refused to allow the child to be taken into the States. The matter has been appealed by Mrs. Sampier's attorney to the department at Washington.

The child is the offspring of a girl Mrs. Sampier befriended, and is illegitimate. Some time ago when Mrs. Sampier paid a visit to Sarnia she brought the little foundling with her. When she returned to Port Huron the immigration inspectors there refused to allow her to take in the child on the grounds of its illegitimacy.

C.P.R. TO ACQUIRE RIVAL LINES IN CANADA?

London Standard Says Principal Interests Concerned Are Already Taking Counsel Whereby One or More Railway Groups Will Be Eliminated, Ensuring C. P. R.'s Supremacy.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—(C. A. P.)—The Canadian railway market, which has provided a number of surprises during the year now closing, has in store for the early part of 1914, says The Standard, further developments of a character hardly suspected at present.

The construction of trunk lines in the Dominion during recent years has brought about a far-reaching and fundamental alteration in the balance of power in the Canadian railway world, and the principal interests concerned are already taking counsel among themselves with a view to maintaining the status quo. This can be achieved only by concentration of administration, which would eliminate one or other of the groups at present existent.

The Canadian Pacific Board is anxious that the opening up of the Dominion to modern transportation facilities shall be in conformity with its plans, and not in opposition to them. The probability is, therefore, that eventually the Canadian Pacific Railway may not only run from ocean to ocean, but extend its operations in other direction.

OBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS FROM CHINA

U. S. Administration Believe Vigilance is Still Needed in New Republic.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25. — (Can. Press.)—The proposal to withdraw the international forces from China has at no time met with favor among officials here. When Minister Reinsch recently conveyed to the state department Russia's proposal for withdrawal of troops, officials took the ground that absolute assurance of the maintenance of order in Chili Province would be the first consideration of acquiescence.

No such assurance, however, has been forthcoming and, on the contrary, officials observe with some apprehension recent uprisings and plottings against Yuan Kai's government.

G. T. P. TO BE LINKED UP BY END OF NEXT MAY

Vice-President Donaldson Makes Optimistic Prediction at Prince George.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23.—(Can. Press.)—"We expect to have steel laid into Prince George by Jan. 10, and the track linked up right across the continent before the end of next May," announced Mr. Morley Donaldson, vice-presidet of the G. T. P., who arrived this morning en route to the north to conduct an inspection of the line from the Prince Rupert end.

"We believe that the new Transcontinental Railway will be ready for operation of thru trains early in 1915," said Mr. Donaldson.

ONE PER CENT. ADVANCE IN CARTAGE CHARGES

Decision Reached at Conference With Railroads at Montreal.

MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—(Can. Press.)—The existing cartage arrangements in connection with the despatch of freight by the railroad companies will continue in force, but with an increase over the present rates of one per cent.

The decision to make this change was definitely decided upon at a meeting of representatives of the railroads and cartage companies held today.

CHEAPER TO BUY RAILWAY NOW THAN TO PAY EIGHT YEARS' RENT

The Telegram wants the railway company to get $72,000,000 from the people of Toronto, and nothing back. By paying $30,000,000 in advance Mayor Hocken has secured a discount of $11,500,000, a clean-up of the electric franchises, complete control of the city streets, abolition of double fares, and as good a service as the city desires to give, with extensions to every part of the city. The Telegram does not want the people even to know these terms, and suppresses the fact that the people must pay out the $72,000,000 whether they purchase or not. Instead of paying rent, we make a payment down, and take over the property. This is the whole principle and plan. Seven aldermen and three controllers do not understand it yet.

Will the people pay $72,000,000 and get nothing back, or will they make the advance payment of $30,000,000 and get the rebate?

COURT OFFICIAL DIED YESTERDAY

H. Robertson, K.C., Assistant Registrar of Court of Appeal, Had Suffered Long Illness.

Henry H. Robertson, K.C., assistant registrar of the court of appeal, Osgoode Hall, died yesterday at his home, 102 Highland avenue, following a long period of ill-health. Since June last Mr. Robertson has been unable to continue his court duties and he traveled in Europe during the summer months. Bronchitis was the nature of his malady. On Monday pneumonia set in and death followed quickly.

H. H. Robertson was the son of Justice Robertson, and was born in Hamilton 55 years ago. After being called to the bar he practised law for many years in his home city, and was appointed special examiner in the high court. Four years ago he came to Toronto to accept the assistant registrarship of the court of appeal.

His wife alone survives him. The funeral will take place Friday morning at Hamilton following a private service at the house at 11.30 a.m.

The late king's counsel was deeply interested in early Canadian history and had made an exhaustive study of many original documents.

"Milestones" a Christmas Present.

No better dramatic attraction could be offered the patrons of the theatre in this city than "Milestones," now playing at the Princess, especially during the festive season. In fact "Milestones" is a Xmas present of real value.

BRANTFORD GAS SUPPLY STOPPED

Dominion Government Orders Distribution for Domestic Purposes to Discontinue—Court Case Adjourns.

BRANTFORD, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The Brantford Gas Company has been ordered by the Dominion Government to discontinue the distribution of gas from the Tilbury fields for domestic purposes. This announcement was made this afternoon when the police court proceedings of the local board of health against the company on a charge of maintaining a nuisance detrimental to the public health were continued.

When the court opened George Lynch-Staunton, K. C., of Hamilton, acting for the company, intimated that the company had been ordered by the government to discontinue the distribution. For that reason, he said, it would be useless to offer any evidence in defence, as the company had no alternative but to shut off the supply.

Conference Called.

He further stated that a conference between the company and city representatives would be held to decide what was to be done, in view of the fact that the carrying out of the government's order would mean that the citizens would be without a gas supply for lighting, heating and cooking purposes, which would work out as a great hardship in many cases.

At this stage it was suggested that in view of the conference it would be well to enlarge the case for a week or so, but Mr. Henderson preferred to submit some evidence, and called Dr. Pearson, M.O.H., and Acting Mayor Spence, who testified that much sickness had been caused and the health of the citizens endangered by the distribution of the sulphur gas.

Mr. Henderson then stated that he had many witnesses present, but all concerned were agreed that in view of the latest turn affairs had taken it would be advisable to adjourn the case for a week, and that was accordingly done.

TOLLS MAY BE LEVIED UPON ALL SHIPS

Resolution in Congress Asks That Free Passage of U.S. Vessels Thru Panama Canal Be Deferred Until Proof Given Other Shipping Can Pay Expenses.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(Can. Press.)—A joint resolution to conditionally suspend the operation of the provision of the Panama Canal Act granting free passage to American coastwise vessels, was introduced today by Chairman Adamson of Georgia, on the house commerce committee.

The suspension would be subject to the following conditions: "At any time after the Panama Canal shall have been opened and successfully operated for two years, if, in the judgment of the president, the revenues derived from tolls of vessels other than those engaged in the coastwise trade of the United States, shall be sufficient to defray the cost of maintaining and operating the canal, and the expense of government and sanitation of the canal zone, and all diplomatic questions touching the treatment of vessels as to conditions or charges of traffic at the canal shall have been adjust-

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WILSON SIGNED CURRENCY BILL

President, in Affixing Signature, Spoke Informally Amid Outbursts of Applause.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(Can. Press.)—In the presence of his cabinet members, a number of senators and representatives and others, President Wilson at 6.01 p.m. today signed the Glass-Owen currency bill.

With a few strokes of the pen the president converted into law the measure to be known as the Federal Reserve Act, reorganizing the nation's banking and currency system and furnishing in the words of the president "the machinery for free and elastic and uncontrolled credits, put at the disposal of the merchants and manufacturers of this country for the first time in fifty years."

An enthusiastic applause ran thru the ceremony, not only as the president affixed his signature, but as he delivered an extemporaneous speech characterizing the desire of the administration to take common counsel with the business men of the country and the latter's efforts to meet the government's advances as the "constitution of peace."

The event came at the close of a day of rejoicing in the national capital, for congress had recessed for two weeks for the first time since it convened last April.

"I need not tell you," said the president to the assembled group as he took up his pen, "that I feel a very deep gratification at being able to sign this bill, and I feel that I ought to express very heartily the admiration I have for the men who have made it possible for me to sign this bill."

BANKS FALL INTO LINE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(Can Press.)—Banks in several of the large cities today telegraphed Secretary McAdoo their applications for membership in the new federal banking system. Two national banks in New York, the first from that city, applied and St. Louis, Cleveland, Denver, Seattle and Philadelphia all came along with one or more applications. Three trust companies, one in St. Louis, one in Baltimore and one in Washington applied. The clearing-house associations of Kansas City, Mo., and Atlanta, Ga., expressed approval of the law and their intention to recommend to member banks the desirability of entering the new system.

NOVEL PROPOSITION BY LONDON, ONT., BARRISTER

Says That Journalists Writing on Public Matters Should Be Elected by People.

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 23.—J. M. McEvoy, a prominent London barrister, is the father of a scheme that is taken with much seriousness in local quarters, by which he proposes to enable the people to govern those who would mold their opinions—newspaper men.

Mr. McEvoy, who has taken no little interest in Liberal politics, and who has been a candidate for both provincial and Dominion honors, declares that practically all legislative bodies, Dominion, provincial and municipal, are governed in their actions by expressions of the press. Legislators, in other words, follow the dictates of the newspapers.

In order to place the source of legislation under the control of the people, Mr. McEvoy would have enacted a law to which journalists who wrote on matters pertaining to public welfare should be elected to their positions by the people. He declares that such a law would have a very desirable effect, and that by such action the people would have their own first-hand sentiments voiced in the press for the guidance of legislators.

RAN OVER A WOMAN THEN WHIPPED HORSE

Police Are Looking for Driver Who Did Not Stop After Accident.

While crossing the corner of Agnes and Teraulay streets yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock, Mrs. Alice Edmunds of 26 Alice street, was struck by a delivery wagon and hurled to the roadway. The hind wheel just missed crushing the woman's head; so close was her escape that the left ear, run over by the iron-rimmed wheel, will have to be amputated at the General Hospital, where she was conveyed.

Instead of ascertaining the woman's injuries, the driver whipped up his horses along down Teraulay street, and so far his name has not been learned by the police.

RANCHERS OF ALBERTA WANT LEASING SYSTEM

Conference Held to Meet Opposition to Those Who Dissent.

MEDICINE HAT, Alta., Dec. 23.—(Can. Press.)—The ranchers of the southern part of the province are holding an important meeting here for the purpose of preventing the opposition in the government to the recent report of the ranching committee regarding the continuation of the leasing system.

The commission reported favorably to granting leases on ranches which occupied government lands, but it has later developed that there is considerable opposition to the report and its adoption. About 40 ranchers from various parts of the provinces, some from western Saskatchewan, are in the city attending the convention.

A FINE WATCHDOG!

The cold raw fact about Controller Foster is that he has hundreds of feet of land in the city assessed at fifty cents a foot for which he has refused $25 a foot! No one else in the city has this treatment. Why? Who was watching the watchdog?

The next cold raw fact about Controller Foster is that the most flagrant breach of the city bylaws in regard to sanitation of low class tenements was in connection with the rows of pest houses for which he took the highest rents from the poorest people in Toronto. Ask Dr. Hastings and his inspectors. That's why Towser yowls.

GIFT FURS MUST BE BOUGHT TODAY.

The inclement nature of the weather yesterday prevented many from making their purchase of furs for Christmas. For that reason there is certain to be a considerable press of business at Dineen's, 140 Yonge street, and the advisability of an early visit is obvious. The reliable nature and exquisite designs of the furs sold at this old established house make the days before Christmas conspicuously busy, and now, on the eve of the illustrious day, the store resources are likely to be terribly taxed during the afternoon. Dineen's is open tonight for the convenience of late shoppers.

Success of Canadian Invention.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The London & Southwestern are installing Prentice Wireless Train Control on their railway. The decision was arrived at after exhaustive tests witnessed by the chief officers of many railways. The adoption of this protection will not only give complete safety from collisions, but will save large sums of money in operating expenses.

FOSTER REFUSED GOOD OFFERS FOR LAND

Would Not Take Six Thousand Dollars an Acre for His Marjory Avenue Property Which is Assessed at Fifty Cents Per Front Foot.

When Controller Foster stated thru The Telegram on Monday that his Marjory avenue property was not worth ten cents a foot he probably forgot that about eighteen months ago he refused an offer of over one hundred times that amount. The offer, which did not include the Gerrard street frontage, was received from one of the largest corporations in Canada, which intended to turn the land into an industrial area. At that time the property was "really" a hole in the ground and very little of it could have been put to immediate use. Since then land values in that section of the city have jumped enormously, which fact is borne out by the rapid increases in assessments on property there "except Mr. Foster's."

Does the controller also remember refusing a more recent and much better offer than the one quoted above? The World received the information from a prominent citizen that he turned one down that would have netted him in the neighborhood of $25 a foot, or $6000 an acre.

Once Upon a Time.

Once upon a time there was a man who owned the property that is now assessed at fifty cents per front foot and in the name of Controller Foster. That man came to regard that property as a white elephant. He knew that Controller Foster could finance a deal in six figures, and he put it up to the controller to buy the white elephant at white elephant value.

Con. Foster ha sa keen realization of how pessimism and unearned increment can chum it to advantage. The man with the white elephant viewpoint was permitted to exchange his property for a limited amount of the controller's coin. Then the property was assessed in the name of Thomas Foster and at 25c per front foot. Later on the assessment was increased to 50c per front foot.

All this time that Controller Foster has owned the property it has been changing from a white elephant proposition to a twenty-five to fifty thousand dollar asset. Unearned increment came along much faster than increase in assessment. In fact increased assessment remained at the white elephant valuation, and Controller Foster, the "watchdog of the city treasury," sat tight and winked the other eye. It is written in the stars that the assessment on that property is now going to hit the high spots.

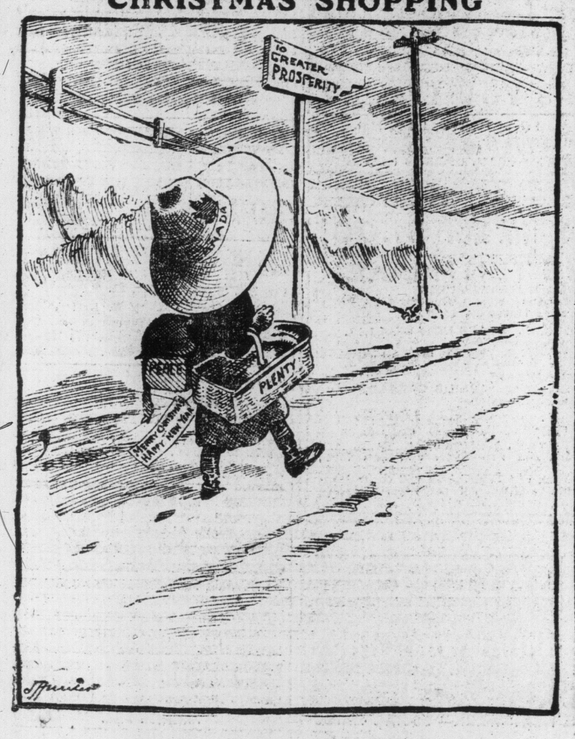
TWO SHIPS ARE REPORTED SAFE

Alaska and Mary Sachs of Stefansson Expedition in Comfortable Quarters for Winter.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—(Can. Press.)—Dr. R. M. Anderson, chief anthropologist with the Stefansson expedition, reported to George J. Desbarats, deputy minister of naval affairs, today that all the scientists and members of the crews of the Alaska and Mary Sachs, two of the explorers' vessels, are safe and well in winter quarters at Collinson Point, 50 miles from Flaxman Island, in the Arctic Circle. The report arrived by mail today and states, contrary to recent despatches from Seattle, that neither of the two vessels is damaged to any extent. The Mary Sachs was, however, caught in the ice packs last Septemer, but can be easily repaired.

Dr. Anderson reports last having seen the Kariuk in an ice pack near Point Barrow on Aug. 19. The mail received today was despatched from Collinson Point on Oct. 13 by runner to Circle City, Alaska, and thence it was sent south by steamer.

Dr. Anderson, who was formerly chief anthropologist of the American museum of natural history, states that the charts prepared by E. B. K. Loffingwell, the American explorer, were of inestimable value.

The Mary Sachs, with Kenneth Chapman, a geologist in charge, and the Alaska, reached Collinson Point on Sept. 27 and decided to winter there.

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