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TORONTO WOMAN WAS KILLED WHILE RIDING ON BACK OF MOTORCYCLE—DRIVER ARRESTED

Three More Houses Were Burned in Earls Court—A. C. Ross, Ex-M.P., Quits the Liberal Party—Graft Investigation in Russell

FIRE WIPED OUT A. C. ROSS GIVES UP ALLEGIANCE TO LAURIER

3 HOUSES IN EARLS COURT

Second Fire Within the Week Made Three Suburban Families Homeless and Damaged a Fourth Residence on Silverthorne Avenue—Was Fought With City Water.

Harvey Clare, an Earls Court barber, living at 127 Silverthorne avenue, took his wife and children for an outing yesterday afternoon and returned in the evening to find his house completely destroyed by fire. The houses occupied by Alexander Clarke at 125, and that of Albert Carter at 123, were also in ruins, while Joseph Brooks, living at 121, escaped with \$150 worth of property. The total fire loss will exceed \$5,000. Two other Earls Court houses were wiped out by fire on Wednesday afternoon.

An overheated stove at the Clare residence is thought to have caused the fire. Earls Court, Fourth street and Wyewood road, responded to alarms, and by laying out 700 feet of hose from the hydrant at the city limits managed to save the fourth house in the row. Fireman Irwin of Earls Court Station was disabled, when he ran a large nail completely thru his left foot. He will be laid up for some days. Mr. Clarke, who is a teamster, had difficulty in rescuing his five children for the frame houses burned quickly. His hair and eyebrows were singed as he fought his way down stairs with his youngest child, and the blanket in which he was carrying the baby was blazing when he reached the open air.

AVIATOR AND WOMAN PASSENGER MET DEATH

Motor Exploded and Monoplane Shot Blazing to Earth.

DRESDEN, April 10.—The German aviator, Reichelt, carried a woman passenger with him on a flight this evening. At a height of 200 feet the motor exploded and the monoplane shot blazing to earth. The woman was dead when extricated. Reichelt died in a hospital.

A FINE LOAD OF GRAVEL



Why Was There a Shortage Of Twelve Million Dollars In the City Treasury in 1912?

Official Investigation is Being Held to Ascertain What Became of Money and How Long It Will Take Taxpayers to Pay Off Debt

Why was there a shortage in the city treasury of twelve million dollars in the fall of 1912? The probe is now at work, and the disclosures are likely to be given to the city council at the meeting next Tuesday.

What is known in the meantime is:

- (1) That the city treasury was empty when there was a change of mayors in the fall of 1912.
- (2) That the city was in debt twelve million dollars to the local banks.
- (3) That one local bank had loaned two million dollars to the city, and had failed in every attempt to get any form of settlement of account for two years. The account was still unsettled in the fall of 1912.
- (4) That the local banks would not advance any more money unless they were practically given a receivership.
- (5) That the incoming administration had to "scratch gravel" in getting money to pay the civic employees.
- (6) That the debt to the banks has to be paid by the ratepayers.

What the probe will show is where the twelve million dollars went.

A HERCULEAN TASK.

Since the fall of 1912 the present administration has performed the herculean task of restoring the city's credit, reorganizing the treasury department, and instituting a system of accounting which cannot again cover up a condition by which the city treasury would be empty, no funds available, twelve millions owed the local banks, and the credit of the city exhausted.

Now that the extraordinary condition of the treasury department has been corrected, and a guard has been placed against any more confusion in the city's financial affairs, it is possible to attack the search for those twelve millions. The search is now going on.

When the search is completed it will have disclosed:

- (1) What became of the twelve million dollars?
- (2) How long a period will be required for the debt to be paid off by the ratepayers?

FORMER OFFICIALS OF RUSSELL ACCUSED OF LOOTING TREASURY DEFICIT OF TOWNSHIP \$50,000

Council at Emergency Meeting Determined to Have Judge Investigate Charges of Maladministration—Reeve Says He Has Evidence of Graft and Corruption.

EMERSON, April 10.—A series of recent developments in the affairs of the township of Russell point to the fact that the business and financial interests of the township are in a most deplorable condition.

H. S. Bates, a chartered accountant, who was engaged to go over the books of the township, in a lengthy report, which has been made public, reveals the fact that during the last two or three years the affairs of the township have been carried on in the most unbusinesslike manner imaginable, and that he does not make any specific charges against any one of the officials, he hints at maladministration, theft, corruption, etc., in the conduct of the affairs of the township.

At a special meeting of the township council, Reeve Menard read the report of the auditor to the council, and demanded that an investigation of the alleged corrupt affairs of the township be held at earliest possible moment. The council declared that it had evidence of graft, corruption and maladministration against certain officials, which evidence he would submit at the proper time and place.

Inquiry by Judge.

The special meeting resulted in the passing of a resolution requesting Senior Judge Constantine to hold an investigation into all the matters mentioned in the auditor's report for the years 1911, 1912 and 1913 and any matters which the council might see fit to bring to him under section 248 of the municipal act.

FINALE VOTE ON R'PEAL UNLIKELY BEFORE JUNE

Tolls Controversy Not Formally Before Senate for Two Weeks.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Consideration by the senate committee on inter-oceanic canals of the proposed repeal of Panama Canal toll exemption for American ships was interrupted by lack of witnesses and further formal discussion of the issue was postponed until Monday.

It was apparent tonight that the tolls controversy probably would not get formally before the senate for two weeks, and the general opinion prevails that the vote on the repeal will not be taken before June 1.

YOUNG WOMAN WAS INSTANTLY KILLED BY A DUNDAS STREET CAR WHEN SHE FELL OR JUMPED FROM SEAT OF MOTORCYCLE

Canadian Northern Financing May Be Done in New York

(Canadian Press Despatch)

MONTREAL, April 10.—The forthcoming financing of the C.N.R., according to gossip in local financial circles, will be done thru New York instead of London. It is understood here that Sir William Mackenzie has completed arrangements for the sale of a big bond issue to the New York bankers, the arrangements, of course, being conditional on securing the guarantee which the company is asking at Ottawa.

When and if this guarantee is granted, the company will be able to announce immediately a comprehensive program for the completion and equipment of the system.

MINISTER TALKS OF IMMORALITY

Rev. S. E. Grigg Says Toronto Men and Women Live Together Tho Unmarried.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Ont., April 10.—At the closing session of the convention of the Baptist Y. P. U. of Ontario and Quebec held today, the following officers were elected: President, Rev. Harry B. Nobles, Toronto; 1st vice-president, Leslie Barnard, Westmount, Que.; 2nd vice-president, Rev. A. C. Bingham, Petrolia; 3rd vice-president, Rev. L. L. Brown, Toronto; 4th vice-president, Rev. E. R. Fitch, Waterloo; secretary-treasurer, Rev. S. E. Grigg, Toronto; superintendent of Bible readers department, A. J. Madill, Toronto; superintendent of sacred literature, Rev. Caleb Harris, Waterloo.

Rev. S. E. Grigg of Toronto, in the course of an address called attention to the fact that in Toronto many men and women were living together and having children who never had been married and that nothing in the Canadian law enabled those who would like to do so to put a stop to such a condition.

The meeting was attended by over 1900 people.

REMOUNTS FOR CANADA AND BRITAIN TO BE BRED IN THE CANADIAN WEST

Minister of Militia Has Leased Sixty-Five Thousand Acres in Alberta to Company Which Will Raise Fifteen Thousand Horses a Year.

OTTAWA, April 10.—An important arrangement has been made by the minister of militia with the National Live Stock Exchange, Limited, whereby the latter will lease for twenty-one years 65,120 acres of crown lands in Alberta, south of the Red Deer River, and will breed thereon cavalry remounts for the Canadian militia and the British army. The annual rental will be two cents per acre, and the exchange undertakes to raise not less than 15,000 horses per year, the price to be paid by the militia department and the British war office not to exceed \$250. The exchange has agreed to purchase as far as practicable such half-bred yearlings as it may require from the smaller breeders throughout Canada, the purpose being to distribute the purchase money over as wide an area as possible and among the smaller breeders.

TRIPLE ALLIANCE NOW RUMORED

France, Russia and Great Britain May Be Joined in Closer Ties.

LONDON, April 11.—The Daily Citizen asserts that negotiations are proceeding at St. Petersburg, on British initiative, to convert the entire British Empire into a triple alliance with France, Russia and Great Britain in view of that later Germany would be forced to join, and the quadruple alliance thus formed would lead to an agreement for the limitation of armaments.

BODY OF EMPRESS IS IN PALACE AT TOKIO

TOKIO, Saturday, April 11.—The body of the dowager empress, who died Thursday at Namazu, arrived here about midnight. It was transported in a coach to the palace, through streets lined with troops. Five hundred thousand persons stood uncovered while the body passed. An official announcement of the dowager's death was then made.

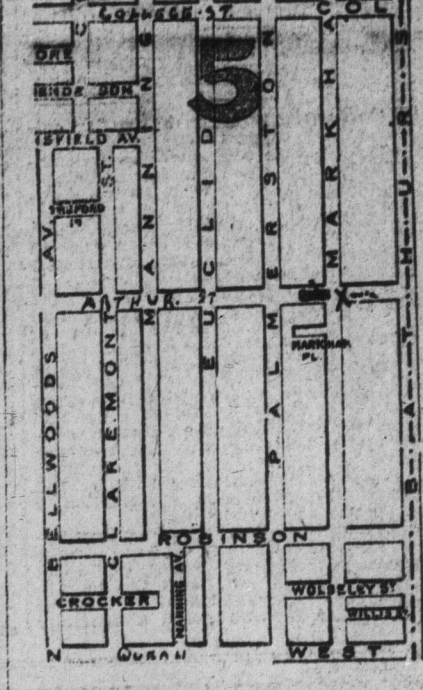
Mrs. Emma Belz, Nineteen Years Old, 90 Markham St., Crushed to Death Under Wheels of Dundas Car at Markham and Arthur Streets

Was Sitting Behind Driver of Machine When She Saw the Car Approaching and Lost Her Grip—Motorman and Cyclist Placed Under Arrest.

While riding on the rear of a motorcycle driven by William Thompson, 96 J. 2 Markham street, Mrs. Emma Belz, aged 19, of 90 Markham street, fell or jumped off the machine at the corner of Markham and Arthur streets at 7 o'clock last evening and was killed instantly by eastbound Dundas car No. 2000, driven by Motorman William Goodenough of 107 Leighton avenue. Both Goodenough and Thompson were arrested by the police of No. 3 division after the accident, and are being held on charges

occurred while the motorcycle was going south on Markham street, and when at the corner of Arthur it was struck by the eastbound Dundas car. The woman's body was dragged 100 feet beneath the car trucks before Motorman Goodenough brought his car to a stop. The front truck of the car apparently passed over Mrs. Belz, then when the body was released was caught up again by the rear truck. The body was so entangled in the mechanism of the car that the street railway repair car had to be sent for

Scene of the Accident



Mrs. Belz was killed at the corner of Markham and Arthur, within a block of her home, 90 Markham street.

and the rear of the car jammed up free of the rails before the remains could be identified.

Thompson's Statement.

According to Thompson's statement, made last night to the police of No. 3 division, he had taken the woman's husband for a ride just previous to the accident, and had returned for Mrs. Belz. Leaving the residence at No. 99 they proceeded north on Markham to Arthur, along Arthur to Devoncourt road north to College, and were returning down Markham to her home when the accident occurred at the corner of Arthur, less than a block from home. Thompson stated that just before he reached the crossing his view of Arthur street was obstructed by a truck, but he noticed a car coming east, which was at that time over a block west of Markham. He slowed up to get clear of the truck, then he sped to cross the tracks.

He declared that even then he did not see the trolley, but heard the girl on the rear cry out "Oh, Will!" and when he felt her release her hold on him, and drop off. Across the tracks he

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EASTER SATURDAY.

Easter is the big time of all the year for new clothes and new "Hats." The Dineen Co. Ltd., 140 Yonge St., have gone to no end of trouble to outfit all their previous efforts and have secured such a display of Men's Hats as have seldom been seen in Toronto before, styles, Dunlap and Sietson also. Men's Spring Overcoats in all the new styles for Easter. Popular prices always. Open tonight.

The Best Comic Opera Cast.

The comic opera "Sweethearts" that we've seen at the Princess Theatre all of next week with the usual Wednesday and Saturday matinees, is said to have the best cast that has ever appeared in this class of entertainment.