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Tomorrow's Weather—Much Colder.

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## CITY COUNCIL REFUSES TO BE RUSHED INTO VOTE ON ELECTRIFICATION

Aldermen by a Vote of 7 to 5 Decided to Lay the Matter Over Until More Information On So Important a Subject Can Be Secured By the City.

## IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT PEOPLE COULD NOT BE GIVEN ALL THE FACTS

Mr. Beck Was Given a Most Uncomfortable Time When Pointed Questions Were Directed at Him—Ald. Richter Raised Important Legal Point.

### THE RESOLUTION.

"That before the question of the electrification of the London and Port Stanley is presented to the people, full information should be obtained and time given to have the same fully understood before asking for an expression of opinion in a matter of so great importance. That independent expert advice should be obtained.

"1. As to the present condition of the London and Port Stanley Railway, and the cost of putting the same in good order as a steam road.

"2. To report upon the advisability of operating the road as a steam road, with a view of giving rights to other steam roads.

"3. As to the advisability of operating the road by electricity, having regard to the necessity of maintaining connection with steam roads.

"4. The cost of electrification and a comparison of the cost of operation (a) by steam, (b) by electricity.

"Further, that before any action be taken, the Michigan Central and Pere Marquette authorities be consulted with a view to ascertaining what course would be most desirable in their view, and what arrangement they are willing to enter into, if the road is put in proper shape, so that if possible both roads will continue to run into London."

### THE VOTE.

The vote resulted as follows: Yeas—Aldermen Richter, Bennett, Johnston, Ashplant, Murphy, Blandford and Robinson. Nays—Aldermen Spittal, Wright, Rose, Moore and Coles.

The city council, at a special meeting held last evening, decided not to be rushed into a vote on the proposed electrification of the London and Port Stanley Railway, until further information had been obtained on the subject, and by a vote of 7 to 5, decided to postpone the submission of the question to the electors until more definite information had been obtained on it. The discussion was very long, and at times rather pointed.

Hon. Adam Beck was present, despite an announcement that he was to leave the city in the afternoon, and made a long address, in which he begged the aldermen to send the bylaw to the people, assuring the aldermen that the citizens had or would receive all the necessary information.

However, a majority of the aldermen present took the ground that they had not sufficient knowledge of the subject to permit them to vote intelligently, even after discussing it for some weeks, and that they could not expect the citizens to know the truth.

**ALD. RICHTER RIDDLES IT.**  
Ald. Richter riddled the report, and gave Mr. Beck an uncomfortable half-hour in endeavoring to explain the criticisms of the finance minister.

On the question of the legality of the method of submitting the bylaw, he had Mayor Graham and his friends completely tied up, and it is extremely doubtful that any vote could have been taken had there been a majority in favor of Mr. Beck's program.

Ald. Ashplant, Ald. Bennett and Ald. Johnston made effective speeches for delay, saying that they had not been given an opportunity of securing the information which was their due on so important a matter.

Col. D. A. Davidson, of the C. N. R., was present, and renewed the offer of that company to come to London, stating that his company was ready to be reasonable, and if necessary to finance a coal company to furnish coal to manufacturers at the same price it is now furnished.

Ald. Ashplant introduced the resolution, proposing to delay the vote until proper information had been received. It was seconded by Ald. Murphy.

The session continued from 8 o'clock until after midnight, and was the longest of the year.

**Col. Davidson Present.**  
Mayor Graham notified the council that Col. Davidson, of the C. N. R., was present, and was anxious to present his case to the aldermen. He was asked to speak.

"I come to talk over a business proposition with businessmen," Col. Davidson stated. "I am at the head of some of the largest industrial concerns in the country, and as a businessman I believe you will listen to a business proposition from a businessman. I

## A CANINE FIRE FIGHTER

The London fire brigade has been adopted by a dog.

"Mike," a fine young English bull terrier, was owned by Mr. P. H. Brewster until a month ago. But "Mike" dearly loves a uniform and he quickly rubbed up an acquaintance with one of the firemen who passed his home each day. Soon the dog began following the fire fighter, and finally he got into the central station. There was no tearing him away after this. Although for his truancy he was carried home and forcibly detained, he chewed the rope in two, and was soon again taking charge of affairs at the hall.

It was the new auto truck that caught "Mike's" eye. He got chummy with the crew of the new apparatus right away, and every time the truck has gone out since "Mike" came he has gone out on it, standing up in the hose basket at the front and barking at such a great rate that no siren whistle is needed to warn pedestrians that the truck is rushing upon them. He sleeps in the truck and like the good fireman that he is, does not leave his post except for meals, and he seldom goes out of the hall. He is on good terms with anyone with a uniform and with all the horses, but a stranger excites his suspicion. Mike cannot understand what business ordinary people have around the place.

Mr. Brewster regretfully has given up hope of reclaiming the deserter. The lure of the exciting life was too much for Mike, and he has been presented to the brigade for all time to come. He has taken a life appointment, and his career will be "watched with interest."

## GIRL IS POSITIVE IN IDENTIFICATION

Frank Blackwell, of Chester St., South London, Arraigned on Serious Charge.

## ACCUSED DENIES CHARGE

Says He Will Be Able to Prove an Absolute Alibi—A Cowardly Attack on a Girl.

Frank Blackwell, of Chester street, South London, age 45, who was arrested on a warrant last night by Detective Sergeant Nickle, charged with having committed an indecent offence by having attempted an assault upon Miss Alma Tapp, of 175 Emery street, was brought before Police Magistrate Judd in the Carling street court this morning, but the case was enlarged until tomorrow, when the prisoner will attempt to prove an alibi.

In the meantime Blackwell is on remand at the county jail without bail. Miss Tapp claims to be most positive in her identification. Her evidence was taken this morning. Blackwell having elected summary trial.

Miss Tapp explained that after leaving her employment at Gorman & Eckert's East London plant, she delayed for a time in the business section before taking a southbound Wellington car for home.

She reached the end of the line, and got off at the corner of High street and East Teumseh avenue at 7:10 Friday evening.

Saw the Man.  
She claims that she got off after the car had "Y-d," and that Blackwell, who had been a passenger in the second seat behind her, left just before her and proceeded south. She did not notice him, but followed south on the west side of High street. When she reached a point at which the houses became irregular, near some vacant property, she asserts Blackwell suddenly leaped at her from behind a telephone post. According to her story, he placed his right hand at the back of her neck and his left hand over her mouth to silence her screams. She struggled with him and bit her assailant's fingers in an effort to mark him.

**A Terrible Shock.**  
The girl fought desperately, and in the struggle her silk waist, worn under an overcoat, was torn to shreds. Fearing that her outcry would attract some person, the man then stooped to pick up his hat, which had been knocked off, and started southward, turning at Windsor avenue.

Miss Tapp proceeded, and met Mr. Charles Miller, of Brick street, who escorted her home. She was suffering severely from shock, and her mouth was bleeding from the effects of her assailant's attempt to gag her.

Says He'll Prove Alibi.  
Miss Tapp was bitter in her accusations of the prisoner, and was anxious that he should question her. She stated that she had seen him many times before, and that she knew where he boarded. Blackwell declined to cross-examine the complainant, stating that he would be able to prove his alibi.

For this purpose the case was adjourned till tomorrow morning. Mrs. Tucker, of Chester street, with whom he boards, will be summoned for the defence to show that Blackwell reached home shortly after 8 o'clock that evening, and that he was not leaving the place after midnight.

A Mrs. Duncan, of Chester street, happened in just as he finished his supper. She said Blackwell would accordingly be subpoenaed in this connection.

## BY MR. BECK'S REASONING, PEOPLE OF LONDON VOTED AGAINST ELECTRIFICATION

Says Mayor Was Elected on Policy and Mr. Graham Did Not Receive a Majority of Votes—A Little Boomerang.

Mayor Graham stated Monday night, after being prompted by Mr. Beck, that he had made electrification one of the principal planks in his platform at the last municipal election.

Mr. Beck stated that Mr. Graham had been elected on this plank, and that the will of the citizens on the matter was known. He forgot to state that Mr. Graham did not secure a majority of the vote in London last year. According to Mr. Beck's figures there were 3407 votes against electrification and 3333 for it. The majority of the citizens voted for two other candidates, and by Mr. Beck's reasoning declared themselves against electrification.

And the mayor forgets very quickly. He came out flat-footed against electrification, according to the paper that supports him, at a fairly recent meeting of the London and Port Stanley board. He changed his mind again after Mr. Beck threatened to run for mayor.

## SLENDER IS THE THREAD ON WHICH PEACE HANGS

Austria Inflamed Against Russia Over Latter's Support of Serbia—Vienna Papers Urge That France, Czar's Ally Be Crushed by Triple Alliance.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, Dec. 10.—A cable to the Tribune from London says:

The resignation of the Austro-Hungarian Minister of War, General Aulic, and the chief of the general staff, General Schemua, and the negotiations of a large loan by the dual monarchy, again show how slender is the thread upon which hangs the peace of Europe.

It is believed that Austria wishes to exert a strong influence over the coming conference proceedings at London, and especially to prevent the entry of Turkey into the Balkan federation. The Austrian war party is known to be inflamed against Russia. In the belief that the defiant Russian attitude is due to the Franco-Russian alliance, some of the Austrian newspapers, representing the war party, are urging that unless Russia ceases mobilizing, the powers comprising the Triple Alliance should fall upon France and crush her before Russia is able to intervene.

**Prepare For Campaign.**

It has been expected that in the event of war, General Von Hoelsdorf would be appointed chief of staff, and his appointment now to succeed General Schemua, coupled with the news of the renewal of the Dreibund, has a distinct touch of aggressiveness about it.

Servia, too, is said to be preparing for a winter campaign. It was reported in Paris last night that the entire Austrian fleet had concentrated at Pola, the chief naval station of Austria-Hungary.

It is officially announced from Constantinople that Selih Bey, minister of marine, Rehad Pacha, minister of agriculture, and Osman Nizami Pacha, ambassador to Germany, have been appointed plenipotentiaries to the peace conference, to begin here on Friday next.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—Parliament will adjourn next week for the holidays. There was a Government caucus this morning at which the pending debate on the navy was discussed. It was decided that to adjourn on Friday of this week might be taken as an indication of weakness or indifference. Therefore, the decision was reached that the date of adjournment should be arranged for between the whips of the two parties for Wednesday or Thursday of next week.

The Conservatives also decided that in the debate they would meet the Liberals with speech for speech, and wave the flag from start to finish.

The decision to carry the debate to next week means that there will be four or five days' discussion of the naval program before Parliament separates for Christmas.

**Straitening Bill.**  
The irregularity in the manner Premier Borden brought in the naval bill is being straightened out, and there will be nothing to prevent Sir Wilfrid Laurier getting the floor early in the afternoon of the day after tomorrow to set for the position of the Liberal Opposition on the naval question. Sir Wilfrid is in splendid health and spirits and a masterly speaker is looked for from him by both sides. It is now expected that Hon. George E. Foster will follow Sir Wilfrid and that Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine will be the next Conservative speaker. It is possible that this order may be changed, and Hon. Mr. Hazen given precedence over Mr. Foster, as the naval measure is largely the concern of his department.

Those who follow Sir Wilfrid on the Liberal side will be Hon. George Graham and Dr. Michael Clarke, of Red Deer, who is a native of England, and can speak as one of the British born.

**THE WEATHER.**  
TOMORROW—MUCH COLDER.

Forecast.  
Toronto, Dec. 10.—8 a.m. Southwest and west gales, followed to night and during Wednesday by west and northwest gales, local snowfalls and a change to decidedly colder.

Temperatures.  
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Station	High	Low	Weather
LONDON	40	34	Clear
Victoria	40	34	Cloudy
Winnipeg	38	28	Clear
Calgary	38	28	Clear
Winnipeg	38	28	Clear
Port Arthur	38	28	Clear
Barry Sound	38	28	Clear
Toronto	38	28	Clear
Ottawa	38	28	Clear
Quebec	38	28	Clear
Father Point	38	28	Clear

Miles (—) means below zero.

**Weather Notes.**  
The low area which was over the Western Provinces yesterday is now moving across Western Ontario, and is followed by a pronounced high area and cold wave. Heavy gales are blowing on the Great Lakes, and are likely to extend to the Atlantic coast.

## A C. N. R. Representative



COL. DAVIDSON, One of Those Who Have Been Negotiating With the City for the Lease of the L. and P. S. R.

## NO COMPROMISE SAYS ROOSEVELT

Progressive Party Will Not Make Terms With the Republicans as Party.

## THE BEST MAN TO LEAD

Expects to Gather Under His Banner the Ex-Progressives in Both Old Parties.

[Canadian Press.]

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Theodore Roosevelt made it plain today that the program of the Progressive party does not contemplate making terms with the Republican party as a party. He said in effect that the new party had come to stay, and expected eventually to attract to its banner the "progressives" who still gave allegiance to the Republican and Democratic organizations.

As to leadership, Col. Roosevelt said the events of the next year or two could be trusted to develop the best men who must be chosen without reference to their own desires, but solely with regard to the needs of the party.

Progressives in Congress, and in the state legislatures were urged to get together and push Progressive legislation, but they were also counselled to support legislation that would carry out the principles of the new party, regardless of what party might introduce it.

Addressing the Progressive national committee and other leaders, Mr. Roosevelt congratulated them on what had been accomplished in the short time since the party was organized, and gave hope for the future.

He did not refer to the outcome of the campaign, but dealt briefly on the action of the Chicago convention.

## DENIES THE RUMOR

Stolen Irish Crown Jewels Have Not Been Restored.

[Canadian Press.]

Dublin, Ireland, Dec. 10.—The Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland authorized today a denial of the report that the Irish crown jewels, mysteriously stolen from Dublin Castle in 1907, had been restored.

## THRESHING ACCIDENTS MAY RESULT IN DEATH OF TWO

Guy Lucas Injured Very Mysteriously—Joseph Scott Struck by Bursting Casting and Parts of Knife From a Cutting Box.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Wyoming, Dec. 10.—Two threshing accidents, which may result fatally, occurred near here yesterday. When John Bryson's threshing outfit was in operation on the farm of ex-Reeve J. F. Donald, one of the workmen, Guy Lucas, by some means received a blow on the head, seriously injuring the skull at the back of the head, and rendering him unconscious. He now lies at the home of Mr. Donald in a critical condition.

No one saw what struck him, or how it occurred, and the patient being unconscious cannot explain. The young man was only employed a few days ago.

While Joseph Scott was operating a cutting box on the farm of Mr. Albert Goudie, one mile from here, a piece of casting and parts of the knife broke and flew, striking Mr. Scott on the forehead over the right eye. He lies at the home of Mr. Goudie, where everything possible is being done for him.

Mr. Scott has owned and operated a threshing outfit and has been for many years, and was anxious to have this year's work wound up before the close of the year. His home is near Camlachie.

## SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATURE WANTS CUT IN THE DUTIES

Fourteen Million Dollars Lost by the Farmers Last Year.

[Canadian Press.]

Regina, Sask., Dec. 10.—The adjourned debate on the resolution of Robinson, member for Francis, favoring a reduction of the duties on cement, implements and some other articles, was resumed and terminated Monday, when the resolution passed on a straight party vote of 23 to 7. An amendment was moved by Wiloughby, leader of the Opposition, urging that no tariff changes be made pending the submission of the report of the tariff commission. Wiloughby maintained that making reduction carried as stated.

## DEPUTATION WAITS FOR ALDERMAN TO ARRIVE ON TRAIN

Threats, Appeals, Every Other Means Taken to Rush Electrification Through.

## DEPERATE ATTEMPT TO FORCE BYLAW

One Alderman Threatened With Extermination, But He Stuck to His Guns.

The influence brought to bear upon members of the city council yesterday to force them to rush the matter of Port Stanley electrification through the council consisted in threats, depositions, frantic appeals, the telephone connections, and all the arts of wire-pulling.

A deputation of Beck followers waited at the station for Ald. Burley Bennett, who is a conductor on the Pere Marquette Railway. He understood the alderman left his train before they saw him, but he was "seen" later on. Mr. Bennett remembered that he had been one of the aldermen who had not been consulted in the matter in the least, although four or five weeks have elapsed.

**Did Not Receive Report.**

He had not received a copy of the Beck-Storer-Gabrey report, along with other aldermen, and he told the mayor that the meeting last night, what he thought of this kind of work. Ald. Richter also considered that the mayor's attitude in the matter was most high-handed, and he did not fail to let him know it.

At least one other alderman was called upon and threatened with municipal extermination. Every effort was made to whip the council into line, and the failure was the cause of great gnashing of teeth.

Some aldermen who did not vote with the seven were the victims of every influence that could be brought to bear.

**Businessmen Appealed.**  
There is no doubt that the businessmen of London did their best to convince the aldermen that they should not permit the indefensible report to be carried. But if they did so it was by means of appeals to the aldermen, because the businessmen had no threats to make. That their sound argument was of more weight with the aldermen than the threats of the other side was apparent.

"It may mean the end of me in municipal politics," said one alderman. "But no matter what happens I mean to stand by my conviction that this report should not go to the people in its present form."

A great howl—an insult to the city council—was made by a local paper in regard to "the interests" helped at work to influence the aldermen. Who these interests were is difficult to ascertain.

**The Shippers of London?**  
By "the interests," no doubt, perhaps is meant the wholesale and retail interests of the city, and the manufacturers who protested against the submitting of a scheme, the submission of which was shot and in support of which nothing had been said, excepting broad generalities, and abuse of well-known citizens.

Who seemed to support it were really against it, but had to appear to support it, and their numbers were few.

The voice of public opinion, insofar as it could be heard, no doubt, perhaps is meant the attempt to rush the scheme to the people without deliberation.

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