

PERE MARQUETTE WANTS LEASE OR WILL SUE CITY FOR BRIDGES

Interesting Story Affecting
L. and P. S. R. Given
Out.

MAYOR STEVELY WAS IN DETROIT

In Consultation With General
Manager Cotter—Big Fight
Likely To Be Begun.

The suit against the city for the bridge erected last season and the one now in course of erection on the London and Port Stanley Road, will be commenced shortly.

That is the impression about the city hall.

The Pere Marquette has practically completed the work, and according to the promise made by General Manager Cotter, of the Pere Marquette, some time ago the city will be asked to pay for the bridges or stand a suit.

Mayor Stevely was, it is understood, in Detroit yesterday in conference with the officials.

The matter will be brought to a climax as soon as the Pere Marquette knows exactly what the bridges have cost the company. That should not be three weeks, it is thought.

Already the city has been semi-officially notified that the suit was impending, and that the company was willing to talk settlement.

The Pere Marquette is satisfied that the city must pay for the bridges and is confident that it will win the suit against the city.

The exact amount is not known, but it is said to be in the neighborhood of \$35,000.

The Lease.

The question of the lease will play a very important part in the settlement of the suit, it is said.

It is known that the Pere Marquette is willing to lease the road for a term of years.

It is also known that the company some time ago was willing to pay \$15,000 per annum rental, with the additional 10 per cent of the earnings over a certain sum.

It is further known that the company is not now willing to pay that sum of money for the lease, owing to the competition that is being offered by the Southwestern Traction Company.

However, it is semi-officially stated that the company is willing to execute a reasonable lease of the road, and will allow the city a fair rental for the property.

Effects of Competition.

"I understand that the company will not agree to the former offer of \$15,000 a year for the road," said a city hall official this morning. "The competition with the Traction Company has affected its value, of course. However, I was given to understand that the company would give a good rental for the property if given a lease for a long term of years."

"The figure was not made known to me, but I gathered from what was told me that the amount would be almost the same as the present rental."

The company would not press the suit against the city for the cost of the bridges, provided the term of the lease was such as to give them a reasonable guarantee that the amount would be made up before the lease expired if the business showed any increase at all.

No Lease, a Suit Will Follow.

"If the Pere Marquette does not get the road, then there will be a suit for a big sum of money."

"What is City Solicitor Meredith's opinion?" was asked.

"He thinks the company has no claim against the city," said this official, "but I do not agree with him."

The Bridges.

The first of the bridges to be built is the one at Port Stanley. It is in the process of construction and will shortly be finished. The bridges over the Thames were finished last season.

The new bridges were made necessary by the increase in the traffic, necessitating heavier engines than formerly, and especially on account of the amount of coal being hauled over the road.

The Pere Marquette will make many improvements in its service, and on its property, if given the lease," said a prominent railroadman this morning. "It cannot afford to go much with only four years more to run. The company could make the road worth while if given a chance. The P. M. is the only road that has made Port Stanley boom. The company is the only one that has made the road pay for the city. The P. M. R. has killed Port Stanley as a summer resort and the same would happen to Port Stanley if another company but the P. M. got hold of it. It would cut off all lake freight and all that. This matter will have to be settled before the summer is over."

A Conference.

It is understood that a conference

MRS. COL. LEYS HAS PASSED AWAY

Death of One of London's
Most Estimable
Ladies.

Mrs. Carrie T. Leys, relict of the late Col. F. B. Leys, ex-M.P.P. for London, died this morning at the family residence, 111 Elmwood avenue.

Mrs. Leys, who had been ailing for some years, was about on Tuesday last, when she was taken very ill, death ensuing this morning after 10 o'clock.

Before her marriage she was Miss Thompson, of Detroit, the daughter of a well-known philanthropic citizen of that place.

During her life in this city she was known for her many works of charity, and was a sincere friend of the poor of London.

Mrs. Leys was interested in many charitable enterprises, and in her death the unfortunate and the sick of London lose a sincere and earnest friend.

She was a devoted member of Knox Presbyterian Church, South London, and always took a deep interest in church work.

No good object ever failed to meet with a generous response from her, and no needy person ever applied to her in vain.

Deceased is survived by four children, two sons and two daughters, Dr. Fred T. and Mr. Allan S. Leys, of Detroit; Mrs. Fred L. Evans, of this city, and Miss Leys, at home.

One son, John, died some years ago. Her husband, the late Col. Leys, died in September, 1905.

The funeral will be strictly private.

IMPERIALS BEAT WATSON'S BOX FACTORY

In a Good Game of Baseball Last Night.

The Imperials defeated the Watson's box factory team in a splendid game of ball last night, the score standing 5 to 0. The game was a much better one than the score would indicate, the losers having been left with eight men on bases in five innings.

The base running of Matthews was the feature of the game. Batteries—Imperials, T. Chadwick and G. Craig; Watsons, A. Sharp and N. Chadwick.

Umpire—H. Tupholme.

RIVERS ON A RAMPAGE

Leaves Give Way Near St. Louis—Great Damage Done.

St. Louis, June 19.—One drowned, the breaking of levees here, and the flooding of thousands of acres of land and frenzied efforts by railroads and towns to save property, marked yesterday's rise in the waters of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers. The gauge read 34.8, and still rising, and rivermen believe the crest will surpass the weather bureau predictions of 35 feet.

The drowning was that of Max Richter, 17 years of age, who was seized with cramps while trying to repair a boat in which he had gone to view the flood.

EXODUS TO EUROPE

Six Hundred Steerage Passengers Must Wait for Next Vessel.

New York, June 19.—About 600 more steerage passengers than the Holland-America steamship Potsdam could accommodate made an effort to sail on her yesterday morning from her pier in Hoboken. They were kept outside the gates and the police dispersed them. The line will provide passage for them on the North German Lloyd steamship Bremen, which sails today, and will board them meanwhile.

While the police were keeping the crowd in order an ambulance from St. Mary's Hospital drove down on the pier and a rumor got around that there was a riot of steerage passengers. What had happened was that Mrs. Anna Fingelax's child was found to be dying.

DIES ROCKING GRANDCHILD

Aged Woman at Benton Harbor, Mich., Killed by Gas.

Benton Harbor, Mich., June 19.—Asphyxiated by gas while rocking her 15-month-old grandchild to sleep was the fate of Mrs. Mary Murphy today.

While toddling about, the child accidentally turned on the gas of a heater in the room unnoticed by the aged woman. The baby then climbed back into the cradle, and as she rocked the tot to sleep Mrs. Murphy was gradually overcome by the escaping gas.

Mrs. Murphy was dead when found, but doctors succeeded in saving the child's life.

Probably be arranged very shortly by the Pere Marquette officials and the city council when this matter will be discussed.

That conference will probably take place after the notice for the suit has been entered.

DROWNING ACCIDENT AVERTED CLOSE CALL AT GODERICH CAMP

While Fording River Officer Stumbled on a Stone and Was Swept Away—Private Abbott of Woodstock Heroically Saved Man and Won Golden Opinions for Himself.

[By Our Own Man.]

Goderich, June 19.—A drowning accident was narrowly avoided today at the militia camp, and but for the presence of mind of Pte. Robert Abbott, twenty-ninth Regiment, whose home is in Woodstock, a color-sergeant whose name cannot be learned would have lost his life.

Both men were fording the river, when the sergeant's foot slipped on a stone, and he was carried away by the current.

Young Abbott swam after him and held him above water until a boat arrived and took both to shore.

Lieut. Col. Oliver spoke very highly of young Abbott's pluck while the regiments were on parade today.

Col. Peters Inspects.

Lieut. Col. Peters, D. O. C., today inspected the different regiments' cooking utilities, supply boxes and sanitary arrangements. Everything was found in a satisfactory shape, with the exception of one regiment's supply boxes, which did not meet with the colonel's approval.

The different regiments were out today on brigade work.

Improvement in the men's work can be seen daily.

Sunburnt faces and necks is the order of the day. The men in parade being exposed to the sun from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Twelve companies were lectured by instructors, and did their shooting at the firing line today.

Sergeant-Major James, of the Twenty-seventh, was in orders today, being promoted to warrant officer. He was formerly a member of the Seventh Fusiliers, London.

The highest score on the ranges today was made by Pte. Lewis, Twenty-sixth Regiment. His score was 68 out of a possible 70.

Boys Are Improving.

The reflection and turned in an alarm over the phone.

Chief in Bad Box.

The brigade was held at the Maitland street crossing of the Grand Trunk, until the crew cut the cars, and in the darkness and dust the chief had a terrible time keeping his shell of a buggy from being crushed between the cars.

Only the good work of the drivers prevented a bad accident.

When at last the crossing was opened up, the central hook and ladder, the hose wagon and the chief, with his driver, made a gallant rush for the scene of the fire, and in one minute had a line of water playing on the flames. East London company arrived a moment later.

Good Work.

The fire had spread from the store to a shed and a pile of wood, and in a couple of minutes more, two more lines of hose were at work on them.

In half an hour the fire was out, though it gave trouble just as the men were leaving by breaking out in a new spot.

An overheated stove is blamed for the blaze.

FOR THE TERCENTENARY

Grant of \$10,000 From the Government of Alberta.

Ottawa, June 18.—The Government of Alberta has made a grant of \$10,000 to the Quebec battlefields fund.

E. B. Osler, M. P., has made a donation of \$1,000.

FORGOT HIS HANDS

Arrest of Fugitive Indian, Disguised by Blacking His Face.

Port Huron, June 18.—Fleeing from Theford, Ont., where he is wanted on a burglary charge, James Henry, an Indian, aged 32, blackened his face and thus disguised, attempted to cross over into the United States.

He thoughtlessly neglected to blacken his hands and the supposed negro, with an ebony countenance and copper-colored hands, aroused the curiosity of the Port Huron immigration officers, who placed the man under arrest and washed his face.

He will be sent back to Theford as soon as his extradition can be arranged.

GOING TO GODERICH

Sir Frederick Borden Proposes to Visit the Militia Camp.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, June 19.—Sir Frederick Borden has arranged to visit the militia camp at Goderich on Monday next, and will speak at a dinner to be given in his honor. If parliamentary duties allow he will also visit Niagara camp next week.

TORNADO IN IOWA

Many Buildings in Ruins and Several Persons Injured.

St. Louis City, Iowa, June 19.—Several persons were injured, one perhaps fatally, by two houses and a half-dozen barns destroyed, by a tornado, which struck the eastern outskirts of Sioux City late yesterday afternoon. The residence of Mrs. Maud E. Green, of Greenville, was wrecked. The three persons in the house—Mrs. Howe, Charles Eakam, her nephew, and H. Charles Youhill—were badly injured, and the latter died. The home of Fred Demanville, of Morning-side, was torn to pieces.

Mr. John McNeill, of Sault Ste. Marie, says the crops in his vicinity have been so affected by the heavy white frosts of last week, that the farmers will sustain a heavy loss.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—MOSTLY FAIR.

FORECASTS.

Today—Fresh to strong south and southwest winds; fine and warm.

Saturday—Westerly winds; thunderstorms in a few localities, but mostly fair and warm.

Local Temperatures.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. yesterday were: Highest, 84.5°; lowest, 53°.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Max. Weather.

Calgary..... 48 46 Fair.

Winnipeg..... 52 52 Rain.

Port Arthur..... 56 52 Cloudy.

Parry Sound..... 78 64 Fair.

Manitowish..... 52 58 Fair.

Ottawa..... 72 68 Fair.

Montreal..... 70 60 Fair.

Quebec..... 64 54 Fair.

Father Point..... 56 46 Cloudy.

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 52-60; Vancouver, 50-63; Kamloops, 52-70; Edmonton, 42-58; Calgary, 42-54; Regina, 56-60; Winnipeg, 58-64; Harry Sound, 46-50; Toronto, 56-74; Ottawa, 46-50; Montreal, 50-76; Quebec, 46-76; St. John, 52-74; Halifax, 46-74.

MORE MONEY TO MOVE CROPS

Hon. Mr. Fielding Explains His Plan—Mr. Foster Makes Objections.

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THE VOTE.

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Such is the record of the culminating day of the Republican national convention of 1908, effected amid scenes of tumultuous enthusiasm, and after a nerve-racking continuous session lasting nearly eight hours. With president named, another platform enunciated, there remains only the nomination for vice-president to complete the great work.

Tonight the whole city is given over to wild exultation in honor of the new candidate, whose name goes echoing through the country.

The picture within the walls of the vast amphitheater, as the presidential candidate was named today, was grandiose in its magnitude. In front, to the right and left, below and above, the billowing sea of humanity, restless after hours of waiting, and stirred from one emotion to another, was in a fever of expectancy for the culminating vote. The favorite sons of other states had been named, save Knox and LaFollette, and now on the roll call came Ohio. As the Buckeye State was reached the tall, gaunt form of Theodore E. Burton, with student-like face and severe black clerical garb, advanced to the platform to nominate Ohio's candidate. He spoke fervently with the droning voice of an evangelist, which went ringing through the great building.

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SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO SOUTH END LADY FELL FROM A "TEETER" AT SPRINGBANK

Spine Is Injured—If She Recovers May Be Crippled for Life.

They had secured a very long board and made the "teeter." Suddenly, when Mrs. Purdy was about twelve feet in the air her companion on the other end of the board slipped off.

Back Injured.

Mrs. Purdy fell heavily on her back and it is believed that she struck either a sharp stone or the root of a tree for upon examination it was found that her spine had been fractured near the base.

It is feared that she is internally injured also.

She was carried to her home after the accident, but last night was removed to Victoria Hospital, where she is at present in a very serious condition.

BIDDULPH MAN KILLED BY PILE OF WOOD HEAD CRUSHED AGAINST A CIRCULAR SAW

William Telfer Met Death Under Most Peculiar Circumstances.

Mr. William Telfer, of the townline, North Biddulph, was thrown against the steel frame of a circular saw while cutting rails at the home of James Heenan, two miles west of Granton, on Wednesday, and his head was so badly crushed that he died five hours after being taken out.

Mr. Telfer was 55 years old, and one of the best known farmers in the vicinity. For many years he had owned a portable sawmill, and was in the habit of going around "buzzing" wood for the farmers.

He had been at Mr. Heenan's since Tuesday, and had cut a big pile of rails. While working at the saw the pile which remained to be cut fell over on him, and before Mr. Heenan and his son could lift the heavy rails off him, he had been terribly crushed.

Dr. Lang, of Granton, was summoned and did everything possible, but Mr. Telfer died about noon.

Besides his wife, Mr. Telfer is survived by eight children.

Mr. Robert Telfer, of the construction gang of the London street railway, is a son, and was notified of the accident on Wednesday.

He left at once for his home, and at four minutes past five, on Friday morning, was in the Presbyterian cemetery.

Seven Witnesses in Shooting Case

Any amount of excitement is promised in the county magistrates' court on Monday, when Harry Morris and William Hayes appear to answer to charges of carrying firearms and shooting at Lawyer Kellestine, an employee of Perrin's.

Up to date seven witnesses have been summoned to appear.

Their names are as follows: E. Hardy, W. Mercer, Ernest Yelland, Joseph Fortner, Benjamin Ross, N. Ross and Lawrence Kellestine.

The above named are alleged to have witnessed the shooting near Springbank on Sunday last, and the evidence against the two accused men looks strong.

A Big Job for Supt. Charles Murphy

A Montreal dispatch says: Important changes are being made in C. P. R. circles. Mr. H. P. Timmerman, general superintendent of the eastern divisions, is about to be replaced in that office by Mr. Charles Murphy. The official circular announcing this change has not yet been issued, and, in the meantime, the only statement made in the matter is that Mr. Timmerman has been assigned to other duties. Mr. Timmerman was formally superintendent of the Ontario division, with headquarters at Toronto. In November, 1906, he was transferred to Montreal to take the position from which he is now retiring. Mr. James Osborne, then superintendent of the eastern division, went to Toronto to take his place.

Mr. Charles Murphy, the new general superintendent of the eastern division, is looked upon as one of the most capable and popular men among the C. P. R. officials. He has been connected with the company for many years. He was formerly superintendent in charge of the Ontario division, with headquarters at London, but for the last six months or so he has been relieving other superintendents in various parts of the system.

Potatoes Grow at Grand Trunk Depot

The Grand Trunk station has at one time and another furnished many curiosities and relics of great interest to antiquaries, archaeologists, students of mediaeval architecture and other scientifically inclined, but just now it promises to come into prominence through those gentlemen whose chief delight is the science of horticulture.

This morning a well-known specialist in rare plants discovered something growing up through the cracks in front of the postoffice department near the eastern end of the venerable pile, and after several hours of work with a microscope arrived at the conclusion that it was a potato plant.

For fear of destroying a landmark it was found impossible to disturb the plant in its surroundings, but the presence of a potato bug, known to science as the Colorado Beetle, which quickly disappeared down a crack when the scientist approached, seems to offer further evidence that the learned one is right in his surmise.

It is stated that the Grand Trunk are in receipt of many offers from neighboring quick-lunch firms for the whole supply of tubers that may be raised.

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