

Hear Ald. John G. Richter in the Auditorium Tonight

PRINTED LIES TO
INJURE RICHTER
IN PUBLIC MIND

Graham Organ Alleges He Made Statements at Meeting He Never Attended.

NOT EVEN A PERVERSION

False Statements Are Characterized as Part of Campaign of Slander.

The lack of confidence shown by Ald. Richter in the ability of the citizens to manage their own utilities is shown by an incident that happened a few weeks ago when Chairman Pocock and Commissioner Chapman opened negotiations with the London Street Railway Company for the purchase of power.

There was a conference on civic business in Ald. Spittal's office, and Ald. Richter was present. A copy of the Evening Free Press was brought in, with a story that the London Street Railway would sign a contract for power. It was read to the gathering, the majority present hailing it as a fine stroke of business, and one that would produce excellent results to the citizens.

"All nonsense," declared Ald. Richter. "The London street railway will never take power. Nothing will come of that."—From the Graham organ.

Ald. John G. Richter says that the statements contained in the above extract are absolute falsehoods. "I have not been in the office of Ald. Spittal in the last year," he stated. "And every word in the article is made out of whole cloth. It is of a kind with the whole campaign."

"The worst I have done is to give four years of my life to the public service. I have never had the slightest antagonism toward any man in London, but I would consider myself a pretty poor specimen of a man if I allowed myself to simply fall into the lickspittle class because I was afraid to speak my mind."

When his opponents have to resort to falsehoods of the character that have been exposed in The Advertiser, it is felt that Ald. Richter's claims on the majority are strong, and that any slander is being resorted to in an effort to defeat him by maligning him.

Stefansson's Vessel
Believed To Be Lost

Best Letter From Far North Expresses Hope For Members of Expedition.

[Canadian Press.] New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 29.—The fear that the Karluk, one of the vessels of the Stefansson Arctic expedition, is doomed, was expressed by Stephen Cottle in a letter written Oct. 13, and just received here. Cottle was on board the steamer Bleederville, which was held fast in the ice ten miles off Demark Point, Alaska. "Dr. Anderson," he wrote, "is stuck about 75 miles west of us with the two small vessels of the Stefansson expedition; the Karluk was last seen about 10 miles off shore of Flaxman Island, four days ahead of us. We can get no further news from them, and I am very much afraid it is the last of the Karluk. We are in hopes that the crew has been able to make a place of safety to the west of us."

THE WEATHER.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours preceding 8 a.m. today: Highest, 28; lowest, 22.

The official temperatures for the 24 hours preceding 8 p.m. Sunday were: Highest, 30; lowest, 18.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.

Forecast.

Toronto, Dec. 29—8 a.m.

Today—Fresh southeasterly winds; cloudy.

Tuesday—Westerly winds; fair, with temperature about the freezing point.

Temperatures.

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

| Stations. | High. | Low. | Weather. |
|--------------|-------|------|----------|
| Victoria | 44 | 38 | Clear |
| Calgary | 44 | 38 | Clear |
| Winnipeg | 24 | 14 | Cloudy |
| Port Arthur | 22 | 20 | Cloudy |
| Ferry Sound | 20 | 26 | Cloudy |
| Toronto | 30 | 28 | Cloudy |
| Ottawa | 14 | 12 | Cloudy |
| Montreal | 18 | 12 | Snow |
| Quebec | 12 | 2 | Cloudy |
| Father Point | 18 | 8 | Cloudy |

SINCE SATURDAY THERE HAS BEEN A PRETTY

general rise in temperature throughout Canada except in the Maritime Provinces, where the weather continues moderately cold.

Slight snow has fallen in a few places in Northern Ontario.

ANOTHER UNSUCCESSFUL
MUTINY IN CHINA

Declaration of Independence Following Revolt—Loyal Troops Rout Revolutionaries.

[Canadian Press.] Peking, Dec. 29.—A revolt of three regiments of the Chinese army under the leadership of General Yang Hu-Pin, is reported from Lali-Fu, in the far south-western Province of Yunnan, about 100 miles from the frontier of Burma. The soldiers, on Dec. 8, shot down their officers, rained the armory, killed a professor and several students of the Chinese college, and then proclaimed the independence of the province in the name of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, former provisional president of China. The mutineers themselves protected the chapel belonging to the China Island Mission, the school attached to which was soon filled with wounded and dying.

Panic reigned for a fortnight in the city, but then a force of loyal troops arrived, stormed the place, routing the mutineers.

Yang Hu-Pin was surprised and burned to death in a house where he was hiding in a neighboring village. The surrounding country is said to be terrorized by the remaining mutineers, who have looted many places. A column of loyal troops has been dispatched from Yunnan-Fu to restore order.

RICHTER PAYS HIS
CIVIC EXPENSES OUT
OF HIS OWN POCKET

Unlike Others He Draws on His Own Purse When On City Business.

CHECKS THE JUNKETING

Other Aldermen Not So Prone Now to Take "Joy Rides" on Municipality.

In the four years he has served the city as alderman John G. Richter has never accepted one cent from the city by way of reimbursement for expenses. He is the man who put the junket out of joint, it might be said.

The Mayor's System. Although the present mayor not only receives a salary of \$2,000, with which it is understood he will meet expenses, he never fails to put in his little bill when he takes a trip.

Other mayors have usually treated that \$2,000 as an amount to meet expenses, and the usual demands that are made from various sources.

In four years Ald. Richter has been on many civic deputations, but he has always paid his full expenses himself.

An Honorary Position.

"I believe that all civic positions are strictly honorary, and that a man is giving his time, his money and his services when he is elected by his fellow-citizens," said Ald. Richter. "I have no desire to have this matter mentioned. I know that my payment of expenses has discouraged the taking of municipal junkets as in the past. Other aldermen have not felt so free to take the city's money when ever they take a little jaunt."

Social Survey Report
Will Be Presented

Findings of Dr. Meyers To Be Revealed at Federation Meeting Tonight.

Dr. J. Meyers, of Toronto, who has been conducting a social survey in London under the auspices of the Men's Federation, for the past three months, will make his official report to the executive of that body tonight. Just what disclosures will be made at the meeting are not known, but it is expected that the report will be an interesting and comprehensive one. Dr. Meyers has confined his investigations principally to religious and educational work, and the report will deal with these branches. The survey has been systematic and thorough, and with the compiling of the last of the reports from the several churches of the city, the federation will be possessed of definite information regarding church conditions in the city.

It is not the object of the association to censure, according to statements made by its members. It has not been conducting the investigations for that purpose. The idea is to obtain a comprehensive insight into existing conditions.

At tonight's meeting definite arrangements for the welfare exhibit will be made.

GAS EXPLOSION KILLS FOUR.

Blackall, Ind., Dec. 29.—Three men were killed and four injured today at the Indian Creek mine, four miles south of here, when a gas explosion occurred. The dead are Emery, Williams, Robert Cotton and an unidentified man. The four injured are buried in the mine.

CONSERVATIVE NOMINATION.

Portage la Prairie, Man., Dec. 29.—John G. Garland, merchant of this place, has been nominated by Lake-side Conservatives as their candidate at the next provincial election.

MAYOR BUYS HIS
BOOSTING POSTERS
IN ANOTHER CITY

Shows How Really Loyal He Is to the Industries of London.

"STAND BY CITY" A JOKE.

Flaring Type to "Boost London" Put Together by Outside Workmen.

Mayor Charles Milton Richardson Graham poses as London's big man. "Stand by London" is, no doubt, one of the big features in the campaign menu offered the electors by Charles Milton. But, curiously enough, the mayor himself is the first to offend against this advice. The Advertiser, having learned today that the huge posters, which have been hung up on boards throughout the city calling on the people to rally round the Graham standard once more, were printed in Toronto.

The flaming circus-like signs were put up by the billposting agency, and the mayor, cute and subtle advertiser that he is, is tickled to death with them, even though they were printed by an out-of-town establishment.

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Many Changes for G. T. R. Officials



U. E. GILLEN, former division superintendent here, who goes to Montreal as fourth vice-president.

CHAS. FORRESTER, former London chief dispatcher, now trainmaster at Stratford, who may return here as division superintendent.

PHYSICIAN SAYS
RICHTER ATTACK
CONTEMPTIBLE

Lawyer Employed by Victoria Hospital to Force Collections of Accounts.

TRUST ORDERED THIS

Foul Attempt Made to Blame Next Mayor for "Spying on Poor."

"The most contemptible newspaper attack I have ever seen in a public journal," was the manner in which a physician characterized the charge made against Ald. Richter that he had endeavored to pursue the poor who were in Victoria Hospital, and to find out if they were able to pay when they recovered.

Schmidt was reported to be near collapse in his cell in the Tombs. Hospital officials said that he was undoubtedly showing the strain of waiting for the jury's verdict today.

At the present time Victoria Hospital employs a lawyer who writes scores of letters in a year trying to secure money from patients who have come into the hospital as free patients," the physician continued. "I have had letters sent to me time after time asking for money from patients who entered the hospital as free patients and who were unable to pay anything. The statement from the anonymous hospital trustee that they did not mind a spy following up the poor" is funny to most physicians. If a man has anything to pay he doesn't go without paying.

Little Chance of "Victimizing." "The case of Ald. Richter has heard of cases of patients, entered as free patients, who were able to pay may have led him to inquire as to whether the city was not victimizing the poor," said the physician. "There is little chance of this, with the system of lawyer's letters that is in vogue. To try and show that Ald. Richter was trying to harass the poor was a contemptible thing, and is resented by medical men and physicians generally."

Ald. Richter's attitude to the question of rates for poor patients and the collection of the same, was absolutely fair and above board, and was far from being the "persecution of the poor" insinuated by the enemies of the people's candidate for the mayoralty.

Ald. Richter, when seen by The Advertiser commented upon the lengths to which his slandering opponents have shown a willingness to go in order to gain their base ends.

The matter came up when the estimates of the hospital trust were before the finance committee of the council. Ald. Richter simply asked what was being done to collect from so-called "poor patients."

"Take the case of a man who comes to the city today. A few weeks later he is taken ill and removed to the hospital," said Ald. Richter. "He is working on a salary and having been here only a short time may not have any great amount of money saved up. But after his recovery, he goes to work again at his usual salary. Now is there any reason in the world why that man should not pay his hospital bill? He is not a poor patient, although he may not have had funds at the time of his illness to pay his expenses. It was my desire to see what action was taken by the hospital authorities to collect in such cases as this. Where it was found that the patients were unable to pay all well along the line that I have suggested."

"A system was devised," continued Ald. Richter, "whereby a list of the charity patients was turned over to the relief officer, he to inquire into the circumstances."

Cheaper Than Toronto. Ald. Richter, at the time, procured information as to the relative cost of hospital treatment in other cities, and found that the best rooms in Victoria Hospital, London, were cheaper than the poorest in Toronto hospitals.

Selected To Head Travellers' Club During Year 1914



H. E. BUTTREY.

Twenty Places Ablaze
in Montreal With City
Cut Off From Water

Disaster That Was Feared Strikes Great City—Reserve Force of Water May Save Situation.

[Canadian Press.] Montreal, Dec. 29.—The fears that have been expressed of the grave danger property in the city was in during the water famine caused by the collapse of the intake pipe of the municipal waterworks plant, were realized this afternoon when a block of stores and houses on the corner of St. Hubert and Ontario streets caught fire, and made rapid headway because the firemen could only pour one feeble stream of water on it. In half an hour 20 buildings had been destroyed and a number of families rendered homeless.

RESCUING THE INMATES. Unable to do anything with the hose, the firemen displayed reckless bravery in rushing into burning buildings to rescue inmates.

Buildings which were quickly eaten up by the flames were those of the Ontario Shoe Company, S. P. Barrett, merchant tailor; A. Zangy, candy manufacturer, automobile and garage.

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NATURAL GAS BLAMED FOR
ILL-HEALTH AT PARIS, ONT.

Medical Men Have Charge of Several Consumers—Paint on Frame Houses Changes Color When Mains Spring a Leak.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Paris, Ont., Dec. 29.—The gas question in Paris is becoming very acute. The supply from the Tilbury field is said to be very injurious to health, and several families are under the doctors' hands through it. In some houses people have been advised not to use it by the medical attendant.

In one small cellar through which a leaky pipe passed a cat was shut up, and found to be dead in the morning.

At the junction on the street, where a bad leak occurred from the pipe, two frame houses have had the color of the paint completely changed. It is said that the gas will affect all paints that carry any proportion of white lead.

BRITAIN TO BUILD FIRE AND TEMPEST
BIG AERIAL FLEET SWEEP CITY OF SAN
AT COST \$5,000,000 SEBASTIAN AT NIGHT

London Paper Makes Prediction That Naval Estimates Will Be Increased Next Session.

TO BE EIGHT DERIGIBLES INHABITANTS IN A PANIC

Substantial Grounds For Rumor Said to Exist—Will Be Beginning of Fleet.

[Canadian Press.] London, Dec. 29.—According to the Daily Citizen, there are substantial grounds for saying that the naval estimate next session will be swollen by more than \$5,000,000 for an airship fleet. This proposed airship fleet will consist of eight to ten dirigibles to begin with.

High Cost of Living Commission Meets

Organization Takes Attention of Member—Scope of Investigation Indefinite.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Messrs. McDougall, Coates, and James, the members of the new high cost of living commission, held a preliminary meeting in the labor department office this morning. The first conference was taken up purely with details of organization, and there will be another such meeting tomorrow.

It is not expected that the commission will get down to business before the first week of the new year. The scope of the commission does not yet appear to have been defined, and it is not known whether the inquiry will be extended beyond the files and statistics available in the department at present.

BOY'S LEG CRUSHED UNDER G. T. R. ENGINE

Five-Year-Old Lad at Niagara Falls Run Down by a Yard Engine.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Niagara Falls, Dec. 29.—Just as G. T. R. switch engine 1250, in charge of Engineer Jefferson and Yard Foreman Mitchell, was pulling out of the M. C. R. track across Bridge street this morning, James Healey, the 5-year-old son of an express wagon and ran across the track directly in front of the engine.

The lad was knocked down and the wheels passed over his right leg, crushing it between the knee and ankle. Fireman Gillat noticed the boy, and called to the engineer, who stopped the train in a car length.