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## Richter in the Auditorium

# INJURE RICHTER

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

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 cit-

"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 ex-

tract are absolute falsehoods. "I have not been in the office of Ald. Spittal in the last year," he stated. every word in the article nede 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 mayoralty 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

test 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 Blevedere, which was held fast in the ice ten miles off Demarkation

Anderson," he wrote, "is stuck "Dr. Anderson," he wrote. "Is stuck about 75 miles west of us with the two small vessels of the tSefansson expedition; the Karluk was last seen about 10 miles off shore off 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 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 12 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. Forecasts. Toronto, Dec. 29-8 a.m.

Fresh southeasterly winds; Today Tuesday-Westerly winds; fair, with temperature about the freezing point.

Temperatures. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours Stations. High. I Victoria ...... 44 Clear Clear Winnipeg ...... Port Arthur.....

Parry Sound ..... Poronto ..... Ottawa Montreal Father Point .. Weather Notes.
Since Saturday there has been a pretty

ceneral rise in temperature throughout Canada except in the Maritime Provinces, where the weather continues moderately

Light 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.]
Pekin, Dec. 29.—A revolt of three regiients of the Chinese army under the leadership of General Yang Hu-Pin, is reported from Lali-Fu, in the far southwestern Province of Yunnan, about 100

miles from the frontier of Burma The soldiers, on Dec. 8, shot down their officers, raided the armory, killed a professor and several students of the Chinese college, as well as a number of citizens, 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 inland Mission, the school attached to which was soon filled with wounded and

ving. Panic reigned for a fortnight in the arrived, stormed the place, routing the posters, which have been hung up on

nutineers. 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 mutin-eers, who have looted many places. A column of loyal troops has been dispatched from Yunnan-Fu to restore

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

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 t 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 him-

An Honorary Position. 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 felt like a little jaunt."

### Social Survey Report Will Be Presented

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

Dr. J. Myers, 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 inresting and comprehensive one. Myers 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 altr.

ditions in the city.

It is not the object of the desociation to censure, according to statements made by its members. It has not been con-ducting the investigations for that puroose. The idea is to obtain a compre-nensive insight into existing conditions. At tonight's meeting definite arrangements for the welfare exhibit will be

GAS EXPLOSION KILLS FOUR. Bicknell, Ind., Dec. 29. — Three men were killed and four injured today at Indian Creek mine, four miles south of here, when a gas explosion occurred. Te dead are Emery Wil-liams, Robert Cotton and an unidentified man. The four injured are buried

CONSERVATIVE NOMINATION. Portage la Prairie, Man., Dec. 29. — John G. Garland, merchant, of this place, has been nominated by Lake- the past week. The owners are Robert side Conservatives as their candidate Jamman, W. F. Hooper, William Barat the next provincial election.

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 W orkmen.

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, ty, but then a force of loyal troops having learned to-day that the huge 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. Charles Milton Richardson should be more careful in the details of his cam-The posters intended to draw votes for his re-election may act as a boomerang when the people wake up to the fact that "our mayor" is not ven a supporter of home industry.

Counsel For Murderer Expect Acquittal on Ground of Insanity -Both Sides Confident.

[Canadian Press.] New York, Dec. 29.—Hans Schmidt, murderer of Anna Aumuller, will probably know his fate today. The case is

first degree.

Schmidt was reported to be near collapse in his cell in the Tombs. Prison officials said that he was undoubtedly showing the strain of the ordeal of waitfirst degree.

strictly honorary, and that a man is Long Programme of Important Matters To Be Rushed In Four Month's Discussion.

WILL RESORT TO CLOSURE trying to harass the poor was a con-

Considerable Difficulty Looming Up Ahead of Premier Borden and His Colleagues.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Dec. 29 .- A short session, with as little discussion as possible, is the program of the Government for the approaching meeting of Parliament. With the opening fixed for Jan. 15, Premier Borden and his colleagues are counting upon prorogation by the end of May or the beginning of June.

Just Four Months. Four months and a half of sitting are all that are wanted. In this time the Government proposes to put through estimates amounting to a quarter of a billion dollars, to pass the naval aid bill, to put through a redistribution bill, to dis-cuss the high cost of living, and prescribe a solution for it, while at the same time passing some millions of railway sub-

sidies. To Use Closure Rule. The closure rule will be applied with the utmost severity. It is not proposed to allow the Opposition a single inch of leeway. As far as the rules and the Speaker can achieve it, his Majesty's Loyal Op-position will be dumb this session. It is thought that the Government, in

DETECTIVE ARRESTS ALLEGED BIKE THIEF

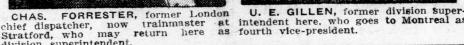
Young English Boy Taken Into Custody and Charged With Stealing Bicycles. Detective Harry Down this afternoon

arrested James Mitchell, a 17-year-old youth, on a charge of stealing fivt bicycles rom different places in Lindin. After an explanation at police head-quarters, Mitchell is said by the police have confessed that he stole the machines, and it is understood that couple of more arrests may soin fillow The machines were all stolen during

land. Robert Russell and L. Wolfe.

Many Changes for G. T.R. Officials





Lawyer Employed by Victoria Hospital to Force Collections of Accounts.

ORDERED TRUST

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

"The most contemptible newspaper | Elder at Cardston Says They attack I have ever seen in a public expected to go to the jury this after-noon, and with the Issue so plainly de-fined, both sides believe that a verdict will be reached with little delay. will be reached with little delay. The chief of Schmidt's counsel expects a verdict of acquittal on the ground of inspirity. The prosperition is countried to pursue the poor who verdict of acquittal on the ground of inspirity. The prosperition is countried to pursue the poor who were in Victoria Hospital and to find insanity. The prosecution is equally confident of a conviction of murder in the out if they were able to pay when they recovered.

"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 employ a spy to follow 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 fact that Ald. Richter has neard 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 vicitimized by some people. But there is little chance of this, with the system of lawyer's letters that is in vogue. try and show that Ald. Richter was temptible thing, and is resented by medical men and physicians general-

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 seed 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 o-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 sayed up. after his recovery, he goes to work again at his usual salary. 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 the spite of the closure rule, may have some though he may not have had the difficulty in carrying out its program of 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 and good, but where patients were quite able to settle, why should they not do so? I claim that it is the duty of the board not to encourage pauperism 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.

## IMOYER OUT OF DANGER TODAY

President of Miners' Federation in Chicago Hospital-Bullet May Be Removed.

[Canadian Press.]
Chicago, Nov. 29.—Chas. H. Moyer,
president of the Western Federation of president of the Western Federation of Miners, who came to a hospital here after having been shot and escorted out of Calumet, Mich., was said to be out of danger early today. The surgeons attending the wounded chief of the miners' organization expected to decide today whether the bullet should be removed from his shoulder.

Will Build Temple In Manitoba City.

[Canadian Press.] Cariston, Alta., Dec. 29.—Elder Hugh Brown, of the Mormon Church here, who has just returned from Winnipeg, reports great progress in the Manitoba Mormon Conference. He says a site has been bought and plans accepted for the erection of a Mormon church in Winnipeg next year.

## TRAIL OF LONESOME PINE

Youths Who Helped Themselves to Christmas Decorations Face Magistrate.

The Christmas spirit proved too much for a number of youths in Westminster Township, who, in their anxiety to secure Christmas decorations, cut down number of evergreen trees on the farm of T. L. Franks. The boys, ten in number, appeared before Squire Chittick in juvenile court this morning, and were let go with a warning, after having imressed upon them the fact that they were liable to a fine of \$25 each for re moving trees without permission.

STRATFORD NOMINATIONS. Stratford, Dec. 29.-Stratford municipal nominations took place this morning and resulted as follows: For Mayor-John Stevenson, C. N. Greenood, Mayor E. K. Barnedale and J. W. Alles. For light and heat commissioner-Angus McDonald, John Keyes and Joseph Orr. For water commissioner-J. Davis Barnett, acclamation

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.

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

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

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

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

[Special to The Advertiser.]

supply from the Tilbury field is said to be very injurious to health, and several fam- bad leak occurred from the pipe, it. In some houses people have been advised not to use it by the medical at-

In one small cellar through which Paris, Ont., Dec. 29.—The gas question leaky pipe passed a cat was shut up

ilies are under the doctors' hands through frame houses have had the color of the paint completely changed. It is said that the gas will affect all paints that carry

## 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 An Immense Block of Buildings That Naval Estimates Will Be Increased Next Session.

TO BE EIGHT DERIGIBLES

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

## 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 R. switch engine 1250, in charge of Enconference was taken up purely with gineer Jefferson and Yard Foreman details of organization, and there will be Mitchell, was pulling out of the M. C. R. 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 track directly in front of the engine. 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 de-

Devastated and Fire Still Spreads Unchecked.

INHABITANTS IN A PANIC

Thousands Spend the Night in

Streets - Military Quarters

Surrendered to Flames.

[Canadian Press.] San Sebastian, Spain, Dec. 29. -Fire and tempest raged in a great part of this city throughout the past night, An immense block of buildings, including a theatre and a variety hall and many tenement houses, was destroyed, and several thousands of the

inhabitants of the surrounding dis-

trict were seized with panic and pass-

ed the night in the streets. The fire was still spreading up till 11 o'clock this morning, and it was feared the flames would attack the military barracks, which were ordered evacuated by the troops. The efforts of the entire brigade and of several companies of soldiers had no effect in checking the conflagration.

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. track across Bridge street this morning, Jimmy Healey, the 5-year-old son of James Healey, an auto hackman, jumped off an express wagon and ran across the

The lad was knocked down and the wheels passed over his right leg, crushng it between the knee and ankle. Firean Gillatt noticed the boy, and called , the engineer, who stopped the train

in a car length.