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## INTERIM REPORT NOT DEFINITE ENOUGH

### Methodist Membership Requires Fuller Explanation and Subcommittee on Book Room Site Will Meet Again Today — Full Statement Will Be Made Public.

Another meeting of the Methodist Book Rooms sub-committee in the Beverley House site deal will be held this afternoon. As the so-called "interim" explanation of the peculiarities of the transaction has not satisfied the Methodist membership a fuller statement is to be drawn up to show why the committee "in the evidence presented" could not find anything dishonest by or on the part of those who received such a generous commission, as over \$30,000 for securing the site from Hon. Geo. A. Cox to the committee, with which he is so prominently associated.

**One Favors Site.**

The discovery was made yesterday by a Bay street oracle that the Beverley House site was in all respects O.K. The related declaration is not expected to outweigh the letter of Chester D. Massey protesting against the building of the Methodist publication house on the Queen-John streets site, or the vigorous argument made by J. W. Flavelle, the chief speaker for the deputization of representative Methodist ministers and laymen who protested against further progress with the blunder. The deputization, it is pointed out, also included Rev. C. E. Manning, Rev. W. F. Wilson, Rev. E. H. Spence, Dr. D. A. Watson, Miles Vokes, G. Mills, James Simpson and a score of other influential members of the Methodist body.

It is asserted that whatever the action of the committee this afternoon a full statement of the facts will be made public.

## COL. BALDERSON WILL FIGHT TO LAST DITCH

### Expects Election in South Lanark on Second Week in December.

(Special to The Toronto World). OTTAWA, Nov. 17.—Col. Balderson of Perth, the independent Conservative candidate in South Lanark, was in town today seeing the party leaders. He intimated that efforts had been made to induce him to drop out of the contest, but declared positively that he would not retire. There is the prospect of a merry fight.

Col. Balderson expects the election to take place the second week of December.

## No Extension of Ward Seven Car Line Pending Result of Purchase Deal.

Sir William Meredith yesterday gave instructions at Osmonds Hall that the street car line on Annette street, ordered by the Ontario Railway Board in September, should not be proceeded with pending the result of the negotiations for the purchase of the street railway system by the city. The Ontario Railway Board ordered the tracks to be laid on Annette street, and the city yesterday applied for permission to appeal from this order. Sir William gave a ruling which means that no work will be done to add another street car fare to residents of the ward seven district by adjourning the application pending the outcome of the present negotiations.

## WOODEN VESSEL AMONG THE LOST

### Pieces of Wreckage Washed Ashore—Report of Transfer of Bodies to Sarnia Denied.

(Special to The Toronto World). SARNIA, Nov. 17.—It is reported here that several pieces of wreckage from a wooden boat have been washed up on the beach a few miles north of Point Edward. The wreckage north of here includes a pilot house and Texas.

All steamers passing this point are carrying their flags at half-mast, in remembrance of the many good men and ships which are now under the waters of the great lakes, as a result of the big storm.

The report from Kincardine that a special train was leaving there to bring 40 bodies of the drowned to this port was a mistaken one and has caused some inconvenience. Relatives reading the papers are arriving here to identify relatives, but so far only 12 bodies have arrived, and only four are now left as unidentified. The others have been shipped to their homes in different parts of Canada and the States.

## FEDERAL PLANT TO REFINE ORE

### Finance Minister Will Propose Important Step—"Movies" Create Demand for Small Coins.

(Special to The Toronto World). OTTAWA, Nov. 17.—The advent of the nickel theatre and the moving picture show has created such a huge demand for small change that the royal mint is taxed to its utmost capacity to meet the demand for five and ten-cent pieces.

This and the fact that the government has found it necessary to enlarge its refining facilities considerably, has led to the abandonment of the proposal to build an extension to the present mint, for which a sum of \$50,000 was voted last session. During the next session of parliament, a comprehensive proposal will be laid before the house by Hon. W. T. White.

The policy of the government is to build such a plant as would be capable of refining as much as possible of Canadian ore in Canada. Canada is one of the greatest silver-producing countries in the world, but the ore is refined chiefly in the United States. To build up home industry is the intention.

Since the mint was opened for business in 1908 silver coinage to the value of \$5,710,944 has been produced, composed as follows: Fifty-cent pieces, \$751,285; twenty-five cent, \$2,588,190; ten-cent, \$1,393,582; five-cent, \$979,880. In addition to these a quarter of a million dollars worth of one-cent bronze pieces were minted, \$1,500,000 worth of gold sovereigns for the British Government, and Canadian gold pieces to the value of nearly two million dollars.

**"The Master Mind" Pleases.**

The appearance of that sterling actor, Edmund Breese, in "The Master Mind," at the Princess Theatre last night, gave local theatre-goers an idea of under-world life that they have hitherto been unfamiliar with. "The Master Mind" is a pleasing play.

## WINNIPEG OFFICIAL IS VICTIM OF LIVE WIRE

Russell Wilson, Assistant City Engineer, Killed on Inspection Trip.

WINNIPEG, Nov. 17.—(Can. Press.)—Assistant City Engineer Russell D. Wilson was electrocuted this afternoon while on a trip of inspection over the city pipe line six miles north of the city. Wilson seized a live wire carrying 13,900 volts. He was formerly with the C.N.R.

## PERSIAN LAMB COATS AT GREAT PRICE CONCESSIONS.

A feature of the big fur sale now going on at Dineen's, 140 Yonge street, is the exceptionally low prices on Persian Lamb Coats. These have been divided into four lots and priced \$185, \$250, \$315 and \$285, prices that are far below original figures. They afford a unique opportunity of buying one of these ever-fashionable coats in the height of the season at price concessions that are truly remarkable.

## OFFICIAL INQUIRY TO PLACE BLAME FOR LATE DISASTERS RADICAL REFORMS TO FOLLOW

### Many Reports Reach Ottawa That Captains Showed Disregard of Storm Signals and That Oil Sprinkling Apparatus is Vital Need—Commission to Consider Reforms.

(Special to The Toronto World). OTTAWA, Nov. 17.—There will be a searching departmental enquiry into the terrible marine disaster on the great lakes. Capt. Lindsay, Dominion wreck commissioner, and two others will form the board, which will meet at Goderich or Sarnia probably. The duties of the commissioners will not only consist of probing certain aspects of the recent wrecks, but to suggest some future line of action on the part of the government in order to make navigation on the great lakes safer.

The government is receiving reports hourly, claiming that the failure of captains and officers to give proper regard to official storm signals, was in a large sense responsible for some of the catastrophes, while it is further claimed that had some of the steamers been equipped, as are ocean liners, with apparatus for sprinkling oil upon the troubled waters the disaster could not have been so great.

**Will Appoint Commission.**

It is expected that later on a commission will be appointed to consider the whole question of lake and river navigation. Hon. J. D. Hazen has a proposed bill already printed, which will make regulations more binding upon skippers and impose penalties. Such a commission, it is said here, might renege the bill if this is deemed necessary.

The intervention of railways and canals that for the first time in the history of the department, an insurance policy has been taken out. Insurance of \$50,000 was placed on the cargo and wireless telegraph plant of the Cearensa, which was wrecked at Port Nelson, Hudson Bay. It is suspected that members of the crew of the Cearensa made free with the wireless equipment, as some of it has been reported missing.

The whole question of government insurance has been revived as a result of the great-lakes disaster. At present Lloyds discriminates against Canadian shipping.

## THREE INQUESTS ARE TO BE HELD

### Investigations Into Recent Wrecks Will Be Held at Walkerton, Sarnia and Goderich.

It is understood that the provincial government is arranging to have three inquests held in the lake counties of the storm victims. The enormity of the task, if otherwise handled, has been pointed out to the attorney-general, and the department has taken action towards centralizing the investigations.

Walkerton for Bruce County; Sarnia for Lambton, and Goderich for Huron, have been chosen, and the department has instructed the local crown attorneys as to the best course to pursue.

The attorney-general states that he is not aware of any steps planned at Ottawa, and that the instructions he has issued will be subject to change if found necessary.

## TRIP PROPOSED FOR COCHRANE

### May Visit Southern States and Canadian West—Rumor of Resignation Not Given Credence.

The health of Hon. Frank Cochrane is understood to be causing his colleagues considerable concern in view of the approaching session of the federal house. It is now rumored that Mr. Cochrane is likely to take a prolonged trip northward to the Canadian west in an effort to recuperate.

The story about some time ago to the effect that the minister was meditating resigning his portfolio is not regarded seriously by any of his colleagues in the cabinet. One of these in speaking to The World last evening laughed at the suggestion, and stated that he felt sure Mr. Cochrane had no thought of leaving public life. He also belittled the seriousness of Mr. Cochrane's present indisposition.

The trip which it is proposed the minister of railways and canals should take includes a survey of the new Panama Canal.

## CAUGHT IN ACT OF STORE THEFT

### Samuel Corbett Arrested After Strenuous Fight With Three Policemen Early This Morning.

His suspicious aroused by the actions of a small white terrier dog, Constable Crumley (436) entered the rear of the tailoring shop of A. Samuel and Co. at 321 West Queen street at 12.30 this morning and caught Samuel A. Corbett, a trainman of the B. & N. West Toronto riding the premises.

The constable, nightly walks up a back lane on Queen street to see that all is in order, and last night, coming to the rear of Samuel's shop, the white terrier an up to him, fawned upon him, cringing as if in fear. Entering the premises thru a back shed, the constable came upon Corbett bending over a pile of clothing. Asked what he was doing there, the man feigned drunkenness, and mumbled an unintelligible reply, but at last said he lived there. Hearing a noise in the store, Constable Crumley promptly handcuffed his man to a post, and went in search of an accomplice, but could find none. A police call brought half a dozen more officers and the premises were thoroughly searched, but the other culprit had escaped.

Corbett proved a tartar when it came to get him in the patrol wagon. He fought three policemen as long as he could stand against them, and after he had been placed in the patrol, he jumped on the guard and attempted to break away.

Corbett will appear in police court today on a charge of shopbreaking.

## HEAVY GALE SWEEPS OVER LAKE SUPERIOR

### Several Large Canadian Steamers Were Forced to Take Shelter.

PORT ARTHUR, Nov. 17.—(Can. Press.)—Altho it is mild and calm on shore, a heavy southwest gale is reported blowing on Lake Superior today. Several boats are in shelter at Pic Island and Thunder Cape, waiting for the wind to moderate before going down Lake Superior. They are the Canadian steamers Dundee, Plummer, Graham, Turret Court, Ionic and several United States steamers. The Lamonic arrived at noon.

## PRICE GOES TO BOTTOM BUOY WILL MARK SPOT

### Steady Leakage Had Effect After Week's Clinging to Surface.

(Special to The Toronto World). SARNIA, Nov. 17.—The steamer Price has, at last, disappeared below the waters of Lake Huron. For over a week the air in her overturned hull was sufficient to hold her bows above the water. Slow but steady leakage resulted in her sinking to the bottom of the lake at 11.06 this morning.

The steamer Morrell of the American light-house service is standing by the spot to warn away other boats. A buoy will be placed on the spot as soon as possible.

## SIR WM. VAN HORNE IS SERIOUSLY ILL

### Left Last Night for Montreal Instead of Staying a Week in Toronto.

Becoming seriously ill while at the King Edward Hotel last night, Sir William Van Horne had to be rushed to Montreal shortly before midnight.

His condition was said to be such as to cause grave concern to his friends. Sir William was to have spent the remainder of the week in Toronto, but following the attack of weakness it was thought advisable for him to return to Montreal for medical treatment.

## KILLED BY MOTOR CAR



### FATALLY HURT BY MOTOR CAR

#### May Gordon, Eight Years Old, Died of Injuries Received While Returning From Errand.

While running along the roadway with two other little girls on Clinton street, just north of College, at 8 o'clock last night, 8-year-old May Gordon of 600 College street was run down by a motor car driven by Frank Bethel of 433 Palmerston avenue, sustaining injuries to her head and body from which she died an hour later in the Western Hospital.

At the time of the accident the child was returning with some wool, with which her mother was going to knit a woolen bonnet for her chim's doll. The children were all running quickly down the sidewalk, when May averted suddenly to the roadway and altho one of the other girls called to her to watch out for the approaching motor car, she ran directly in front of it, was struck in the temple, and thrown unconscious underneath the wheels of the car.

Mr. Bethel, the driver, plucked up the unconscious child and drove at top speed to the Western Hospital, but she never regained consciousness.

Driving to the detective office at the city hall, Mr. Bethel told of the occurrence and explained in detail how it occurred. He was not detained by the police.

The body will be removed to the morgue and an inquest held.

## REMAINS OF JOHN BOUTLIER OF CARRUTHERS' CREW, SENT TO CITY—SIX BODIES UNIDENTIFIED

(Special to The Toronto World). GODERICH, Nov. 17.—Owing to the lake being too rough, no attempt was made today to patrol the shores by the government boat Lamiton, which arrived last night. If the blow continues it will be impossible to do anything further for a couple of days.

Of the eleven bodies lying in Brophy's undertaking rooms, five have been identified. They are George Jacobson of Wolverine, Michigan, off the McGean, found at Bayfield. He was identified by his mother, who arrived this afternoon, and who will take the body home tomorrow.

John Olson of Buffalo, off the McGean, one of the three found lashed to the raft at Naflet's Point, was identified. The body of H. Corbett of Thornston, found at Ripley on Friday, was shipped to his home. Another body identified as John Boutlier, one of the Carruthers' crew, was sent to Toronto. A body identified as Sampson, from the Carruthers, will be sent to Collingwood in the morning. There are still six bodies unidentified from the Carruthers, one of them a boy about 16 years of age.

## IDENTIFIED BODY OF TORONTO MAN

President Huerta intimated privately that he will resist intervention by United States.

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 17.—(Canadian Press.)—Organization of President Huerta's new congress was completed late today when enough senators were gathered to form a quorum in the upper house. Gen. Francisco Proceso was chosen temporary chairman of the senate and a committee on credentials was appointed. A similar committee of the chamber of deputies today began the work of revising the deputies' credentials, and there is nothing to indicate that the formal opening of congress next Thursday will be postponed.

President Huerta talked tonight informally to the members of his staff and a few personal friends regarding the possibility of intervention by the United States. He intimated that he would be ready to resist such a step.

**May Start Blockade.**

The opinion is expressed in various circles here that the United States will soon inaugurate a blockade of Mexican ports. Rumor has it that President Wilson would be content with such an action and might even permit the embassy to remain in Mexico City, until an open rupture occurred.

The German minister, Admiral Von Hitzte, summoned to the legation tonight the heads of the more important German commercial houses and asked them to give him inventories of shipments expected. He explained that he would then be in a position better to guard their interests in case of a blockade.

## TUXPAM'S SURRENDER ORDERED

VERA CRUZ, Nov. 17.—(Can. Press.)—Rear Admiral Boush, on board the U. S. battleship Louisiana, reports that the constitutionalist Gen. Aguilar has given the Town of Tuxpam until next Thursday to surrender. Capt. Spencer S. Wood, in command of the battleship Nebraska, reports that Aguilar controls all the country south of the Popocatepec River. Aguilar, Capt. Wood says, professes to desire to protect American property, but is hostile to the English.

## BOYS ARE PAINED FOR DEATH OF COMPANION

### Coroner Johnson's Jury Found That Cecil Babcock and William Sherman Were Guilty of Homicide and on That Charge They Will Be Tried.

Cecil Babcock and William Sherman, aged 15 and 17 respectively, will be sent up for preliminary hearing on a charge of murdering Thomas Crisp, while Ralph McCabum will be used as a material witness in the trial, as a result of the verdict returned last night by Chief Coroner's Johnson's jury which investigated the circumstances of the shooting affair near Port Credit, last Saturday, in which Crisp was fatally wounded.

The jury found that Thomas Crisp came to his death as a result of a shot fired either by William Sherman or Cecil Babcock, in an interchange of shots, with Crisp on the one side and Sherman and Babcock on the other. Their verdict was homicide, but it will be left to the jury in the trial to say whether it was a case of murder or manslaughter. Incorporated in the verdict was a strong recommendation that more stringent regulations be enforced regarding the sale or rental of firearms, and that the age limit for the purchase of same be raised.

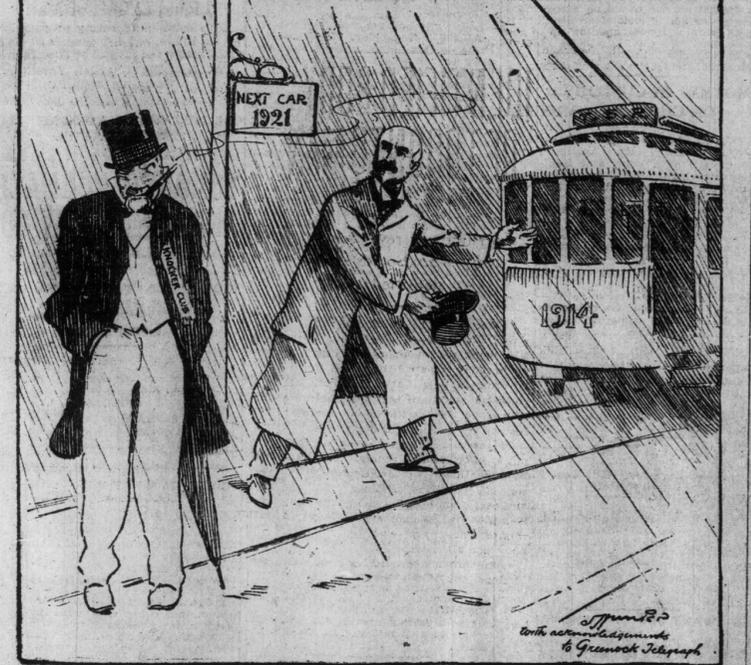
William Sherman, one of the boys accused of the murder, told in a most intelligent and straight-forward manner of the occurrences of the day up to the time of the shooting. The four boys had left on the 9 o'clock car for Port Credit, and spent the morning and part of the afternoon shooting at rabbits and at a target. While walking along the road towards the city, Crisp began shooting into the air to frighten his companions, and in a short time they began retaliating in the same manner. In the course of a half an hour they arrived in front of the gate of Mr. Ball's property, when Crisp, who was in the lead, turned and began shooting in the direction of the two boys, Sherman and Babcock, who were walking some distance behind him. Crisp dodged behind a telegraph post, while the other boys sought refuge

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## MAY BE BLOCKADE OF MEXICAN PORT

Huerta intimates privately that he will resist intervention by United States.

## A LONG, COLD WAIT



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