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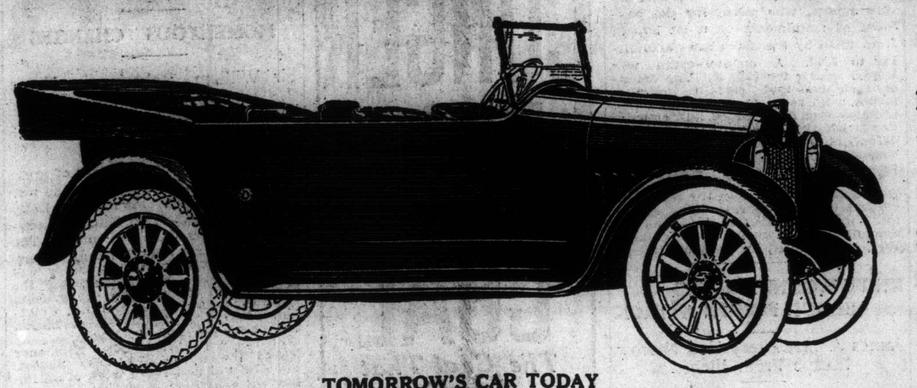

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S AND MUSIC

KLAHOMA" IS A REAL PLAY OF WESTERN LIFE

bably Acted and Splendidly Staged at the Grand Opera House Last Night.

A STORY OF TODAY

a Melodrama of Wild and Woolly Order, But a Human Love Episode.

e Belasco touch in scenic detail ident in the production of "Oklahoma," the new play of Indian life h is the attraction at the Grand a House this week. Nothing been overlooked in stage settings the lighting effects attract the ation of the spectator, so different they from the ordinary illumination of theatrical productions. With eye pleased at the opening of the ormance the unfolding of the y is watched asd listened to with greatest interest, for it is a story has both action and splendid dia-

klahoma, as the title indicates, is ama of the west; not the wild and ly article; for a lone cowboy and w Indians who use five-syllabled s are the only trace of the wild. It is the Oklahoma of today furnishes the locale and atmos-e. The Indians are reservation kins, whose gaudy togs are ed for the peaceful celebration e annual corn dance, but are re-d for a short while during their h for the man who has, by his h passion, deprived the festival s high priestess. Dawn, daugh-of Quannah, chief of the Co-ches, has been selected as the l virgin who shall distribute the things to the tribe at the festi-Dawn's conscience will not per-her to accept, and she refuses to l the name of her betrayer, and ing that her father is seeking man to kill him, she flees to the n agent and pleads with him to ade her father from his pur-The agent, John Hardin, has been in love with the girl, and pitiful story only strengthens love; so that when the father has followed his daughter to the y, finds Hardin comforting the as he would a daughter, and be-s, in spite of protestations, that gent is the seducer, Hardin ac-the situation to save the girl, promising to divorce her as soon er lover is ready to marry her, her himself.

the cast nothing but good can aid. As Dawn, the innocent n maiden, whose innocence is ndoing, Lenore Ulrich fairly ed off the honors of the evening. John Miltern as the Indian a close second. Not for a nt did Miss Ulrich step from character. Her work was as stent as it was charming. A in everything but her unfortun love, her quick development into man thru suffering was plausible convincing. Mr. Miltern was a y agent, a regular man's man. am Courtleigh made up well as hief, and his splendid voice gave value to lines that, with dif treatment, might have seemed d. "Oklahoma" is a remarkably play, and theatregoers are as of a splendid production both st and equipment.

ILLING MEXICAN PLAYLET AT LOEW'S

This Week is Replete With Fresh Novelties, Including Harry Breen.

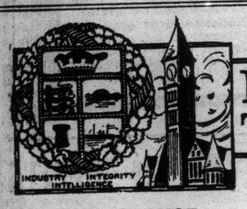
s week's performance at Loew's re is replete with novelties. Two tic playlets were presented, "The t" and "The Master Move," and pacity audiences which attended day showed their appreciation mean manner.

the former, which is a Mexican, the bloodthirsty bandit finds he girl whom he intends to hold, nsom is his own daughter and begging forgiveness for his vil-he is shot in true melodramatic n by one of his own servants. he Master Move," is shown an-of the ways in which the brow-wife can get back at her hus-

ry Breen is billed as a crazy nd this is quite true, in fact he n his act that he doesn't know he managers pay him a salary. act improves as it "rambles and his extemporaneous rhymes down the house. Alexander and are a clever pair and one is an ent female impersonator. Christie, dy and Faulkner please with a er of songs, and feats of strength erformed by Landry Bros. ndid pictures, showing Madame Bernhardt at her home in Brit-and the ruins of the parliament gs at Ottawa, complete the

NGER AT MASSEY HALL TOMORROW NIGHT.

y Grainger, the wonderful Aus-pianist composer, who plays in y Hall tomorrow night, Wednes-hould be greeted with a crowded use, not only on account of his ess as a pianist, but as a tribute land of his birth. He is an Aus-of Irish parentage. He is a pianist—as great as Melba is a As a player he is most nearly rable to Paderewski. Grainger to be a poet with the piano, not a tone poet, capable of coaxing ful sensations from his instru-but a poet interpreter, who gets ue inspiration of his art. In-in his program for Wednesday veral of his own compositions ave won him fame the world "Molly on the Shore," "Handel e Strand" and "I'm Seventeen Sunday" are familiar to every e of music. After hearing the s orchestras and choirs interpret presaid numbers it will be more interesting to hear Grainger's terpretation of his own compo-in his own incomparable way. for the concert now on sale at Hall box office are selling . The concert promises to be at a social event as a musical



NEWS FROM THE CITY HALL

FAIR WAGE CLAUSE IN CEMENT CONTRACT

Ald. McBride Makes Serious Charges Against Employe of Canada Company.

GIVEN OWEN SOUND FIRM

Council in Favor of Taking Over Toronto Street Railway in Nineteen-Twenty-One.

Toronto's supply of cement for 1916 will come from Owen Sound, the tender of John E. Russell on behalf of the Union Cement Company having been accepted by a vote of 16 to 9 at yesterday's council meeting. The recommendation of the board of control against the Canada Cement Company brought out considerable discussion and was the main subject of the meeting.

Apart from this matter, no delay was met in going thru the business except when, at the outset, Ald. Plewman questioned the legality of Ald. McBride's election to the position of chairman of the committee of the whole. He asked that the matter be struck out of the minutes of the last meeting, but was unsuccessful in bringing this about.

In discussing the cement contract Ald. McBride made some strong statements. "This matter was sent back because it was contended that the fair wage clause could not be enforced in Owen Sound, and that the city, in awarding the contract to the Union Cement Company was not living up to principle," he said.

He believed that by giving Owen Sound the contract idle workers would not be so plentiful in Toronto. It would have the effect of forcing the Canada Cement Company to pay fair wages. There was nothing else to do, he contended, but accept the tender, if the city was going to act honorably. He mentioned the principle involved in the erection of the civic abattoir and then laid bare the tactics which, it is alleged, were used by the Canada Cemest Company to influence him in their favor.

McBride's Charges

He charged that "a young man had been going around for the purpose of having the cement contract thrown out in favor of purchasing in the open market, saying that the mayor had supported the Russell tender because Russell had paid his election expenses, and then he crawled on his knees in my house on Sunday afternoon and begged me not to mention this in the council meeting. The young man was working for the Canada Cement Company," he said.

Controller Foster introduced the subject of accepting the lowest tender, claiming that a saving to the ratepayers of $13,000 would be the result. He referred to the statements of the mayor of Owen Sound and others that the plant was paying the minimum wage, and held that up against the affidavits which were read to the board of control stating that the plant only paid 17 1-2 cents an hour. He believed it was perfectly fair to make a change when that change meant a saving, and called upon the members to do as they would in their own businesses.

He moved that the clause be referred back and that the city buy in the open market.

Has Money to Fight.

Controller Thompson thought Controller Foster was merely hitting at the fair wage clause, and pointed out that the Russell tender was the only **low one** which the city could accept legally. It was the only one which conformed to the regulations laid down by the city. "The Canada Cement Co. have money to fight, even when they are beaten fairly," he said. "If the conditions had been reversed, there would have been no such fight."

The controller was of the opinion that the price was lowered for that purpose. "What are we going to pay next year?" he asked. "If you wipe out the small competitor you will pay 20 times as much. I am anxious to save the citizens money whenever I can, but it's not good business to save $3000 this year and lose $30,000 next year. I am in favor of the fair wage clause, and this is a weak attempt to destroy it."

Ald. Gibbons spoke earnestly in favor of the minimum wage for workingmen and created a very favorable impression by the clear-cut arguments he presented. He produced an affidavit which he said he understood was made by the same party whose affidavit was read to the board of control, which said that two strangers had asked him (the signer of the affidavit) his wages at the Union Cement Co., and his reply was from 25 cents to 27½ cents an hour.

Principle at Stake.

He said that an attempt had been made to create the impression that a change in price had come since the tenders were sent in, but gave it as his opinion that they had only been changed in Toronto "to get the contract."

Ald. Singer believed the city might as well make $13,000 as the plant in Owen Sound, and altho he did not agree altogether with Controller Foster, he thought the clause absurd because it couldn't be worked out. "Show me another municipality that is willing to pay $13,000 to help make competition," he said.

Ald. MacGregor based his argument in favor of the Russell tender on the fact that a principle was at stake, and Ald Robbins could not see the necessity for giving time to discussion when the Canada Cement tender was informal. It was the opinion of Ald. Ramsden that so long as certain conditions were necessary it was only honorable that the city should deal with the tender which complied with those conditions.

Controller Cameron emphasized the point that the city was not bound to accept any tender. Toronto made money last year by going into the open market for goods, and he was not going to get out of Toronto to build up other places at Toronto's expense. Toronto would not be doing anything dishonorable by throwing out the tenders.

This idea was not held by Ald. Maguire, who referred to the amount of money saved thru giving backing to the hydro-electric. The Union Cement plant was keeping down the price of cement, and if it had to go out of business Toronto would suffer eventually. He moved that Mr. Russell be required to give a bond that the Union Cement Company would supply the cement, and that the minimum wage scale would be enforced.

On the other hand, Ald. Ball could not see his way clear to vote away $13,000, but was an advocate of standard wages. He had found that the Union Cement Company had paid last summer from 17½c to 30c an hour, and read figures which gave 17½c the majority. He said there was no assurance that the scale of wages asked would be paid, and thought it was merely a matter of dealing in Owen Sound or Belleville.

Ald. Whetter favored the open market system, and Ald. Graham supported him. The latter told of a factory in Toronto where hose is made for the city, and where workmen in some cases receive only $9 a week. In reply to this statement, Ald. Gibbons said: "For God's sake, don't spread that news around. We know that condition exists, but when you are asking men to enlist and fight for their country that news will make them think they have nothing to fight for."

Motion Lost.

Ald. Whetter moved an amendment to the amendment, that the supply be purchased in the open market. This was lost by a vote of 14 to 11. Ald. Maguire's amendment calling for the bond came next, and carried 19 to 6. Chairman McBride declared the motion of Controller Foster lost, but his ruling was challenged by Controller Cameron, who claimed that Ald. Maguire's amendment should have come after Controller Foster's motion, and not before. The chairman vacated his seat and presented the case to the mayor, who ruled that Ald. McBride was right, and that Controller Foster's motion was lost.

When the report had been gone thru, Controller Foster again moved that the cement clause be struck out before adoption, but again failed, the vote being:

To strike out:	Against:
Con. Foster	Mayor Church
Con Cameron	Con O'Neill
Ald. McBrien	Con. Thompson
Ald. Nesbitt	Ald. Risk
Ald. Plewman	Ald. Singer
Ald. Archibald	Ald. Gibbons
Ald. Whetter	Ald. Hiltz
Ald. Graham	Ald. MacGregor
Ald. Ball—9	Ald. Wagstaff
	Ald Beamish
	Ald Cowan
	Ald. Robbins
	Ald. Ryding
	Ald. Maguire
	Ald. Ramsden
	Ald. McBride—16

Committee Chairmanship.

An attempt on the part of Ald. Plewman to open the question of chairmanship on the committee of the whole, met with defeat. When the council was to adopt the minutes of the last meeting, he objected on the ground that the election of Ald. McBride had not been by acclamation and hinted at "railroading." He said Ald. Robbins' name had been proposed and was before the council when the mayor declared Ald. McBride elected and adjourned the meeting. The motion was that all reference to the election be struck out of the minutes.

Surprise was expressed by several members that the question should be raised, and the mayor pointed out that he had acted according to the names handed him by the city clerk. He did not hear the name of Ald. Robbins and believed everything was in order. In a vote of 14 to 9 the minutes were declared legal and were adopted.

Dates for the return of the assessment rolls and the sittings of the court of revision were fixed by the passing of a bylaw as follows:

Ward No. 7. Return of roll, May 6. Court of Revision, May 30.

Ward No. 1. Return of roll, May 20. Court of Revision, June 15.

Ward No. 6. Return of roll, June 30. Court of Revision July 24.

Ward No. 2. Return of roll, July 8. Court of Revision Aug. 2.

Ward No. 5. Return of roll, Aug. 19. Court of Revision Sept. 12.

Ward No. 4. Return of roll, Aug. 25. Court of Revision, Sept. 20.

Ward No. 3. Return of roll, Sept. 9. Court of Revision, Oct. 14.

How I Cured My Eyes

This Free Prescription Did It.

"My eyes were in a terrible state; I could hardly stand it. They were red and inflamed; felt as though they had sand in them. They would ache and burn dreadfully, and caused incessant headaches. I could hardly read at all. After wearing my glasses my eyes felt strained and overworked. By chance I met a man whose eyes had bothered him the same way. He gave me the following prescription, which he said had cured him and had enabled him to discard his glasses:

"Five grains of Bon-Opto in two ounces of water. Use as an eye bath by means of an eye-cup three or four times daily—oftener if convenient."

"This healing, cooling, soothing lotion does not smart or burn, and is absolutely harmless. Your druggist can fill this prescription, or the Valmas Drug Co. of Toronto can fill it for you.

"If you try it I am sure you will be just as enthusiastic over it as I am. Cut this out so you will **always have the prescription.**"

CITY HALL NOTES

The city has received a cheque from the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company to cover the insurance on the life of Pte. S. M. Husband, a British reservist, who was killed in France.

There seems to be no doubt now that the punishment handed to District Chief Gunn by Chief Smith of the fire department will be suspension for a short period. No official notice has been sent to the chief that he cannot reduce Gunn, but he has expressed himself as believing that dismissal would be too severe, still maintaining, however, that some punishment must be given.

DENIES SUGGESTION OF JOINING DEPARTMENTS

Dr. Hastings, who was back at the city hall yesterday, after several days' illness, says there is not a word of truth in the implication made by the board of education that he had approached the mayor and members or the board of control, asking them to favor the taking over of the school medical examination department by his department. The doctor says that he took no action whatever with a view to having the departments amalgamate other than to comply with a request from the board of control for some information in regard to the question. The situation is that the board of control has in mind the bringing together of the two departments.

Not a Symptom Left Anywhere

Dodd's Kidney Pills Cleared Up D. R. McLeod's Kidney Disease

Nova Scotia Man Tells How and Why He Is Enjoying All His Old-time Health and Vigor.

WEST TARBOT, Victoria Co., N. S., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—"Yes, I feel healthy and full of my old-time vigor." This was the answer of Dan R. McLeod, a prominent resident of this place, to a question regarding his present health. Everybody here knows that last winter Mr. McLeod was a severe sufferer from kidney disease. And he is most emphatic as to the cause of his cure.

"I used seven boxes of Dodds' Kidney Pills," he says, "and not only have I been greatly benefited by their use, but I am entirely cured of every symptom of kidney disease."

The reason people talk so enthusiastically about Dodds' Kidney Pills is that they make them well all over. Acting on the kidneys, they put those organs in condition to strain all the impurities out of the blood. That means pure blood carried to all parts of the body. And people who are healthy all over are always cheerful and enthusiastic.

COMPANY WANTS ITS FRANCHISE EXTENDED

Toronto Suburban Railway Intend Joining Dundas Line With Georgetown.

ROAD ALREADY BUILT

Hydro Commission and York Township to Discuss Power Matters Shortly.

At yesterday's meeting of the York Township Council representatives of the Toronto Suburban Railway asked council to consider favorably an application for an extension of the franchise enabling the company to connect the present Dundas line with the Georgetown branch at a point near the present terminus of the Dundas line at Lambton. The radial road to Georgetown has already been built by the Mackenzie interests, and if connection is granted they will be afforded an entrance into the city at Keele st.

Reeve Griffiths and members of council were non-commital in the matter, but will confer with the solicitor before granting any further franchises, tho the right to extend is claimed as embodied in the original charter. Nothing further will be done, however, in the matter until J. R. L. Starr, solicitor for the township, reports on the question.

Thomas Manton, one of the trustees representing S. S. No. 2, stated that $3000 standing to the credit of the section could not be used at present owing to the reorganization of the district which followed the annexation of a portion of the land by the city some time ago. The matter will be adjusted to the satisfaction of the trustees.

A conference will be held between the Provincial Hydro Commission and council. The idea of the conference is to arrive at a better understanding relative to certain township matters.

OPPOSED TO CHANGE OF HIGHWAY ROUTE

Toronto-Hamilton Road Must Run Along Lake Shore, Hold Etobicoke Council.

That the proposal of Geo. H. Gooderham, chairman, and other members of the Toronto and Hamilton Highway Commission, to deviate the highway from the Lake Shore road to Queen street will be vigorously opposed was shown at yesterday's meeting of the Etobicoke Township Council, when a largely signed petition was presented against the movement. The petition was backed up by a deputation strongly protesting against it. The action of the board was denounced and Reeve Silverthorne said that in consequence of the representations made the bill will be opposed by Etobicoke Council when it comes before the private bills committee this session.

"DYNASTS" PRODUCTION WILL BE A BIG EVENT

Considerable interest is being manifested in the production of Thomas Hardy's vast historical drama, "The Dynasts," which will be presented at the Alexandra Theatre all next week. The different colleges and schools were well represented in the big throng that purchased tickets at the Alexandra yesterday. The dramatic clubs were in line, and also the society contingent. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught will witness the Thursday evening performance.

WANT LABOR BUREAUS.

LONDON, Ont., Feb. 7.—London City Council tonight decided to ask the legislature to establish provincial labor bureaus.

ENTERTAINING PROGRAM BY EPWORTH LEAGUE

"Call of the Nations" Presented in Davenport Methodist Church Last Night.

An entertaining program, entitled "The Call of the Nations," was presented by the Epworth League in Davenport Methodist Church last evening. There was a variety of local and foreign talent, which provided a replete and appreciative concert. J. W. Lainson occupied the chair.

The conferring of the first degree upon five members of Fairview Lodge, I.O.O.F., attracted a large attendance in Colvin Hall last night. The ceremony was directed by William McCullough, sr.

Alex. Haimor, C.P.R. orakeman, fell from a box car while on duty in the yards yesterday morning. He sustained a broken kneecap and was badly shaken up. He was removed in Speers' ambulance to his home at 225 Fern avenue, and later taken to the Western Hospital.

SOLDIER'S BABY WON PRIZE AT BIG SHOW

His Father is a Prisoner of War and Has Not Seen the Child.

Two girls for every boy were entered in the baby show held at the Holy Name Church, Danforth avenue, yesterday afternoon in connection with the fancy fair being held there. Despite this fact, however, all the prizes went to boys. First prize in the class for babies between one and two years of age was awarded to the young son of Mrs. Quinn, and when the award was announced there was great cheering. The baby's father has never seen it. He is Private Quinn of the 48th Highlanders, and has been a prisoner at Solstead, Germany, since the battle of Langemarck, where he was gassed and fell into German hands. Mrs. Quinn says she is going to raise her son to be a soldier like his dad.

There were only two classes in the show. For babies under one year, the infant sons of Mrs. Higgins and Mrs. Wilkinson tied for first place, while Mrs. Dunn's young son was second. Mrs. Quinn's son was first in the class between one and two years, Mrs. Albert Tinfold's baby was second and Mrs. Gordon MacLennan's hopeful was third.

PRISON TERM SHORTENED.

LONDON, Ont., Feb. 7.—Thomas H. Luscombe, a local barrister, who two years ago was sentenced to six years in Kingston penitentiary for fraudulently appropriating to his own use trust money belonging to clients, has been released and has returned to London. Luscombe's health was seriously affected by his imprisonment.

MONEY FOR MISSIONS.

Toronto Methodists have just completed a series of missionary committee campaign organization meetings to arrange for raising $225,000 as Toronto's share of the Methodist home and foreign mission revenue this year.

Rev. C. E. Manning, one of the secretaries of the mission board, and J. H. Gundy, of the laymen's council, have gone to Montreal to address similar district missionary committee conferences.

COMMISSION APPOINTED TO PROBE OTTAWA FIRE

Judge MacTavish Will Be Associated With R. A. Pringle, K.C.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Feb. 7.—At the opening of the house this afternoon the prime minister announced a royal commission, composed of R. A. Pringle, K.C., and Judge MacTavish, had been appointed to enquire into the cause and origin of the fire which destroyed the parliament building, with full power to employ expert assistance and to compel the attendance of witnesses, and, in short, to make a thoro investigation into the great disaster.

Judge MacTavish is the senior county judge of Carleton County, and presided over the insurance commission of 1906-7. Mr. Pringle for a number of years sat in the house of commons for Stormont and Cornwall. He is at present practicing law in this city and has conducted a number of investigations under commissions from the present government.

CHEESE FACTORY PREY TO FIRE AT ROEBUCK

Flames Started in Sawdust of Engine Room and Spread Rapidly.

Special to The Toronto World.

BROCKVILLE, Feb. 7.—Word has been received here of a disastrous fire at Roebuck, which destroyed the Roebuck Cheese and Butter Factory, together with a new box factory and the dwelling of the proprietor, Mr. Lindsay. The flames started in sawdust in the engine room and spread so rapidly that nothing could be saved. The factory was in full operation, with upwards of 50 boxes of cheese, which were insured for $1000. On the buildings there was $4500 insurance, which will not begin to cover the loss.

PERTHSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Toronto Perthshire Association, held last night in Occident Hall, took the form of an entertainment. The meeting was over in a short time and the musical program arranged by the association was then presented. The members of the 92nd Highlanders' Overseas Battalion were the guests of the evening.

WOULD NOT CHANGE INSPECTION AUTHORITY

In a report issued yesterday Chief Inspector Cowley of the public schools recommends against placing the school medical inspection under the municipal government instead of as it is now, under the board of education. He cites cases in the United States where the school medical inspection is under the municipality and has not been a success, and says that in nearly all of the large American cities school medical inspection is under the board of education. He quotes from a report on conditions in Portland, Oregon, as follows: "The board of health lacks the educational point of view, and makes the school service a side issue of the ublic health work, and fails to secure the maximum co-operation from teachers and parents."

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