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MONDAY MORNING, DEC. 13.

Reorganizing the Fire Department

More than a year ago the city council determined to have a reorganization of the fire department. Since the 17th of November last year there has been a struggle going on between those who believed this resolve was made in good faith and those who were determined that whatever might be done the reorganization would be in name only and not in fact.

We do not accuse anybody of anything, but we merely wish to point out that the reorganization demanded after an official enquiry and reinforced by a subsequent enquiry is not the object in view of those who have blocked action along the line of reorganization during the past year. It is admitted that the present recommendation to the council has been brought forward because a man who would have opened it and who wanted reorganization, has been removed by death. It scarcely seemed that the city council would have added this taint to its record.

There are two courses open, and the people will have an opportunity of adopting one of them on the first of the month. They can vote against those who have opposed reorganization, or they can pass judgment upon those who definitely make reorganization impossible by an appointment at this time.

The aldermen are all in terror of the fire department as a political machine. From this point of view there should be no difficulty in deciding that the matter should stand over till after the elections. All the more is this the case when it is remembered that no time remains in which any appointment made could be justified or otherwise by action. It would not be fair to any man to appoint him now and leave him to the mercy of what the taxpayers will certainly do thru the ballot box.

Sir Adam Has Big Eyes

Sir Adam Beck has big eyes. Like everybody else who has made a careful study of Toronto and its future. What he said last Thursday should be well considered by all who have interests in Toronto or who expect to remain residents here. The plans of the city are intertwined with the future which the citizens aim at, and their future in highest degree depends largely on the character of the city. The city is bound to become more and more of a metropolis, and it is only common sense to prepare for all the contingencies that arise in such circumstances.

Boston has outlined plans a century ahead of her present development. New York is taking account of a future which has risen up and imperatively demands to be faced. In Toronto, it is, or has been, the fashion not to face any municipal contingency as long as it can be in any way avoided. In this way the liabilities of the past have piled up until at present they are of a staggering character, and still the "postage stamps" legislators of the city council refuse to recognize many of the obligations and necessities of the case. Sir Adam has had a wider experience than most, and he is able to see what is before Toronto, and with Toronto, the rest of the province. What he said should be noted. Here is his statement in connection with the development of the Hydro-Electric enterprises.

I'm going to be enthusiastic about Toronto. You have decided to have a city of a million population, but I believe Toronto is destined to be the big city of business, not only in the province, but in the Dominion, and when the harbor is a greater harbor and Toronto is a seaport and coupled with power, it will be the industrial area of Canada, and the Pails will be unequalled in America. Therefore, I have vision. It will reduce the cost of power. The available large areas for industrial purposes. Is it a crime? Have you failed to spend for the "bankruptcy"? If the silver dollar is to be the last bullet will be able to supply it.

The men who do things and who get things done must have vision, and they must have determination for the larger ways of progress. We have bridged the narrow lanes so long that

many of our civic politicians do not understand that other methods are necessary in a city of half a million people. The time has come, however, when a new way must be taken, and a beginning is to be made in the establishment of the hydro radial railway system.

We shall have the usual Jeremiahs, pouring from different sources, but in the same spirit, and we shall be told that we are attempting too much and that the city will be ruined and bankrupt, as we were told it would be with the hydro-electric system. We only need to exert the same care and foresight which was used in that project to be assured of equal success in the radial enterprise. We are shortly to have a further reduction of hydro-electric prices. There could not be a better omen of the success of the hydro radials.

Sir Adam has been exceedingly careful in selecting a route upon which to make a beginning, and as in the case of the hydro-electric, once a good start is made the operation of the road will form a nucleus for the gradual extension of other lines, and in due time all available territory will be covered. We have quoted The News in hostility to the hydro radials. In justice we must also quote the same newspaper in what it says in favor of the plan in a news article dealing with the matter:

The road will be revenue-producing and will pay all its charges from the start. The proposal is explicit and immediate, while alternatives are vague and far distant. The hydro-electric has been a success. The city has been too long at the mercy of private corporations. As to the details of the agreement, and the matter of control, it can be said that a great trust must be placed in the providing commission under any circumstances, and it may be assumed that this body will treat Toronto fairly and wisely.

The London and Port Stanley road is already on a paying basis, it opened only this summer. The commission promises that this road will pay. It runs thru one of the richest and most populous districts of Ontario and taps a large number of small towns not now served.

No argument is needed to justify public ownership to people of Toronto today. The value of a well-equipped radial with cheap fares and a terminal in the centre will not be questioned. It means that the produce of the rich lake district to the west will have ready access to a great market and cheaper produce should result. It means that the lake traffic will be met at the dock by a system local transportation that cannot be questioned. It means that the produce of the rich lake district to the west will have ready access to a great market and cheaper produce should result.

Still Slowly Getting Ready

A good deal of censure was directed against Sir George Foster, when some time ago he said that after fifteen months of war Germany had the advantage. Why people should object to the face facts is explainable, but not on grounds honorable to those who object. Nearly every person who has tried to make clear the true state of affairs has been denounced as a traitor or something of the kind. Time has gradually reinstated the reputation of these foolhardy but foresighted ones, and time will probably teach us all the wisdom of listening to advice whenever it comes from, and of believing that Britons have the interest of the empire at heart whatever they may say, and even when they do not prophesy the smooth things generally most popular.

When Sir George said that the Germans had the advantage of us he merely stated a fact which in other forms has been accepted from the beginning of the war. To put it in another way, if we had been fighting for points according to prize fighting rules, and the fight was to stop now, we would lose the decision. Fortunately we are not fighting a limited number of rounds, nor for points. We are fighting for a knock-out, and we are a long way off being knocked out ourselves. It will be a long struggle, probably, but we do not know how much wind the other fellow has left.

Anyone who wishes to know how the enemy feels, should read The New York Times "Current History of the War" for December. The editor of this able compilation appears to have had a hunch that the Germans were going to win, and he has gathered together a considerable amount of material calculated to cheer the German heart. There is quite as much of the reverse order if the reader does not stop at the first page. Sir Gilbert Parker is quite as frank in his criticism as Sir George Foster could be, and he points out one thing that most of us have forgotten. We have some important lessons to learn from the war, and it will be well if the war does not stop until we have learned them thoroughly. There are many of these lessons, and it is not necessary to enumerate them. For we learn them we shall have brought the war to a conclusion. To put this point in another way, the things that we have not learned are the things that we need to know and to do, to defeat our enemies.

It is altogether absurd for us to

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Mr. Facing-Both-Ways in Greece

King Constantine's apparently ingenious manifesto to an American dress correspondent must be taken in connection with the statement made by ex-Premier Venizelos, which was censored and practically suppressed by the king a few days ago. If King Constantine is so anxious to carry out the will of the people, why did he dismiss the man who represents the majority of the Greek nation? His statement is very plausible, and it seems quite correct to declare that he cannot run the risk of having Greece overrun as Belgium and Serbia have been overrun. If he feels so keenly on this question, why did he not carry out his treaty with Serbia and attempt to defend Serbia in her hour of need? He says the allies have not landed enough men to defend Greece, but he omits to state that the allies had replied upon Greece to take part in the struggle, and that with the Grecian army, which had been promised, the allies would have had enough to protect both Greece and Serbia. King Constantine has played the traitor game, and he must not complain if the allies are still suspicious of him.

Ferdinand's Inquiries Brought No Result

Ferdinand was a marriageable young man. He could not help his name. That was fate's legacy. Neither could he help an ingrained shyness. A flaming, ferocious modesty. He was the dower of adolescence. He knew that he should follow the example of other young men and become a "gentleman friend." How to go about it was the question. He had heard of three unattached young women whose attractions were satisfactory. Which to choose? Delicately he enquired in various quarters. Billy Parsons liked one. His sister Nell liked the second. Ferdinand's mother liked the third. He made other enquiries. None of the three could get a clear majority. Each was pretty, wise and good. Expert opinion could no further go. Then a great thing happened. Ferdinand met a woman. He enquired of this paragon which girl was the most desirable. "I cannot tell you," said the wise woman. "Why don't you get acquainted and use your own judgment?"

This tale about Ferdinand is a parable. Many people in this country read with exceeding interest the opinions of various musicians concerning pianos they have used. They balance the testimony of Borgs against that of the testimony of Baggs, and contrast them with still other testimony by Rigns. They do not understand that testimony is acquired by means of an acknowledgment for value received. Even if it were always sincere, the way to learn about pianos is not to hear about them, but to hear them, to get acquainted. You are invited to The House of Service, 185 Yonge street, to meet an artist, the testimony of Borgs against that of the testimony of Baggs, and contrast them with still other testimony by Rigns. They do not understand that testimony is acquired by means of an acknowledgment for value received. Even if it were always sincere, the way to learn about pianos is not to hear about them, but to hear them, to get acquainted. You are invited to The House of Service, 185 Yonge street, to meet an artist, the testimony of Borgs against that of the testimony of Baggs, and contrast them with still other testimony by Rigns.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS CURE ALL KIDNEY DISEASES. RHEUMATISM, GRAVEL, DIABETES, NEURALGIA, MIGRAINE, BRUISES, SWELLINGS, PAIN IN THE BACK, HEADACHE, DIZZINESS, DEAFNESS, ETC.

HYDRO RADIAL PLAN IS STRONGLY FAVORED

Board of Trade Members, Familiar With Such System, Endorse Sir Adam's Proposal.

WHERE IT SUCCEEDED Interesting Information as to What It Has Done for Northern Ohio.

Toronto Board of Trade members are taking a lively interest in the radial railway issue. Some of those who are strongest in favor of the project are familiar with the successful operation of one inter-urban radial railway system which has a mileage of a thousand miles. It covers an important section of northern Ohio. The reports of the past season's operations just received in Toronto bear out the claims that radial railways with terminals in the centre of a metropolitan city, even if only surface roads are public utilities of general benefit.

In Northern Ohio, six radial systems converge at the City of Cleveland, and having running rights on the city street railway tracks all have a terminal at the most central public square.

The cars on each of the radial systems run on an hourly schedule, leaving the "squares" every hour, from early morning till midnight, and all cars stop at the "squares" only long enough to discharge and receive passengers. An inter-urban passenger station is located on the squares and is used for the ticket offices and waiting-rooms for all the lines.

An express business of large proportions on the electric radial lines is conducted by the "Electric Package Agency," an association owned by the various inter-urban systems affected. Arrangements have been made with the trunk line express companies for transferring of matter coming and going to points outside the radial's territory. The electric package station is also located near the business centre. The warehouses are commodious and equipped with all facilities for the convenient handling of materials.

The financial operations of the express agency are entirely separate from the general operations of the railway companies. It collects the revenues, and after paying expenses, divides the balance of the earnings among the companies in proportion to the length of haul of the packages carried.

During the past year the C. P. & A. radial company carried a total of 3,625,200 passengers, or a daily average of 10,000; the number of passenger car miles operated for the year was 1,229,750, a daily average of 3,400. The express car mileage for the year was 133,220, a daily average of 365 miles.

BREACH OF THE LAW WILL CANCEL LICENSE

Local Hotelman to Be Loser if Charge Against Him is Proven.

TORONTO HAD A SKATE

Grenadier Pond Was the Scene of Winter Sport on Saturday.

In suspending the license of E. E. Hawken, proprietor of the Strathcona Hotel at Pearl and York streets, who appeared before the Ontario License Board on a charge of selling liquor to soldiers, a warning note was sounded that no licenses will be permanent if the new liquor law is broken.

Hawken was before the board on Saturday, and his license was shifted for two months. The charge, was that he had sold liquor to soldiers on Friday night, Nov. 19, and the chairman of the board, J. W. Flavell, emphatically said that if the charge was proved to be true that his license would be taken from him.

PRICE CONSIDERATION BUT VALUE UNIMPAIRED.

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DEATH OF WILLIAM TARTE.

WOODSTOCK, Dec. 12.—William Tarte, 50, an Englishman, and a resident of Woodstock for the past three years, died some time in the night and was found in the sitting room by his wife about this morning. Last night, as usual, he took his paper and his wife went to bed, leaving him dozing. A physician was called in and declared heart failure the cause of death.

RELIGION NECESSARY TO LIFE OF NATION

Lack of It is Weakness of Central Europe's Culture, Says Chancellor McCrimmon.

CONDEMNED BY RECORD History Shows Strong Arm of Militarism Can Never Perpetuate National Existence.

"What will perpetuate a nation's life?" asked Chancellor McCrimmon of McMaster University at the university sermon in convocation hall yesterday morning. Setting forth the ideals of the Teuton national life, the preacher compared them to the cardinal principles which have dominated the Anglo-Saxon world. "The culture of central Europe lacked a religious center," said Chancellor McCrimmon, "and the nation that forgets God perishes. Determining a way for men, it is not after all a big arm that is going to perpetuate a nation's existence, nor a great militarism. The innumerable lessons the past show that such a procedure has but one fate awaiting it. It is condemned by all the records of the past and runs counter to the economy of God."

Individual Rights Will Win. Speaking of the forces which were contending for the mastery at the present time, Chancellor McCrimmon said that the rights of the individual and those of small nations, and that the proper relation of the individual to the divine would be perpetuated. Nothing that resorted to force and barbarism could be ultimately triumphant. The principles of altruism, sympathy and humanity were said to be eternal.

The sermon was an evaluation of the civilizations which were struggling for supremacy, although the one containing the baser principles could not claim the proper relation, but only a relic of barbarism. The relative values could be seen in the proper light when the place that God had given man in His creation was realized. Self-respect, brotherhood and reverence were sanctified by the civilization, which, according to God's plan, must dominate. The principles that turn man away from God and towards barbarism is doomed to certain destruction," he said. In a sentence as the association of truth and beauty, character as the embodiment of personality, had to triumph, declared the preacher.

CHOOSING THE BEST GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS

Gledhill's Have Splendid Selection in Goods of Sterling Nature.

After all is said regarding the most appropriate gifts for Christmas time, many will continue to think that the balance of advantage rests with an article that is largely indestructible. This is at least true where the relationship is so intimate as to permit of the selection of jewelry adornments for the toilet table and articles of vertu. Gifts of this character always remain, and with the personal note that makes them always reminiscent of the giver. Nowhere in this city will you find a select gift of more choice character than at Gledhill's, 21 Yonge Street Arcade. He carries an exceedingly fine variety of all kinds of jewelry, and his diamond values defy competition. At his store, too, intending purchasers receive select and personal service, and his unwavering experience is placed unreservedly at their disposal. Gledhill's stock is well worth examination and will be found of quite exceptional quality. Mr. Gledhill is also an issuer of marriage licenses.

BOYS' HOME INMATES ARE DOING THEIR BIT

Over Third of Inmates Have Already Enlisted for Overseas Services.

At the 48th annual meeting of the Working Boys' Home on Friday last it was pointed out that no less than one-quarter of the total number of boys in the home have done their duty to king and country by joining the colors and have enlisted for overseas service. These being the older boys, a serious reduction has taken place in the week-end receipts from the boys on maintenance account, but by the extension of the strictest economy the treasury was able to close the year with \$11,480 on hand.

The principal officers of the home are as follows: Chairman, Sir John A. Boyd; vice-chairman, Noel Marshall; secretary, Rev. B. W. Merrill; treasurer, Walter Gillespie.

SKATING ON SATURDAY.

Grenadier Pond was frozen over thick enough for skating Saturday. Hundreds availed themselves of the opportunity to skate at this popular spot yesterday and Saturday.

A letter from the Queen's Hotel to The World states that Mayor Church gave instructions to the manager of Queen's Hotel to charge the expenses incurred by the Marquis and Marchioness, while stopping at the Queen's during their recent visit to the City of Toronto.

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