

ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE TIMES YIELD RESULTS.

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STRIKE IN CHICAGO

'Twill Be Open War From Now to the Bitter End

CAN BE NO PEACE

Last Peace Conference Adjourns Without Taking Action—More Unions Join Ranks of Strikers.

CHICAGO, May 24—Industrial war with a possibility of martial law looming up in the background describes the situation into which the comparatively incontinent strikers' strike of a few weeks ago has developed and which threatens Chicago today.

A Conference Called NEW YORK, May 24—A Tokyo despatch to the Herald dated Tuesday says: "An important conference was held at the residence of the premier in this city today."

KAI WAN ISLAND IS G. T. P. TERMINUS

Hon. Mr. Emmerson Approves of Site South West of Port Simpson.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 24.—(Special)—The minister of railways has approved of the G. T. P. terminus on the Pacific coast at Kai-Wan Island, a short distance south-west of Port Simpson.

A STREET CAR ACCIDENT

An accident which might have ended fatally occurred this morning at St. Mary's street passing down Mill street on its way to Indian town.

HE HAS HEART TROUBLE

OTTAWA, May 23.—Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick is pained with heart trouble, which has more or less affected him recently.

A RECORD RUN

The Crystal Stream made a record run from Coles Island last night, covering the distance of sixty-five miles in five hours and seven minutes.

DEATHS

GODDARD—Wednesday morning, 24th inst., at his residence, 29 Douglas street, Mrs. M. Goddard, wife of Frank Goddard, aged 72 years.

THE THIRSTY OF MAINE

Swell the Revenue of the Ferries to New Brunswick Saloons—But the Officers Are Hot After Them and the Wet Goods.

GRAND FALLS, May 24.—(Special)—At St. Leonard's, twelve miles above here, a ferry runs across the St. John to Van Buren, a bustling Maine town, the seat of the big mills of the St. John Lumber Co.

WHITE HORSE IS WIPED OUT

Major Wood Wires the Interior Department of a Severe Fire in Klondike Town.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 24.—(Special)—The department of the interior received a telegram from Major Wood, acting commissioner of the Yukon, stating that all the white horse stock in Klondike town has been destroyed by fire.

ST. JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY

Bishop Casey Will Pay a Visit—A Drama to be Presented.

On June 1st St. Patrick's Literary and Dramatic Society will present in Lefebvre Theatre the drama "The Shamrock and the Rose" of the Rev. Fr. Casey.

QUESTION OF THE ST. JOHN RIVER

Canada Wants It Considered by the Waterways Commission Which Meets Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Mr. O'Brien of the British embassy, today called on the minister of commerce to discuss the problems connected with the obstruction of the St. John river.

THE BOMB THROWERS

ST. PETERSBURG, May 23.—While the police were celebrating the victory against the Japanese, a bomb was thrown at the chief of police.

A CUSTOMS APPOINTMENT

OTTAWA, May 24.—Joseph J. McKeown, of St. John's, has been appointed clerk of the customs and duty water at St. John's.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE

Harry Stevens, of Moncton, is spending the holiday in St. John. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Short, of Sussex, are spending the holiday in St. John.

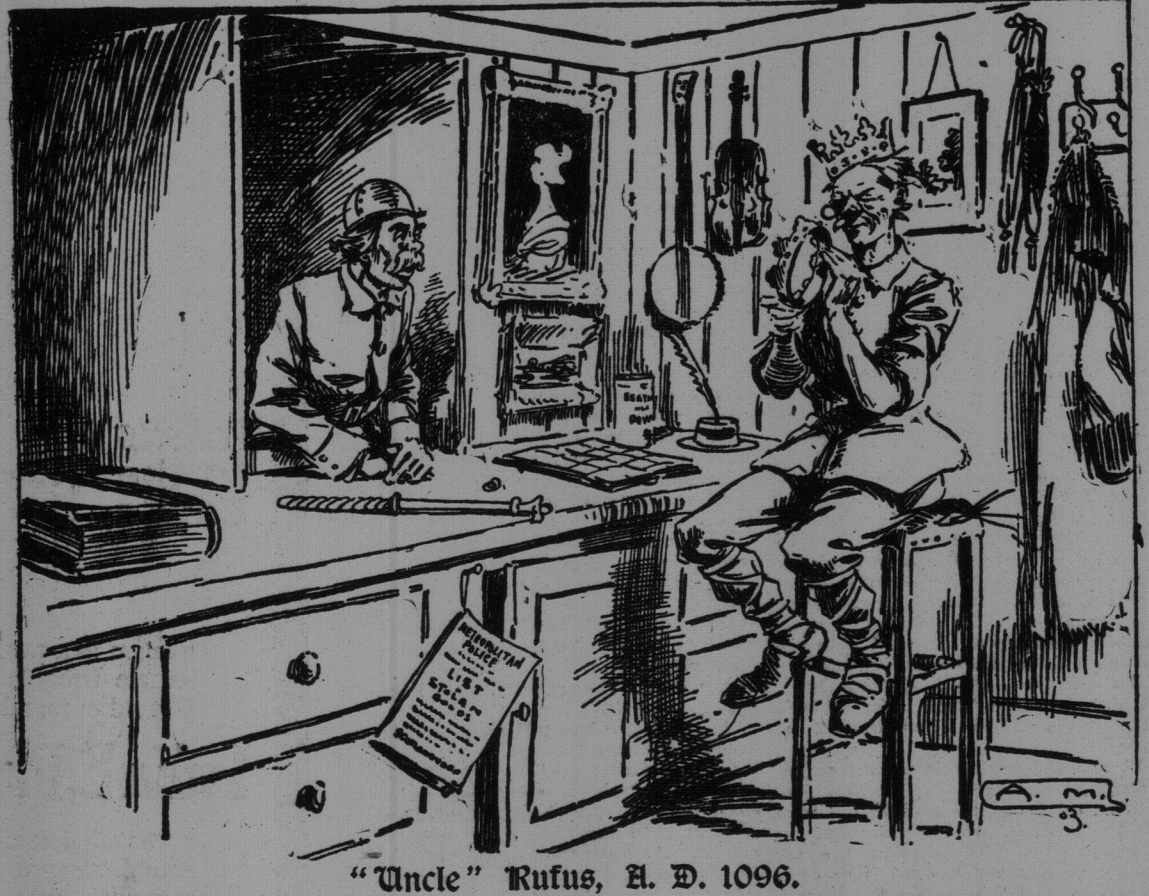
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WIDE OF THE WATER

OTTAWA, May 23.—F. B. Wade, chairman of the transcontinental railway commission, died this evening at the Russell House after a severe illness.

HUMORS OF HISTORY---46.



"Uncle" Rufus, H. D. 1096. "Robert, Duke of Normandy, warned his duchy to his brother Rufus for five years, receiving in exchange the sum of 10,000 marks (about 25,700) which Rufus raised by fresh extortions."—The New History of England.

BABY AND THE COP

Officer James Ross Restores Little Elsie Roop to Her Family.

While police officer James Ross was patrolling Oxbow street this morning vigil in his search for evil doers or disturbers of the public peace he came upon a laughing little girl who was holding along the street, to all appearances, as if she were a plaything.

THE HOLIDAY

Many Citizens Took Advantage of the Various Excursions to Spend the Day in the Country.

This morning broke fine and clear. The sun shone brightly from an almost cloudless sky. Business was generally suspended, and practically everybody strolled in the country.

ST. STEPHEN'S EMPIRE DAY

School Children in the Border City Hold Inspiring Exercises.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., May 23.—Empire Day was celebrated by a union of all the town schools on the back school grounds, Market street.

WINNIPEG WELCOMES

The Rev. Clarence McKinnon, Late of Sydney, C. B.

(Winnipeg Telegram, Saturday). The Rev. Clarence McKinnon, of Sydney, C. B., who is to be the new pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church, arrived yesterday over the Canadian Pacific.

AT INDIANTOWN

Indian women a truly festive appearance this morning. Crowded to her utmost capacity the Pokonnet started on her first trip to Fredericton.

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GOING TO HALIFAX

Ottawa Will Send Two Companies of Artillery for Garrison.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 24.—(Special)—Two companies of the Royal Canadian Artillery will leave for Halifax on June 2nd for garrison duty. This is in accordance with the arrangement for taking over the garrison by the Dominion government.

'T WAS EXTRA GOOD GAME

Baseball Season Opened This Morning—Portland Won, 4 to 2.

The baseball season was auspiciously opened on the afternoon grounds this morning by the Portland team.

THE HOLIDAY IN FREDERICTON

Business Suspended and Weather Conditions Perfect—Marriage This Afternoon.

FREDERICTON, May 24.—(Special)—Victoria day was celebrated in Fredericton today with perfect weather conditions.

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THE WAR SITUATION

Tokio Reports a Spirited Clash With Russian Forces

JAPS WERE VICTORS

Russian Cavalry Retreating—Aside From This There is No Change at the Front.

TOKIO, May 24.—Tokio, May 24.—(Special)—Tokio reports a spirited clash with Russian forces on the morning of May 23.

Is Cotton Contraband? WASHINGTON, May 23.—In calling the State Department that the High Court of Admiralty of St. Petersburg has reversed the decision of the Admiralty prize court and ordered the liberation of the steamer Calchas and most of her cargo.

Jap Fleet Injured? GUNSHU PASS, Manchuria, May 23.—It is reported in a circulation among the Chinese that the Japanese fleet has sustained a serious loss.

Sergius' Murderer Dies

ST. PETERSBURG, May 23.—It was semi-officially announced today that Ivan Kalfiev, who murdered the Grand Duke Sergius at Moscow Feb. 17, was hanged at three o'clock this morning.

Where Togo's Fleet Rides

LONDON, May 24.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post says he learns from a trustworthy source that Vice-Admiral Togo's fleet is still off Manchu, on the southeastern coast of Korea.

Advivostok Isolated

LONDON, May 24.—The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Telegraph cables that the railroad to Advivostok has been severed, as the result of which the Russian is isolated.

F. B. WADE DIED LAST NIGHT

Chairman of the Transcontinental Railway Commission Passed Away at the Russell House Last Night—Spinal Meningitis the Cause.

OTTAWA, May 23.—F. B. Wade, chairman of the transcontinental railway commission, died this evening at the Russell House after a severe illness.

Wade's management of that line and his transfer to other parties showed him to be a man of business sagacity. He removed to Halifax and entered upon the practice of law there, at the same time interesting himself in Annapolis county politics in the election of 1890 he captured the county for the Liberal party after it had gone Conservative in three previous elections. He took a large share in the discussion of the Grand Trunk Pacific bill, and when the measure became law secured the position of chairman of the commission charged with constructing the eastern section from Winnipeg to Montreal.

Mr. Wade entered upon the work of surveying with great energy, and continued it vigorously so long as his health permitted. He married Florence J. Healy, which fell into his hands as receiver. Mr.

The Times New Reporter

Victoria grounds this afternoon. The police say they will enforce the ordinance against expectation. Those who are unable to crowd in to see the "Gunners' Mate," this afternoon or evening, can stand on the corners and watch the boys explode fire-crackers. A young man went fishing. With his pockets full of bait, You could tell he was lucky. By the nature of his gait.

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THE TEST, A Story of Modern Finance By LOUIS JOSEPH VANCE In the Popular Magazine.

Abstractly, but walking swiftly, he followed the momentary crowds of wage-earners up Broadway, entering the subway terminal in the rear of that gray monstrosity of architecture which sprang New York for a poor office. Abstractly still, he boarded a train, found a seat, and permitted himself to be carried up town - without the slightest consideration as to his destination.

Meanwhile: "Why?" Grey inquired, directly. "Because I prefer to walk, Thornton. If you are unwilling..." "Now, you know I didn't mean that. I meant, why am I so irritatingly unreliable, in your estimation?" "I don't know," said the girl, gravely. She turned toward Riverside Drive. Grey swung into step by her side, radiant with gratitude. "If I did know," she added, thoughtfully, "I should lose interest in you, I believe. It's the unexpected quality of you that makes you - I'm - desirable. One just gets comfortably accustomed to the thought that you are at a safe distance - Cosmopolitan Bay, was it - mercifully, massing, multitude of..."



Perfect Sleep

Women Who Are Free From Female Ills Sleep Soundly

Points to the Cause How many women are troubled with insomnia! How few, alas, habitually sleep the night through and rise refreshed. If you can't sleep it is because your nerves will not let your body rest. Women's nervous troubles come from female diseases. Their delicate organism is a network of intricate nerves. No woman can suffer from female irregularities without eventually ruining her nervous system. Get rid of female disease and the perfect sleep of childhood will return.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

cures all female troubles and restores nerve equilibrium and brings sound, restful, healthful, natural sleep. Thus does this wonderful remedy operate to bring health to suffering women.

Wakefulness and Nervousness Cured Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—Owing to the general enfeebled condition of my system, combined with extreme nervousness, caused by female weakness, I was a great sufferer from sleeplessness, and I tried many medicines without receiving any benefit. Friend advised me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and it had restored her to health. I did so, and in a week I was sleeping well at night, which I had not been able to do for six months previous. My appetite returned, my color improved, and I am as well as any one could wish to be after taking your Vegetable Compound only four weeks. I think your medicine is a wonder for women.

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Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has cured more women of female diseases than any other medicine in the world. Mrs. Pinkham advises sick women free. She will write you a personal letter if you tell her about your case. Address Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Cures Where Others Fail

READ THE NEWS IN THE TIMES TODAY.

Piles Dr. Chase's Ointment

ABBEY'S EFFERESCENT SALT

RECOMMENDED BY THE FACULTY

Used by the masses, who, unsolicited, certify to its worth Tones the Stomach and Stirs the Liver to Healthy Action

Is Nature's Remedy for Tired, Fagged-out and Run-down Men or Women If taken regularly contributes to Perfect Health, Makes Life Worth Living

EFFERESCENT SALT

ALL DRUGGISTS

THE EVENING TIMES.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., MAY 24, 1905.

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A HOLIDAY

The first real holiday of the opening summer season has come in the form of a day of rest and recreation...

A CITY'S SHAME

The mayor of the city of Philadelphia is being criticised for his handling of the city's affairs...

There was another uproar in the British house of commons yesterday, which was caused by the statement of Mr. Balfour...

The Chicago strike seems likely to result in calling out the militia. In the end the striking teamsters will have lost a lot of money...

There are many machine province people in Winnipeg, and they have formed an association, which on June 10th will have an excursion and outing at Winnipeg Beach.

HORSE SHOWS

The interest in horse shows appears to be steadily growing in the United States, and someone interested in the statistics of such events has figured it out that there were sixty-five such exhibitions worthy of special notice last year...

Men's Velour Oxfords

You would naturally expect, on examining this shoe, that the price would be Three Dollars.

MEN'S VALOUR CALF OXFORDS

Fine Velour Leather Dull Quarter Blucher Pattern Goodyear Welted.

\$2.50 Is the Price.

You can get nothing better anywhere for the price.

The McRobbie Shoe Co. Ltd.

FURNITURE SALE

During this week we will make a special on Bedroom Suits, Brass and Iron Beds, Spring Beds and Mattresses.

BUSTIN & WITHERS, New Furniture Store, 49 Germain Street.

J. W. ADDISON

Importer and Dealer in Builders and Housekeepers' HARDWARE, PAINTS, OILS and GLASS.

LADIES' OXFORDS

A complete new stock of Ladies' Oxfords, in Tan and Black. We can furnish a nobby, perfect fitting little shoe at \$1.50.

BEDDING OUT PLANTS AND WINDOW PLANTS

All varieties. Prompt attention to orders. Phone 1578. McLEAN & CHARLTON, Florists, Marsh Bridge.

LOCKHART & RITCHIE

General Agents, St. John, N. B., for the Canadian Casualty and Boiler Ins. Co.

The Flour That's Good for both Bread and Pastry

ROYAL STANDARD Scientifically milled to retain all the nutriment of the grain. Wholesale by NORTHRUP & CO., 23 and 24 South Wharf.

PUT THEM ON YOUR FEET

See how dressy they look. Note how comfortable they feel. Mark the up-to-date style. Observe the superior quality...

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Those Special Suits

Made From Ends of Webbs are slipping out quickly. Many are taking advantage of this opportunity and buying their Spring Suit away below their real value.

Bargains at \$3.95, \$5, \$6, \$8 and \$10.

J. N. HARVEY, Men's and Boys' Clothier, 199 and 201 Union Street

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DAUGHTERS OF THE EMPIRE

Prizes Offered for the Best Essay in Connection With Trafalgar Celebration.

The Times has received the following communication from Miss Isabel Cuntz, 212 Manning Chambers, Toronto, the secretary of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire...

Trafalgar Centenary Prize

The Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire offers prizes for an essay in connection with the centenary of the battle which gave England the command of the sea...

Conditions

- 1. Subject: The Battle of Trafalgar and its results. 2. Length must not exceed 3,000 words. 3. Open to any boy or girl...

GRAND FALLS

After June let the fishermen in Grand Falls let their fishing nets be mended...

MR. LOGAN'S CONDITION

In a letter written to a friend in town Miss Lucy Logan says that her brother is improving somewhat and that the doctors hope to see him able to sit up in a fortnight's time.

THE GLOBE LAUNDRY

Now is the time to have your blankets washed. The Globe Laundry does that class of work.

The Times Reader must make their purchase somewhere. Advertisements in The Evening Times show them where. Contract for space. 40,000 eyes cannot fail to see it.

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Your suit order will receive special attention. Our measurements mean careful study of your figure.

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We are every day adding to our stock with the NEW GOODS as they come out, and will enumerate a few: Crosses, Brooches, Scarf Pins, Links, Lockets, and many other articles which are seasonable.

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JAMES V. RUSSELL

677-679 Main Street, Branches 1-2 Brussel's - 397 Main Street. A Large Assortment of Boots, Shoes and Rubbers. At Lowest Cash Prices. MEN'S HAND MADE KIP LONG BOOTS - \$3.00

SWEET PEAS!

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Is a Popular Price And these are some of the snappiest styles in Shoes shown this summer.

Men's Patent Colt, Blucher, Laced Boot on the Fad Toe - \$3.00

Men's Box Calf, Goodyear welted, Laced Boot, on the brocton Last - \$3.00

Men's Veld Kid, Goodyear welted, Blucher Laced Boot on the London Last - \$3.00

Velour Calf, Goodyear welted Blucher, Lace Shoe on the Cornell Last - \$3.00

Francis & Vaughan, 19 King Street.

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There is little about Diamonds, they are good for a life time worth as much as one time as another. We have a fine assortment of Diamond Rings, about any size of stone or style of setting you may desire. Our stock of watches and jewelry in general is Big Enough to Supply Everybody's Wants. A. POYAS, Watchmaker and Jeweller, 545 Main Street, N. E.

G. D. PERKINS

80 Prince Wm. St., St. John, N. B. Wedding and Set Rings and all kinds of jewelry made to order. Watches, Clocks, Eyeglasses, Spectacles, Silverware, Pipes, etc. Re-paired at short notice. Please call.

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THE EVENING TIMES, ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 1906.

Pure Gold Jelly Powders. For a few days we are having a demonstration of Pure Gold Jelly Powders. Our store has been thoroughly renovated and is now the neatest and brightest grocery in Carleton. Inspection is invited. F. BURRIDGE, 255 King St., St. John West.

PATTERSON'S DAYLIGHT STORE. OPEN NIGHTS. A SALE OF LADIES' BLACK SATEN UNDERSHIRTS. You save 50c. on every one you buy. A Sale all this week at \$1.00 Each. This is a regular \$1.35 quality, but out they go at \$1.00 Each. Cor. Duke & Charlotte Sts.

CUBA A PARADISE Sir William Van Horne on Pearl of the Antilles. (Montreal Witness.) Sir William Van Horne, back this morning from a prolonged trip to Cuba, to see after his railway interests there, discussed with animation, the climate, and resources of the country and the thrift of the Cuban people.

SENTENCED LOUIS RIEL Judge Richardson Coming to the Maritime Provinces to Visit Relatives. (Winnipeg Free Press, May 17.) Among the passengers on the south-bound twin city express yesterday was Judge Richardson, now retired, but formerly of the Northwest bench. Judge Richardson is in this latter capacity because his duty very nearly twenty years ago saw to preside at the trial of Louis Riel after his sentence upon him. Judge Richardson, who with his daughter, who accompanies him, has spent the past few days in Winnipeg, left last evening for the Maritime Provinces to visit relatives, returning to the west in the afternoon. Friends of the judge congratulate him upon his excellent health and hale and hearty appearance.

NO CONSCIENCE MONEY In the report of the committee on applied Christianity, presented yesterday at the seventy-second annual meeting of the New York State Association of Congregational Churches, at Binghamton a party was devoted to the discussion of "The Church and Wealth." It declares: Men are today profoundly stirred by the colossal aggregations of wealth, the spectacle of crushing out all individual color to the charge that the Church is under the domination of the rich, or that her ministry is almost regarding business methods oppressive and unbecomingly personal independence. It is our opinion that no gifts or charities or religious enterprises can atone for the wrong done against the poor by financial or industrial methods which ignore the natural law that only the creators of wealth are worthy to enjoy or distribute it.

THE LATE MRS. GORDON (Picton Advocate.) To the list of sudden and unexpected deaths recently noted we have to add today that of Mrs. Wm. Gordon, relict of the late Wm. Gordon, of Picton, and mother of Rev. D. M. Gordon, D. D., principal of Queen's University, Kingston. Mrs. Gordon was in her 79th year. On Saturday, we understood, she complained somewhat of neuralgic pains, but retired as usual, and her daughter, Miss Millie, who has been her constant companion for years, had little thought that she and she so near. In case her services might be called for, however, Mrs. Gordon decided to rest on a couch in her mother's room, and through the night complied with some slight requests made by her. Later on Miss Gordon found that the death messenger had arrived, that her mother had quietly and peacefully passed away as if in sleep.

DR. SLOCUM'S PSYCHINE (Pronounced SIKKEE) Builds up weak and nervous bodies. Prevents and cures Consumption, Catarrh, Bronchitis, Gripe and all Pulmonary and Bronchial Troubles. Psychine is a tonic without a peer. Cures where ordinary treatment fails. For sale at all drug stores in two sizes. Dr. Slocum, Limited, Toronto, Sample Free.

DUNNE ON HIS NEW TASK

Chicago's Mayor Declares That Municipal Ownership, Wherever It Has Been Tried, Has Been a Measure of True Reform and Progress--Tells How Chicago Came to Desire Municipal Ownership--And Explains Why It Seems Sure to Succeed.

Every citizen of Chicago, attempted to force the passage of the infamous Alton law, allowing extension of franchises fifty years. They sought the city council for consummation of the "grab" plan, but Chicago's citizens marched to the City Hall and forced a victory for civic decency and at the next session the legislature the Alton law was repealed. By a vote of 162,880 to 27,988 Chicago's electorate declared in April, 1905, for the public ownership of the street railways. A year later the State Legislature passed the Muller law under which Chicago was empowered to own and operate its own street car system. Another year, and in April, 1906, by a vote of five to one—183,228 for, to 30,279 against—Chicago's citizens adopted this law. At the same time, by a similar overwhelming vote, the people declared for "proceeding without delay to acquire ownership of the street railways under the powers conferred by the Muller law." At the same time, by a vote of 120,883 to 48,200, the people directed the city council "instead of granting franchises" to "license the street railway companies until municipal ownership can be secured." Then on April 1st, came the final ballot declaration that "no franchise be granted any street railway company."

Chicago learned, from bitter experience, its gross inefficiency and indecency of private management of public utilities. It learned that the chief aim of private ownership is to pay exorbitant dividends upon watered stock; that the living and preserve the dead. Private management of these utilities debauched over and over again the public purse. It is the business of the State. The bad service retarded the city's growth and depreciated real estate values. In short, Chicago found private ownership a ball and chain to its feet. And out of this came the declaration for municipal ownership. There have been but two serious obstacles set up by those who have opposed the city's taking its own—first, that Chicago has not the money to take over the traction properties; second, that municipal operation will tend to create a "political machine." It may be true that the city is not ready to acquire or build a street-car system. But the way to the means is by the issue of interest-bearing certificates, or the issuance of interest-bearing certificates, or the street railway properties taken over by the municipality. Under this law three street-car certificates are secured by the street railway property, for the acquisition of which the certificates are issued; secondly, such certificates are secured by a grant in the mortgage or deed of trust of a private "right" to maintain and operate the street railway property for a period of twenty years from and after the date such property may be taken into the possession of any person or corporation as the result of foreclosure proceedings.

Chicago, in part, has learned its municipal ownership lesson first hand. In a decade it has developed what is probably the greatest municipal electric lighting plant in the world, reducing the cost of electric light more than one-half. For fifteen years it has operated its own water system, operating a net annual profit of more than \$1,500,000 and supplying its people with water at the cheapest rate known in any city in the state of Illinois, if not in the United States. But for almost eight years Chicago had been kept on the traction grid. It was during this period that there came the public awakening which resulted in the people declaring three times at the ballot box for municipal ownership of these public utilities. Chicago's traction history may thus be traced in brief. In 1889 the first franchise, for twenty-five years, was granted the Chicago City Railway Company. In 1895 the company, through open and notorious corruption of the State Legislature, obtained the passage of the infamous ninety-nine-year act, the set over which litigation has been waging and on which the corporation has based a claim that their initial privileges were extended for a period of ninety-nine years, at the next session of the Legislature this act was repealed. Thereafter, by constitutional amendment, any further street railway grants without the consent of the local authorities were prohibited, and by statute in 1874 such franchises were limited for the future to twenty years. In 1883 the traction companies, offshoots of the original corporation and the latter, obtained a twenty-year extension of their franchises from the city council. Corruption charges were filed. In 1897 the franchise was annulled by the State Legislature and by means well-known to

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