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ONE CENT.

THE LONDON MARKET NOW FEELS THAT THE CORNER HAS BEEN SAFELY TURNED

Wall Street is Also More Buoyant and
Stocks Rise.

Two Small Failures Reported on London Exchange, but They
Are Not Important --- Canadian Pacific Gains on Berlin
Market---Montreal Cautious.

NEW YORK, March 27.—The buoyant shot in prices with the first alarm of the bears over their condition. They bid actively for large blocks of stocks at rapidly rising prices. The results were opening gains in American Smelting of 3.34, Canadian Pacific, D. & H., and Minn., St. Paul and S. S. Marie preferred, 4; Union Pacific, 3.58; B. & O., 3.12; L. & N., Cleveland C. C., and St. L., Minneapolis, St. Paul and S. S. Marie and Illinois Central, all 1/2; Brooklyn Transit, Reading, Atlantic Coast, Lane, Atch., U. S. Steel preferred, Anaconda and Amalgamated Copper 2 to 2.58, and many other active stocks between 1 and 2 points.

LONDON, March 27.—Two failures were announced on the stock exchange today before noon, but neither was of any importance from the market point of view. The tone in all departments was decidedly more cheerful. Americans fully responded to yesterday's sharp advance in New York, and therefore the settlement is being faced with comparative cheerfulness in the general belief that the corner has been turned and that although further small failures may be expected, no serious

trouble need be anticipated. The action of Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou in relieving the money market in New York by depositing in the banks customs receipts to the extent of \$15,000,000, has proved of international value. Business is still restricted, as attention is mostly taken up with the conclusion of the settlement. Americans opened a good deal above parity and advanced from the start. There was a slight reaction at noon, but it was only fractional.

Consols were firm at 85 3/4, with an improving tendency.

BERLIN, March 27.—Prices on the Bourse today were firm and all the departments, especially the American, showed improvements. Canadian Pacific was 5 1/2 points higher.

MONTREAL, March 27.—(Special)—Cautious pervaded the operations in stocks today. The tone was firmer but it will take time to get the courage back. The most active features today were Nova Scotia Steel, 71 to 70 3/8; Don Iron, 18, Bonds 75; Illinois pfd, 86 to 85 3/4; Soo, 165; Montreal Power, 90; Can Pac, 108 to 107 1/2; Rio Bonds, 74; Twin City, 92; Mexico 46 to 46 1/2; Richelieu, 70; Detroit, 69; Toledo, 25 7/8.

BEER TASTER WANTED BY THIS LEGISLATURE

After a Man Who Is Not Averse
To Being Full All The Time.

CHICAGO, March 27.—A state beer taster is the latest office sought to be established by legislation in Springfield. It was admitted that the position would be interesting to the holder, but it was insisted that it would be of no benefit to other beer-drinkers. Between tomorrow and tonight a few objections were formulated by the Germania club members. These are some of them:

If the new state officer did his duty all the time he would be full all the time. The question of beer's purity cannot be judged by merely drinking it. Chemical analysis should be substituted for official drinking. The state dignitary would resemble a barrel in one year. The state dignitary would explode in less than two years.

William K. Klewer, vice president of the Germania, said:

"He'd have to drink at least a glass of beer each brew, and if he worked eight hours a day at the average of 12 tests an hour—which would not be a fast pace—he would have imbued 96 glasses when he began to roll home."

"I am supposing that the official would be a conscientious worker and do his full duty. The more he did his duty the fuller he would be himself. I should think that if he lasted one year he would be a phenomenon. It looks like a ridiculous scheme to me."

A STRAIGHT PARTY VOTE

OTTAWA, Ont., March 27.—(Special)—The vote on Bonanza's resolution yesterday was a political one, with the exception that Verville, labor, and Paquet, conservative, voted with the government; Fowler and Foster did not vote.

Market Clerk Dunham and toll collector Akerley have laid information against Thomas M. Davison, of Red Head, for selling produce in the streets without paying market tolls. Albion Morrell, of Belleisle, Kings county, was fined \$2 yesterday afternoon for a similar offence, besides being compelled to pay tolls to the amount of 42 cents.

Last night's Globe said that Johann Schaefer, who had sustained injuries by falling into the hold of steamship Athenia, in February, died yesterday morning at the General Public Hospital. Dr. Malcoun said the name of the man who died was Holding and not Schaefer, who he adds is doing well.

HALIFAX, March 27.—(Special)—The overdue Allan liner Siberian, from Liverpool, arrived in port at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

There is no word up to going to press from the C. P. R. steamer Lake Manitou, which is now overdue from Liverpool. She has on board 1388 passengers.

CAT DISCONNECTS GAS TUBE, TWO DEAD

Aunt and Nephew Asphyxiated
in Apartments Overcome While
Attempting to Reach Windows.

NEW YORK, March 26.—Mrs. Dora Greenberg, sixty years old, and her nephew, Harry W. Greenberg, twenty-five years old, occupying apartments at No. 212 Varet street, Brooklyn, were found dead Sunday, asphyxiated by gas. An investigation led to the belief that a pet cat owned by the family had been the innocent cause of its own death and the death of the woman and her nephew.

Nathan Siegel, a tenant, had his attention drawn to a dumbwaiter by the odor of gas. He called tenants and an investigation was made.

It was finally traced to the apartments

of the Greenbergs. A policeman forced an entrance into the flat and found Mrs. Greenberg lying on the floor of her bedroom and her nephew also dead on the floor of his room. The position of both indicated that they had been awakened and apparently had tried to reach a window when overcome. The cat was found dead on the kitchen floor near the laundry tubs. A rubber tube attached at one end to a gas fixture was dangling from the wall, while the other end was disconnected from a gas stove placed on top of the tubs.

Policemen learned that the cat had been in the habit of jumping on the tubs and licking water from a basin, and it is supposed it probably did this early yesterday morning and accidentally knocked against the rubber tube connecting the gas fixture and the stove and disconnected one end. The gas had a free flow from the fixture in the room and filled the apartments.

ALDERMEN STAND BY THEIR GUNS AND PRESS FOR PASSAGE OF BILL

Plebiscite Will Be Taken During the Year, but if Bill Now Up
Passes, the Next Election Will Be Run Under the Ward
System---Lively Meeting of Council This Morning.

"Resolved that in the opinion of this common council the views of all parties would be reasonably met by the passage of the Civic Representation Bill as originally sent up, with the addition of a section providing that during the coming year a plebiscite shall be taken on the present, district and ward systems."

The above resolution was adopted by the common council this morning by a vote of ten to three.

Three resolutions were before the meeting; this resolution introduced by Ald. Sprout which was referred from yesterday's meeting, the above resolution, moved by Ald. Bullock and an amendment by Ald. Willett to have a plebiscite at the coming elections.

Some very interesting addresses were made and spirited remarks passed between the mayor and several of the aldermen.

There were present, the mayor, presiding, Ald. Tilley, Vanwart, Sprout, Baxter, Lewis, Lantulum, McGoldrick, Rowan, Christie, Hamm, Bullock, Pickett, Willett and the common clerk.

Ald. Holder and Lockhart were absent. Ald. Baxter first brought up the matter of the street railway running through Queen Square, Carleton. He said that certain opposition to the bill would be withdrawn and he moved that a delegation from the bills and by-laws committee consisting of two members and the chairman, be empowered to go to Fredericton in connection with the bill. This was adopted.

A Lively Tilt

The civic election bill was then taken up. The mayor said that so far as yesterday's meeting was concerned, he wished to let it be known that he was not personally opposed to the bill. He had not left his office until 1:30 o'clock and after his lunch he had gone to the court house and found no one there.

Ald. Bullock asked why such an unreasonable hour had been appointed. The mayor said he thought it was necessary in order to have a meeting at two o'clock to send notices for a quarter of an hour earlier. The meeting this morning, he claimed, was called for 11 o'clock, but many members were not present until 11:15.

At this point Ald. Bullock and Vanwart arose and intimated that the mayor was trying to avoid being present, and asked why he had not come in to the meeting late instead of waiting outside until it was over.

Ald. Lewis contended the mayor was free to come to the meeting or not just as he liked.

Ald. Vanwart—"This idea of your going to the court house is a rot."

Mayor—"Please remember you are ad-

ressing the mayor of the city. You must use parliamentary language."

Quite a hubbub arose at this point with several aldermen trying to speak at once.

Get Down To Business

Ald. McGoldrick finally asked the meeting was called for. He said he regretted very much that the mayor should be attending a public meeting in the Opera House, while he (McGoldrick) whose position was next to the mayor, had been attending to the city's business at the board works meeting. "We ought to get down to business," he concluded.

Ald. Tilley said the only business before the meeting was the resolution moved yesterday by Ald. Sprout.

Ald. Baxter asked if a committee had not been appointed at last night's meeting in the Opera House to meet the members of the council.

The mayor said no communication or anything connected with last night's meeting had been presented to him to bring before the council.

Ald. Baxter remarked that the opposition to the bill was only a few weeks old, while the matter of making a change in the election system had been talked of for nearly a year.

Ald. Sprout said the only thing to do was to let the people say what they want.

Favors A Trial

Ald. Bullock contended that the ward system should be tried and a plebiscite taken before the following election. The people would then have a chance to see which was the better system. He moved the adoption of the following resolution as an amendment:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this common council the views of all parties would be reasonably met by the passage of the Civic Representation Bill as originally sent up, with the addition of a section providing that during the coming year a plebiscite shall be taken on the present, district and ward systems.

He contended that the present system was bad enough, the ward system could not be much worse. If the resolution carried the people would see which system was better.

Ald. McGoldrick seconded the resolution contending that the present system was "rotten."

Wants Plebiscite Now

Ald. Willett moved an amendment to the amendment that the resolution should provide for a plebiscite at the coming elections instead of at a future date.

Ald. Hamm moved that no speaker be allowed more than five minutes.

BACK FROM WEST INDIES

St. John Passengers Arrived
on the Steamer Olenda This
Morning.

The West India steamship Olenda Captain Bridges arrived in port this morning at 8:30 o'clock from Bermuda, Windward Islands and Demerara. The steamer had a rough passage up from Bermuda. Last Sunday she ran into an easterly gale and had to leave to, which delayed her a day. But from Seal Islands up to this port the weather was fine.

The Olenda brought thirty-nine passengers among whom are delegates of the Dominion Board of Trade, who have been making a tour of the West India Islands, going as far south as Demerara. Captain Bridges also had with him this trip his wife and child. The steamer has on board a large general cargo, including a large amount of molasses to land here and at Halifax. After landing the St. John freight steamer will proceed to Halifax. The Olenda is the finest vessel on the route to the West Indies, and her commander, Captain Bridges, has made hosts of friends with whom he have gone the round trip to the south.

The following is a list of the Olenda's passengers:—
Saloon—J. D. Allan and wife, H. W. Anthes and wife and two daughters, Geo. Burton and wife, J. R. Ferguson and wife, Miss Grace Fisher, J. E. Jones, E. B. Schofield and wife, Mrs. B. J. Schofield and daughter and S. W. Walker, from Demerara.

George Rhind, from Barbados; J. Lawson, from Dominica; Dr. R. W. Ellis and son, from St. Kitts; Miss G. Bauld, B. G.

BABY FREEMAN IS IN HOSPITAL

Three-year-old Eddie Freeman, a little English boy, who, with his parents, came here by steamer Lake Erie, and is lying at the Epidemic Hospital, sick of scarlet fever, is at present a subject of interest, as, according to report, his father and mother have left the city without apparent provision for his future welfare.

ANOTHER INVENTOR WHO HAS A NEW BUG

Wants to Harness the Fish to
Keep His Torpedoes Moving.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26.—One would be inventor has suggested to the Board of Ordnance and Fortifications of the army the construction of funnel-shaped torpedoes, the opening part of the funnel to be screened and a large number of fish to be placed within in such a manner that as they swim they would push the torpedo rapidly forward.

To avoid stopping the torpedo, should the fish get tired, he proposes that a wireless electric battery be provided to keep the fish moving.

FUNERALS

A large number of citizens followed the remains of Thomas Stanley Rankine, son of Henry C. Rankine, 212 Germain street, to their last resting place in Fernhill this afternoon. Services were held at the home by Rev. David Lang and the funeral took place at 2:30 o'clock. The pall-bearers were Leslie Creighton, Roy Halsey, Arthur Magee, Harry Barker, Gordon Peters and Harry McFarlane.

The water and sewerage board meets at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Mrs. R. W. Smith, of Lakeside, returned home, after a five months' visit to Europe.

Ald. Lewis, in a spirited address, charged Ald. Bullock with having dark designs to rush through legislation to enable the aldermen to hold their seats at the board.

The section of the bill requiring a two-thirds vote to bring about a change, was all wrong.

Ald. Lantulum reviewed the action of the council in dealing with the bill now before the house. They had given it a good deal of thought and he was of the opinion that the people would be able to judge better which system was the best when they had tried it. Personally he would prefer to run an election under the present system but as a system for the welfare of the city it was very bad.

Ald. Sprout thought the present system had done for a good many years and was a good system. At any rate the people should decide. He was not afraid of being turned out of his ward under any system. He had defeated two men last year with a big majority and he did not think he could be defeated whether there was a ward system or not.

Ald. Baxter contended that if a plebiscite was to be taken there should be time to properly draft up a scheme for a district system so that the people could vote intelligently. This could not be done in time for the coming elections.

Ald. Sprout, in closing the debate said the majority of the people wanted a plebiscite and they should get it.

How The Vote Stood

On a vote being taken Ald. Willett's amendment to the amendment was lost. The vote being taken by Ald. Bullock was then put and on a vote being taken was declared carried. The decision being questioned the members voted standing as follows:—

Yeas—Ald. Lewis, Baxter, Bullock, Hamm, Christie, Pickett, Willett, Rowan, Lantulum and McGoldrick.

Nays—Ald. Vanwart, Sprout and Tilley.

Ald. Baxter then moved that the common clerk send notice to the Premier and Edward Lantulum, M. P., the member in charge of the bill, of the action taken.

The Mayor and Mr. Cushing

The mayor brought up the question of Director Cushing's lack of courtesy to him as mayor of the city in the matter of Jas. Sullivan, about whose wages he had sent the director a note and received no reply. The matter was discussed by Ald. Willett, Lantulum, Baxter, Sprout and McGoldrick, the general feeling being that all civic employees should show proper respect to the mayor. The matter was referred to the board of works and the meeting adjourned.

ST. JOHN BRIDE BEREAVED SIX WEEKS AFTER THE DAY SHE STOOD AT THE ALTAR

H. Atwater Smith Died of Pneumonia
in New Jersey Last Night.

Six Weeks Ago He Married Miss "Mollie" Peters, Daughter
of Edwin Peters of this City---Many Friends Shocked by
Sad News.

Word was received here this morning by Edwin Peters, of the death of his son-in-law, H. Atwater Smith, which occurred at Somerville, New Jersey, last night. Needless to say the news came as a great shock as Mr. Smith was married just six weeks ago yesterday to Miss Mary Warren Peters, the only daughter of Edwin Peters.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith left St. John on Tuesday evening, February 12th, after being joined in wedlock at St. John's (Stone) Church by Rev. G. A. Kuhring, and spent their honeymoon in Florida, returning to Somerville, where they were to reside.

During the trip Mr. Smith contracted a slight cold, which was not considered serious, and shortly after their return to Somerville Mrs. Smith came to St. John to look after some matters here, being assured by the doctor in attendance that Mr. Smith's condition was not at all serious. It seems, however, that pneumonia set in and Mrs. Smith returned last week to Somerville, accompanied by her brother, Shirley, as soon as she received word.

Messages were received during the past few days stating that he was holding his own, and was expected to recover.

This morning, however, two telegrams were received by Mr. Peters, one evidently sent during the night, stating that Mr. Smith had had a bad turn, but was expected to pull through, the other announcing his death, which occurred at 10:30 last evening.

Naturally Mr. Peters and the friends of the bereaved bride were greatly overcome by the sad intelligence, and very general sympathy will be extended to the widow and members of the family.

Mr. Peters, the bride's father, Mrs. G. Wetmore Merritt and Mrs. F. A. Peters will leave for Somerville this evening.

Shirley Peters left Somerville yesterday and arrived home today, not knowing of the serious turn in Mr. Smith's condition. He will probably accompany his father tonight and return to Somerville.

Mr. Smith is a son of J. Harper Smith, head of the Somerset Manufacturing Company, of Somerville. He was an only son, and is survived by his father and mother and his young wife. He was a young man in the prime of life, and had a very promising future as he would have succeeded his father in the management of the business.

PREMIER WILL CONSIDER IT

Premier Pugsley Acknowledges
Receipt of Mr. Harvey's
Telegram.

J. N. Harvey as secretary of the public meeting in the Opera House last evening sent a copy of the resolutions passed, to Premier Pugsley at Fredericton and this morning received the following reply: "Telegram containing resolutions passed at last night's meeting received and same will have careful attention."

CONDENSED DESPATCHES

Viscount Hayashi Japanese foreign minister, declares that Japan has no aggressive intentions whatever, but merely adheres to the principles of equal opportunity and the open door in commerce.

The Roumanian government has issued an extensive programme of reforms, to pacify the revolting peasants, and the ministers will tour the disaffected districts.

The ban on Chicago canned meat as a food for the British army, has been removed by the war office.

A private cablegram received at New Orleans states that the Hondurans have recaptured the port of Trujillo. This was the first Caribbean sea port of Honduras taken by the Nicaraguans.

It was announced in Cape Town yesterday that the proclamation would be issued at the end of April opening the Madiba gold fields to public enterprise. Officials say these fields show an average of one ounce of pure gold to the ton. This step is considered of great public importance.

INTERESTING WEDDING

Principals in Charlottetown Wedding are 78 and 16 Years Old.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I. March 27.—(Special)—The marriage of Mrs. William Shaw, aged 66 to John F. Baker, aged 78 was solemnized here by Rev. G. R. White, pastor of the Baptist church. The groom is a prosperous and prominent citizen.

POLICE REPORTS

A string of beads and key found on Main street are at the north end police station.

A pocket book containing a small sum of money, picked up on Paradise row, has been left at the north end police station.

The door of Ira B. Keirstead's store on Wall street was found open and secured by the police last night.

Detective Tingley went to Mocton today.

IT GOES OVER FOR TEN DAYS

Thaw Trial Adjourned Pending
Finding of Lunacy Commission.

NEW YORK, March 27.—A formal adjournment of the Thaw trial for a week or ten days will be announced today when the jury assembles in Justice Fitzgerald's court, pending the report of the commission, which was appointed yesterday to examine into the mental condition of the defendant. Whether the trial will again be resumed depends, of course, on the report of the commission, which will be composed of ex-Judge Morgan J. O'Brien, ex-District Attorney Peter B. Olney and Dr. Leopold Puzat, an authority on mental diseases. If the commission finds that Thaw is insane, the prisoner will be sent to an asylum. If it is found that Thaw is now sane, Thaw's fate will be decided by the jury.

The three appointees to the commission have agreed to serve and will meet Justice Fitzgerald today and will be sworn. They will be introduced to counsel in the case after which it will be decided whether the sessions of the commissioners are to be conducted in open court, or in secret.

Just how long the sessions will last cannot be guessed at. Much will depend on whether the commissioners decide to go into the history of the case or on how the witnesses who can swear as to the present mental condition of the defendant.

The justice appointing a commission in lunacy has the power to reject its report. Thaw will be present at every session of the commission. Through his counsel he has stated that he will grant the commission every possible facility to carry on its work. It will be remembered that Thaw rebuffed the medical men when they tried to examine him subsequent to the shooting of Stanford White. He must submit to a physical examination by the doctor on the commission, but may refuse to subject himself to an examination.

PREFERS CLUB LIFE TO HUSBAND'S SOCIETY

Mr. LaBatt Tells Chicago Court
Wife Tired of His Paltry \$25 a
Week.

CHICAGO, March 26.—Because she was unable to be a "club woman," with the family income only \$25 a week, Mrs. Eleanor K. La Batt, according to her husband, who testified in her suit for separate maintenance, filed a suit for divorce.

Before her marriage to her present husband Mrs. La Batt, as a Mrs. Hooker, enjoyed an income of \$5,000 per year. Hooker died and she married La Batt, a widower, who earned but \$25 per week.

Franklin Weardale, Bangor; Thos. Warrington, Bathurst; John Crowther, Maitland; Dr. A. A. Parker, Wakefield, Mass., are at the New Victoria Hotel.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

A BAD SPELL

The new reporter had another bad spell this morning. He was at the Opera House last evening, and heard the titular mayor of Blue Rock describe the Times as the progeny of another newspaper, and no credit to its progenitor. The new reporter was vexed that in an impassioned philippic the west side Demosthenes should hold this journal of voluminous verbosity up to the contemptuous scrutiny and horridous reprobation of a despotic constituency. In other words, the resonant rhetoric of the philosopher of Lancaster Heights produced in the entire psychical being of the new reporter a concatenation of opprobrious sensations commensurate with the colossal character of the indictment.

THE YOUNG MAN WILL RECOVER.

A CRISIS REACHED. There is much worry in civic circles over the fact that the condition of the streets has been secretly made known to the members of the board of works. The most careful precautions had been taken to conceal the facts from the board, but at last night's meeting it was evident from the hints thrown out that more than one member had been told that the streets have been in a bad state for a long time past. Now that the facts have been revealed there is much anxiety to learn what action the board will take. There are two courses open to them. They may either increase the pay of the officials or demand more pay for themselves. The latter course would seem to be the most probable, as it is said that if an attempt were made to raise the pay of the officials they would resign in a body. It is most unfortunate that the board should have been disturbed by such revelations at a time when Nature is doing her best to overcome the effect of the ravages of the street department.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES WILL HEAR IT ON WEDNESDAY NEXT.

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 27.—(Special)—The legislative committee on privileges met this morning with Messrs. Pugsley, Robinson, Hazen, Clarke, and Sweeney present. It was decided that the hearing in the Restigouche election case should begin on Wednesday April third, at eleven o'clock. Mr. Hazen submitted the following list of witnesses, and Secretary Dibble was instructed to issue subpoenas for their attendance: James E. Stewart, the defeated opposition candidate, Thomas Savoy, Joseph Landry, George Day, John Barthelotte, Oscar Le Page, Joseph Drappeau, Joseph Landry, George Day, Wheeler Roberts, John Splunde, and Henry Bernard.

RESTIGOUCHE ELECTION CASE TAKEN UP

Legislative Committee on Privileges Will Hear it on Wednesday Next.

The committee also decided to subpoena Sheriff Timothy A. Robertson and Joseph Arsenault, the deputy returning officer. Mr. James Reid, M. P., who is attending to his parliamentary duties at Ottawa, cannot be subpoenaed, but a request to attend will be forwarded to him. The Andrew Inches house on Waterloo row, was sold at auction this morning and bid in by Harris O. Penney for \$84.00.

The Fredericton sewerage bill is to be taken up in the legislature this afternoon and the indications are that it will carry.