

WINNIPEG'S NEW POWER PLANT IS GOBBLED BY A SYNDICATE

Prince Rupert With Her Present Hydro-Electric Proposition in Front Has a Particular Interest in the Manitoba Capital's Woeful Experience

Prince Rupert people who are interested in the hydro electric propositions ahead of the city will find food for thought in the experience of the City of Winnipeg the other day when at one swift swoop in the legislature a measure was introduced and carried which places the city's new five million dollar power plant practically at the mercy of the new corporation that is to succeed the Winnipeg Electric in the distribution of gas, electric light and power.

Well Worked Plan.
The complete victory won by the city at first, when by the casting vote of the chairman it obtained the right to restrain the Manitoba Power Company, holding the franchises of the old gas and lighting company, from using the public thoroughfares without the consent of the city, was swept aside and completely reversed. The members of the syndicate had evidently been working over time and secured the privilege of considering the Reese bills, as they are called. The government members were rounded up to be on hand and carry a clause reversing the city's victory, and was passed by the narrow vote of 10 to 9.

Sweeping Powers.
By the new arrangement the Manitoba Power Company is given the right to amalgamate with the old gas and light companies which have been in existence for thirty years. It also has the right to assume all the powers of these old companies which have the right to occupy the public thoroughfares at will without the consent of the people in any way. As the Manitoba Power Company will be the big competitor against the civic plant the effect of this may be imagined. Under right to use these old charters the Manitoba Power Company will be enabled to use any streets, highways or thoroughfares in Winnipeg without the consent of the people.

Fight for City's Rights.
Not since the Reese bills have been taken up for consideration have the city members and their

legal representatives made such impassioned appeals to the committee to protect the rights of the people. Mr. Johnson, Mr. McMeans, Mr. Andrews and Mr. Hunt all asked the committee in the name of all that was right and common sense not to convey to the promoters such wide powers. They talked to deaf ears. The country members of the government, who could not possibly have understood clearly the involved legal verbiage of the resolutions and the subsequent discussion of the legal representatives, took their cue from the Hon. G. R. Coldwell, who replaced the Hon. Colin H. Campbell at the wheel, and with the exception of Mr. McMeans voted to a man in favor of his amendment.

City Cannot Lay Track.
The action of the committee came with all the more striking force when but a few minutes before in the law amendments committee the city was denied the right of building street railway lines within the city limits subject to all the conditions which at present obtain. The members of the Reese syndicate left the room jubilantly.

BIG SMOKE BATTLE
Jack Johnson and Jim Flynn to Meet in New Mexico.

Chicago, April 10.—That the proposed fight between Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion, and Jim Flynn will take place July 4 in Las Vegas, N. M., was announced here by the negro pugilist following a conference with Jack Curley, who, besides managing Flynn, is promoting the contest.

Up to Carnegie
Not that we are going out of our way to lasso notoriety, but we should like to hear from Andrew Carnegie on the handsomest newspaperman in the world. Or, perhaps it would be better to limit it to the handsomest column conductor. — Springfield Union.

ROOSEVELT AND PEOPLE

Said to Be Shifting in Allegiance to Columbus Sentiment.

"We, the people," said the colonel in Carnegie Hall, "cannot turn back."

"We, the people of England," said the three tailors of Tooley street in their address to the House of Commons.

"The deputies of Vaugirard desire an audience, Your Majesty," said the usher at the court of Charles VIII of France.

"How many are there?" asked the King.

"Only one, and please Your Majesty,"

The colonel retreats from his Columbus speech and declares in the same breath that he "stands by it." He would recall court decisions and yet would limit decisions to those dealing with conditions of workers. He would permit the supreme court of the United States to remain a little longer. One thing is certain, the colonel will not turn back until he meets another wall.

In arguing, too, the parson ow'd his skill,
For e'en though vanquished he could argue still;

While words of learned length and thundering sound
Amazed the gazing rustics ranged around;

And still they gazed, and still the wonder grew
That one small head could carry all he knew.

But Oliver Goldsmith's school-master was a good natured person. He didn't hate the parson merely because he happened to be filling the position of parson. He didn't want the parson's job. —Editorial in New York Herald.

Hospitality is an expression of Divine worship.

A myrtle even in the desert remains a myrtle.

He who walks each day over his estate finds a coin daily.

When a liar speaks the truth he finds his punishment in the general disbelief.

THE POOR MAN, GOD BLESS HIM

Man's life is full of trouble and temptation. He comes into this world without his consent, and goes out of it against his will. His journey through life is rocky and beset with strange and contradictory experiences. When he is little the big girls kiss him, when he is big the little girls kiss him. When he is a child he wants candy but can't get it; when he is a man he can get candy but doesn't want it. When he is a boy he wishes he was a man, and when he is a man he wishes he were a boy again. If he raises a large family he is a chump; if he raises a cheque he is a thief. If he is poor he is a bad manager; if he is rich he is dishonest. If he is in politics it is for graft, and if out of politics, you can't place him, and he is no good to his country. If he gives to charity it is for show, and if he does not he is a stingy cuss. If he dies young there was a great future for him, and if he lives to an old age he has missed his calling. If he is active in religion he is a hypocrite, and if he takes no interest in religious matters he is a hardened sinner. If he shows affection he is a soft specimen; if he has none he is a cold blooded proposition. In order to be entirely healthy he must eat nothing, drink nothing, smoke nothing and see that the air is properly sterilized before using.

"Man's First Disobedience."

"Where," asked the female suffrage orator, "would man be today were it not for woman?"

She paused a moment and looked around the hall.

"I repeat," she said, "where would man be today if not for woman?"

"He'd be in the Garden of Eden eating strawberries," answered a voice from the gallery.

Without law civilization perishes.

Silence is the fence around wisdom.

NEWFOUNDLAND MURDERS GIRL

Child Went to Play With Dog While It Was Eating a Bone—Bitten in Throat and Bled to Death.

Anna De Calvo, three years old, was killed by a large Newfoundland dog the other day while visiting the home of a neighbor in West Eleventh St., Chicago.

The child attempted to play with the animal while it was eating a bone, when it suddenly made a vicious attack on the girl. The dog tore open the girl's throat and the victim bled to death.

The girl and dog had been left alone in the kitchen for a few minutes, and when members of the family returned they found the dead body of the child.

To be patient is sometimes better than to have wealth.

FACTORY FOR SOCIALISTS
Generous Offer of Yorkshire Factory for Experiment.

A well known Yorkshire manufacturer wants to see whether Socialism is a "business proposition." To test the matter he has made what at sight appears a very generous offer. He promises to give the Yorkshire Socialists, free of rent for six years, a woollen mill at Otley, on condition that they run it on Socialistic lines. The local Socialists have apparently seriously considered the offer and come to the conclusion that its acceptance would involve the provision of £2,300 working capital, which they have not got.

A proposal has, therefore, been made that Mr. George Bernard Shaw, who is generally regarded as a wealthy Socialist, should take up the offer. Interviewed on the subject by a Daily News representative, Mr. Shaw stated that the offer had not yet reached him, but that he would be perfectly ready to entertain it provided there was obtained at the same time a charter establishing Socialism in Yorkshire.

"It is perfectly obvious," he said, "that a factory cannot run

on Socialistic lines unless the whole country is governed on the principles of Socialism."

This, presumably, is the reason why wealthy Socialists still invest their spare money in capitalistic undertakings.

HOW EVE GOT EVEN.

When Eve appeared to Adam's ken,

His words were timorously sage;

"Why buy your gowns from Paris when

The woods are full of foliage? Go to the fig, my dearest wife,

Select the goods and pick your dress;

Ah, Eden of the Simple Life, This is the Eve of Blissfulness!"

The years rolled by. A snake one day

Hissed: "China silk—real Irish lace!"

And Mrs. Adam did straightway in patterns hide her lovely face.

Then Adam's heart grew adamant

As Eve's new passion he could see.

"Buy clothes for her? I won't—I can't—

This is the Eve of Bankruptcy!"

So e'en today with girded loin Poor Adam treads the busy mills;

He patiently runs down the coin While Eve, at home, runs up the bills.

Yes 'tis not all a cheerless plight, This job of keeping women fair—

And Adam finds a huge delight In this, the Eve of his Despair!"

—Wallace Irwin.

FOR PANAMA CANAL

Japan Planning to Have Big Line of Steamers.

Washington, April 10.—That Japan is planning to establish a steamship line between Yokohama and New York through the Panama Canal is announced here following advices to that effect from United States Consul Anderson at Hongkong. The service is to consist of four steamers of 8,000 to 10,000 tons each.

NO PICTURES OF POPE'S EASTER

Vatican Turned Down an Offer of \$400,000 for the Privilege of Taking Moving Pictures of the Procession.

Vatican officials refused an offer of two million lire (approximately \$400,000) made by moving picture men for the privilege of taking "movies" of the Pope receiving the Easter pilgrimage. This is the most stupendous offer ever made by the motion picture men for a series of pictures, but it was admitted such a set of films, if perfect, would be the greatest money makers ever taken. On the chance that they might be successful, the promoters had received enormous financial bids from every country for the privilege of showing the pictures.

Different Viewpoints

It has been estimated that babies are worth \$2,800 apiece. That means one's own babies. The neighbor's brats are a nuisance. —Chattanooga News.

Hardly!

Anyhow nobody can accuse the government of British Columbia of being a coalition government. There is nothing to coalesce with. —Montreal Herald.

The Second Creditor

It comes somewhat as a surprise to be told that France has as much as \$70,000,000 invested in Canada. This makes France our second creditor after Great Britain. —Ottawa Free Press.

BORDEN IS HOSTILE

Believed to Be an Enemy to Western Progress.

Regina, Sask., April 10.—Sam Moore, formerly a prominent Conservative, announces his change of heart. He is living at Swift Current, and will be the Liberal candidate in Pinto Creek in the next provincial elections. He says he changed his politics because he believes the present Ottawa government is hostile to the west. Formerly he edited the Regina West.

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