

ATTACKS CUT IN FIRE DEPARTMENT

F. B. Clarke Finds Many Citizens Question Economy At Expense Of Efficiency.

MENACES UNIVERSITY

Believes More Will Boost Fire Insurance Rates in Parts of City Effected and Generally.

"It's downright foolishness for the city to lessen the fire protection in the outlying parts of the city by doing away with some of the stations," was the comment made by F. B. Clarke, steamship and ticket agent of this city, in discussing the proposed cut on the city fire department. Mr. Clarke stated that he had conferred with several businessmen of the city on the subject, and each one was opposed to it.

"The new university will soon be built in the north end," he continued, "and its cost will be approximately \$100,000. Now the city of London will have \$250,000 invested in this structure, and how they figure out the saving in taking away the fire protection from such a valuable building, I cannot understand. You know, it's like trimming a tree, you can spoil it by cutting off too much."

"Such a procedure is liable to boost the insurance rates also," he said, "and we don't want that."

"Both the police and the fire departments are two units of any city that should be kept efficient."

"Their move for economy is to be commended, but it is against all reason to lessen the efficiency of these two departments," Mr. Clarke concluded.

WILL WAGE CAMPAIGN ON RAILROAD TRESPASSERS

Special to London Advertiser.

ST. THOMAS, April 20.—The death of Maud Yates on the Michigan Central right-of-way recently has led to the institution of a campaign against trespassers as a safety first measure. It was learned Thursday.

"Too many lives are being lost," declared Captain C. L. Kast of the Michigan Central, "and the death of Maud Yates has not been the only one in the city, the captain said, but it is the intention to wipe out all practices which endanger the lives of the public."

Orders have been given to all detectives in the employ of the company to promptly report all cases of trespassing which come to their notice. It may be necessary to imprison some of the offenders in order to insure safety.

Captain Kast recites an instance at Petrolia where pedestrians decline to use either of the cement walks running along the right-of-way and appear to be walking along the tracks on which trains are almost constantly running.

CHARLES BEDARD PASSES

Respected Resident of Courtright Dies in His 78th Year.

PETROLIA, April 20.—Charles Bedard, father of A. A. Bedard of this town died at his home in Courtright, Ont., on April 19, at the age of 78 years. He was a veteran of the war of 1812-13, having settled there. Ten years later the family came to Huron County and settled near Goderich, where Mr. Bedard married and took up a farm of his own, remaining there until 1884, when he moved to Moore Township and settled on a farm on the river near Courtright, where he remained until his death. He was the father of a large family, and is survived by his daughters, Mrs. Morise Michel, Miss Merrelline Bedard of Courtright, Mrs. Victor Jarrow of Courtright, S. C., and his sons, Charles, in Montana; Edward and Dan, in Courtright; Alexander A. Petrolia; William, Sarnia; Peter, Detroit; and Thomas, Minnue, Alta. The funeral took place on Monday morning, the remains being laid at rest in Corunna Cemetery.

WAIT TO TELL DAMAGES.

Hamilton, April 21.—Experts in the Niagara Peninsula say they will not be able to tell until warm weather comes whether the frost last night had injured the fruit buds, but they think little damage was done.

ECZEMA

You are not suffering from Eczema until you use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. It relieves at once and gradually. It has been used by thousands of people. Write for free information. Send 25c for a box of all doctors, Dr. Williams, Boston & Co., Limited, Toronto.

PEEL'S BULLETIN

SATURDAY BARGAINS

Lowest - In - the - City - Prices

EXTRA SPECIALS	EXTRA SPECIALS	EXTRA SPECIALS
White Cups and Saucers, first quality, 12 doz. 89c	21-piece White China Tea Set, 55.99	White and Gold Dinner Plates, 25c
English Porcelain Bowls, large size, 2 for 39c	Candles, doz. 12c	English First Quality Teapots, 39c
Fancy Decorated 10c Royal Bouquet Soap, 6 cakes 25c	Best Steel Phonograph Needles, 10c	Red Rose Tea, 48c
Shopping Bags, 99c	100 for 12c, hair wig, 14 inches tall, 49c	Laundry Soap, 67c
well made, 15c	Writing Pads, 8 1/2 x 11, 19c	Cowman's Cocoa, 19c
Wright's Coal Tar Soap, 35c	3 for 19c	1 1/2-lb. tins, 19c
English Porridge Bowls, 25c	Toilet Paper, 24c	6-rolls, 24c
2 for 15c	6-rolls, 24c	Egg Cups, gold band, 6 for 93c
Ironstone Cup and Saucer, 24c	40-watt Lamps, 3 for 93c	First Quality Dinner Set, 17.80
New Choco-late, 6 bars 27c	3 for 93c	50-piece White China Tea Set, 49c
Sewing Cotton, 7c	3 for 93c	30c Union-made Brooms, 49c
Coates' Mercer Cotton, 3 balls 99c	3 for 93c	Special Blend Ceylon Tea, 41c
Ladies' and Gents' Umbrellas, well made, 19c	3 for 93c	
Walpaper Cleaner, cleans wall-paper, 19c	3 for 93c	

Medical Organization Breaks Down in Face of Russian Misery

PARIS, April 21.—Russia's population is dying at such an appalling rate, declared reports received today by United States relief agencies in Paris, that the doctors are unable to cope with the situation.

In many cases, the reports said, physicians, nurses and hospital internes are succumbing to impoverishment and overwork, and pedestrians are dying in the streets daily.

The situation throughout the country is assuming grave proportions. The spring thaw is causing rivers and other water sources to become polluted with bacilli.

The Moscow headquarters of the American relief administration today telegraphed an urgent request to the American Red Cross in Paris to ship immediately 4,000,000 doses of vaccine to combat cholera, typhoid and paratyphoid.

TOWNSHIP SEEKS UNSTATED AMOUNT

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ALLEGATIONS DENIED

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FIND DEATH WAS DUE TO ACCIDENT

Galt Jury Makes Inquiry Into Demise of R. B. Osborne.

G. T. HAMILTON BURIED

Citizens Pay Last Tribute of Respect To Prominent Merchant.

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GALT, April 20.—Twelve witnesses were called by Crown Attorney D. S. Bowly at the inquest this afternoon into the death of R. B. Osborne, whose body was found on the C. P. R. tracks seven miles from here last Friday morning. It was clearly established in the evidence that deceased was a passenger on the midnight train, and that the train ran over him, and it appeared that he had fallen off it. Consequently, after a brief deliberation, returned a verdict of accidental death.

The defeat of the Hill assessment bill in the private bills committee saved Galt from an overdraft of about \$11,000 this year, as that amount would have been lost if manufacturing and mercantile concerns had been exempted from paying income taxes on their dividends.

A great tribute was paid to the late George T. Hamilton, prominent merchant, by his fellow citizens this afternoon, when hundreds turned out to the funeral, despite disagreeable weather. The stores closed for an hour, and the merchants in a body attended the funeral, while the Galt and Granite Club sent large delegations, and the members of St. Andrew's Church and Sunday school, Y. M. C. A. officials and boys, and hundreds of others were there. The beautiful floral offerings attested to the popularity of the deceased. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. J. Lowe, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of this city, and Rev. K. J. McDonald of this city, and Rev. J. L. Small of Hespeler. Interment took place at Mount View Cemetery.

A drawing of the proposed building to be erected by the International Tank and Silo Company on a five-acre site on the Manchester survey, along with model silos and tanks, is on exhibition here now.

CHEAPSIDE MAN PASSES

John Harding Dies at Home After Lingering Illness.

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CHEAPSIDE, April 20.—An old resident of the village passed away in the death of John Harding on Monday afternoon. Deceased was in his 73rd year. He was a resident here for nearly 40 years. The last ten years he had been alone. The last year he had not been very well, and his sickness was brightened by neighbors who had seen that all his needs were supplied. The funeral services were held in the Anglican Church, and interment was made in the Anglican Cemetery.

MENACE BALKAN STATES.

Genoa, April 21.—Germany and Russia, according to the Cattadino today, already have agreed with the Turkish Nationalist government at Ankara on a common program of foreign policy. This, it argues, will constitute a grave menace to the other powers, especially the Balkan States.

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The German delegation believes that this treaty does not violate the spirit of the conference, and indeed contributes to its supreme aim—the pacification of the world and the reconstruction of Europe.

The note admits that after the conclusion of this treaty, the German delegation has no reason to participate in the work of the first commission, dealing with Russian affairs, but says it will willingly participate in the other work of the same commission dealing with European and German interests.

Final Clause.

The text of the final clause in the German note reads: "With regard to the further treatment of the Russian question in the conference, the German delegation also thinks it right that it should take part in the deliberations of the first commission on questions corresponding to those already settled between Germany and Russia, only in case of its collaboration, be especially asked for."

Foreign Minister Rathenau made the German note public to the news-paper representatives today simultaneously with its delivery to the conference officials. He declared the German delegation was absolutely harmonious, and he expressed high commendation for Italy for his rupture as a mediator in averting a rupture over the Russo-German treaty.

LLOYD GEORGE CONFIDENT.

Facing 500 newspaper representatives of practically all the world nations, the British prime minister today, after announcing that the Germans would accept the conditions imposed by the Allies concerning the Russo-German treaty, and that the Soviet's reply on the general Russian question would be such as to permit of further hopeful negotiations, declared his unshakable conviction that the Geneva conference would prove a great success.

Restore Harmony.

He believed that it would restore harmony in Europe, and was supremely confident that before adjourning it would adopt an agreement whereby all the nations of Europe would bind themselves not to commit acts of aggression against neighboring countries.

"Such a pact," he exclaimed with vigor, "is an essential to the favorable issue of this conference; without it I believe the conference will be a failure."

The prime minister's decision to talk to the press was an outgrowth of the system at the Washington conference, where the custom of the leading delegates to receive the newspapermen daily worked so well.

His first words gave disappointment—"I came not to make a speech, but rather to answer questions, and so clear up misunderstandings"; but immediately added: "God is in his heaven, and Genoa still lives and is going strong."

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PLAN DOMINION RADIO GATHERING

Toronto, April 21.—A Dominion-wide radio convention will be held in Toronto on Sept. 8 and 9, the last two days of the regular Canadian National Exhibition. This convention will bring together leading figures in radio circles in this country and several noted experts from the United States. In addition, there will be held a show, with booths run by various manufacturers of radio equipment, at which will be displayed the latest types of transmitting and receiving apparatus.

It means that Canada is definitely "on the map" in the matter of nationally organized interest in the most-talked-of science of the age—radio telephony.

ARREST 9 SOVIET CHIEFS AT REVAL

London, April 21.—Nine members of the Soviet legation at Reval, including Schreider, chief of the political department, have been arrested there in reprisal for the arrest of twenty-seven Estonians at Petrograd and Moscow, according to a Reval dispatch to the London Times. The head of the legation has made a strong protest against the procedure, and the Estonian cabinet held a special meeting today to consider the protest.

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