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COAL DEALERS WILL FACE COURT

Child Beater Escapes Lash, Goes To Jail For Month

INSPECTOR TO SEARCH WAGONS

Added Powers Given Sanders in Action Against Coal Dealers.

TWO WILL APPEAR

Short Weight Reports Arouse Indignation in All Parts of City.

Alleged shortages in weight in coal deliveries in London will be fully probed and Richard Sanders, city relief and sanitary inspector, has been given complete authority to press the investigation. Two dealers, whose drivers were found conveying short-weight lots of coal to consumers, will appear in police court next Thursday and others will follow.

Short-weight coal reports have aroused the indignation of hundreds of citizens and of the city aldermen. Commendations are coming in by the score to the city hall for the action taken. Mr. Sanders has been given increased authority to investigate weights and this act is believed to make possible much greater insurance against fraudulent deliveries.

Up until now Mr. Sanders has only been able to request coal wagon drivers to accompany him to the city weigh scales for tests. He interviewed T. G. Meredith, city solicitor, yesterday and found that the finance committee of the council could increase his powers. Action started by Ald. L. H. Douglass last night helped this move and Mr. Sanders may now stop any coal driver and order him to proceed to the city weigh scales.

Following action of the committee last night, Inspector Sanders today laid charges against two coal dealers and police court cases will be brought up next Thursday.

Stopped Wagons.
"On Friday afternoon last I stopped four wagons of coal," Mr. Sanders says, "I requested the drivers to take them to the city weigh scales to have their loads weighed. Two wagons were found correct.

"One driver was stopped at the corner of Rectory street and Hamilton road on his way to Pine Lawn. I requested him to go to the weigh scales and it was found that he had in the wagon ten bags of coke. His ticket called for 1,000 pounds, whereas the coke was found to weigh 840 pounds.

"In the other case the driver was stopped on King street with a truck. He advised me that he was going to the city weigh scales to have the truck weighed.

"His ticket called for 500 pounds of soft coal, but on weighing the same it was found to weigh only 425 pounds."

Mr. Sanders states that he has had complaints from time to time regarding weights of coal and it is customary to check up now and then in coal weights, as well as weights of other commodities. He has authority to weigh butter, cheese, bread and other commodities.

The coal probe has aroused a great deal of interest in the city.

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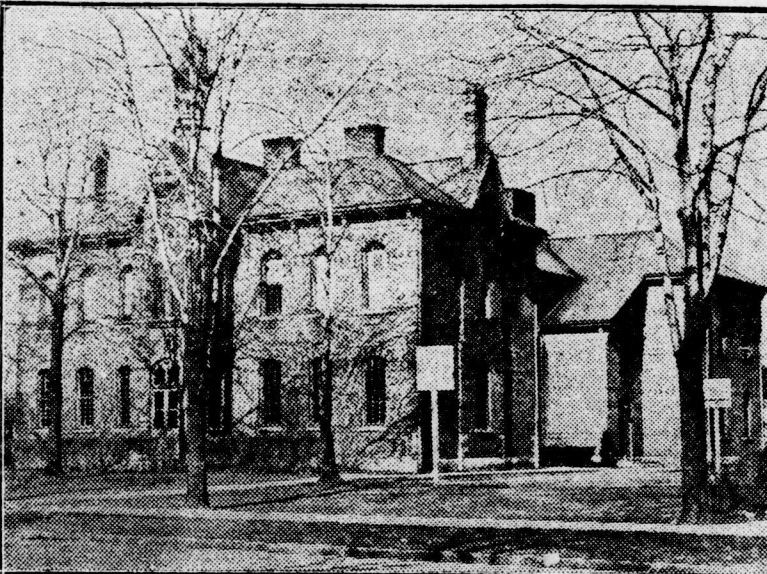
The Weather

FORECASTS.
Today—Moderate winds; fair.
Friday—North-easterly winds; fair and cold.
Another pronounced area of high pressure accompanied by very low temperatures has come into the western provinces from the northward. The weather is fine and moderately cold in Ontario and Quebec and showery in the maritime provinces.

Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest 40; lowest, 28.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest, 40; lowest, 18.

Sun rises at 6:37 a.m. and sets at 6:19 p.m.
Barometric Readings.
Wednesday—8 p.m., 29.33.
Today—8 a.m., 29.32.



FAVORED AS EDUCATION HEADQUARTERS.

The old Princess avenue public school, shown above, has been used as the East London collegiate institute since it was abandoned three years ago by the public school department. Chairman S. Fred Lawrason of the board of education is now urging that, when the proposed new collegiate is erected on the Rectory public school site, the old Princess school be taken over as an office and administration building. The plan would involve the transfer of the present headquarters in the public utilities building, as well as the provision of offices for all supervisors, etc., in the employ of the board, none of whom at the present time, are provided with office accommodation.

COUGHLIN RULING WILL NOT AFFECT O.T.A. HERE

Asks Abolition Of Sales Tax

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, March 12.—Abolition of the sales tax as soon as possible and, in the meantime, a reduction from five to two and one-half per cent in the sales tax on clothing in the forthcoming budget, are among the demands being made of the government by the general meeting of manufacturers of wearing apparel called by the Canadian Association of Garment Manufacturers which opened here yesterday.

TEAPOT DOME LEASE KEPT SECRET, ALLEGED

Roosevelt Testimony Claims Fall Attempted To Hide Leasing of Reserve.

Associated Press Despatch.
Cheyenne, Wyo., March 12.—Depositional testimony of Theodore Roosevelt, former assistant secretary of the navy, and the introduction by the government of a mass of letters and telegrams intended to show that Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, attempted to keep secret the fact that he had leased the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve to Harry F. Sinclair's Mammoth Oil Company, yesterday made their way into the swelling records of the Teapot Dome lease annulment suit being tried here before Judge T. Blake Kennedy.

Outstanding in Roosevelt's testimony was his statement that he insisted upon a modification of the executive order drafted for signature by President Harding, transferring the Teapot Dome reserve from the navy to the interior department so that the navy would have the "final say" in administrative affairs connected with the reserve.

Roosevelt's deposition said he knew neither of the leasing of the Elk Hills naval reserve in California, nor the Teapot Dome lease, until they were publicly announced, and that he had always been under the impression that it was not the intention of the navy department to permit leasing of the entire fields.

PAN-AMERICAN CO'S WILL CONTROL HUGE OIL TRACTS

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, N. Y., March 12.—More than \$200,000,000 worth of oil properties in the United States and Mexico, controlled by the Pan-American and other companies headed by Edward L. Doheny, will be segregated into two separate organizations—the Pan-American Western and Pan-American Eastern Petroleum companies—if negotiations now under way are completed.

Mr. Doheny announced yesterday that a plan of reorganization had been outlined which would bring new interests into the Pan-American organization and indicated that hereafter he would devote his attention mainly to the California properties, through the Pan-American Western company.

RECTORY SCHOOL IS SAFE

Building Slated For Demolition Classed as "A" by Provincial Board.

INSPECTOR REPORTS

R. H. Sanders Declares Structure Is Sanitary in Every Respect.

Rectory street public school, which the board of education would demolish in order to provide a site for a new high school, is classified as an "A" building in reports to the provincial board of health.

According to Sanitary Inspector R. H. Sanders, this building is sound, safe and sanitary. When asked this morning, the inspector recalled inspections made last fall and noted that there were several schools in much worse shape than Rectory.

"There is no comparison between the condition of the old Empress avenue school and the present Rectory street school," the inspector admitted.

The school board's argument is that the school is more than a half-century old and that the district is becoming depleted for public school purposes.



MRS. J. NAPOLEON BONAPARTE, against whom suit has been filed in New York supreme court by her husband, who seeks to recover property valued at \$500,000 which, he alleges, she took from him by fraudulent means. Bonaparte is a grandniece of the first Emperor Napoleon.

FRENCH SENATE BACKS EMBASSY AT VATICAN

Favors Maintenance of Representative in Order to Voice Views.

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, March 12.—The senate budget commission in roundabout fashion has pronounced itself in favor of the maintenance of a French embassy at the vatican. This was the only way open to it to give expression of its views, since the senate has no initiative in financial questions.

When the appropriation for salaries of members of the diplomatic corps came before the committee, Senator Cheron, former minister of agriculture, declared he would vote for the suppression of the article so as to draw the attention of the chamber to the fact that there was no provision in it for an embassy to the vatican.

Senator de Monzie, a warm partisan of the vatican embassy, asked the committee to postpone discussion of the article until Premier Herriot could be heard, saying a compromise was under consideration. His proposal, however, received only four votes.

When the motion for the suppression of the diplomatic appropriation came to a vote, a tie resulted, there being fifteen votes for and fifteen against. The article was not adopted. M. de Monzie abstained from voting.

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License plates, similar to provincial motor numbers, would be secured and a fee of half a dollar would be charged. The insurance against successful theft would be worth it, promoters declare.



FRED L. FULLER.

constable on the London police force who suffered a painful injury to his knee when he jumped from a commandeered car in which he was chasing an auto thief last night. His quick action prevented the theft of the car, which was abandoned by the thief.—Photo by G. A. Henry.

BACK-TO-MINES ORDER AWAITED

Strikers' Executive Are Considering Action to End Cape Breton Walkout.

STEEL PLANT WORKING

Canadian Press Despatch.
Sydney, N. S., March 12.—Up to noon today the district mine workers' executive had made no decision as to whether to maintain their 100 per cent strike or order the maintenance men back to the engine room and boiler houses to pump and fan the mines, according to President John W. McLeod, who also maintains that his executive has as yet no instructions on the subject from international President John L. Lewis.

He declared previously published statements that Lewis had ordered the maintenance men back to the mines were unfounded.

At British Empire Steel Corporation headquarters it is declared that order prevails throughout the mining district and that the situation is devoid of new developments. The same claim is put forward at United Mine Workers' headquarters in Glace Bay.

McLeod refused to comment on a Montreal dispatch in which President Wolcott claims the miners are breaking their agreement of last spring by taking out the maintenance men. Asked if it was in the contract he would not give a definite answer, stating the contract spoke for itself.

The steel plant is working steadily. Yesterday the iron production was 700 tons; steel production was 1,305 tons.

PACT WITH U. S. AGAINST SMUGGLING IS RATIFIED

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, March 12.—The senate yesterday ratified the treaty between Canada and the United States for the suppression of smuggling along the international border, and assisting in the arresting and prosecution of persons violating the narcotic laws of either government.

LICENSE PLATES FOR BIKES URGED TO PREVENT THEFTS

Chief Birrell Believes the Plan Would Have Proper Effect in City.

USED IN WINNIPEG

Fee of Fifty Cents Would Be Charged to the Owners.

Bicycle bandits will be doing some back pedaling ere long, if Chief Constable Robert Birrell gets his way. The chief wants all bikes licensed by the city, with plates put on the vehicles and a careful check kept on transfers.

"Licensing and numbering of bicycles in the city would greatly assist the department in case of theft," says the chief.

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Western Plans Course To Train Student Class On Government of Cities

Problems in Administration of Affairs of Large Centers Make Training Practical.

FREEMAN IN CHARGE

Course Passed by Faculty Will Be Brought Before the Senate.

Possibilities of the civic heads of cities coming into municipal offices through the channel of city administration courses in the university is seen in a proposed course in municipal government which will have a place in the curriculum of the University of Western Ontario next year.

Professor R. E. Freeman, of the department of political economy of Western, has outlined a course which will have a two-fold bearing on citizenship. The course will provide students with a knowledge of the elements of politics and municipal government. It will train men who wish to take up civic work as a career.

The new course has been passed on by the faculty, but has yet to be approved by the senate. It is confidently expected that the new department in a department which will aid in an understanding of civic administration will be wholeheartedly endorsed by the senate.

This step toward such a system of training is comparatively new. The growing perplexity of modern city problems has made their consideration imperative, said Prof. Freeman this morning.

Two hundred years ago there were few large cities. Today large urban populations, with coming traffic, have made the business of managing the affairs of the city a heavy undertaking.

Lax Voting.
With the growth of the city has come a decided tendency on the part of the public to become lax in the exercising of the franchise. Professor Freeman's idea will bring about a knowledge of the general problems of the state and city. The student will work out the points and the solutions. It is expected that study and increased interest in administrative affairs will help to restore the interest in voting.

The course as outlined will not be brought before the senate until the next session.

Imperial Society Begun Overseas

I.O.D.E. Will Be Interested in New Association.

Special to The Advertiser.
London, March 12.—Members of the I. O. D. E. will be specially interested in the inauguration of the Ladies' Imperial Association. Its principal object is to form a social center in London, where women may meet to discuss in a friendly and intimate way matters of imperial interest and to assist visitors from the dominions. The headquarters of the association are at the Ladies' Imperial club, 23a, Dover street, London, W. I.

Bulgaria Asks Larger Army

Associated Press Despatch.
Sofia, Bulgaria, March 12.—Bulgaria has asked permission from the allied council of ambassadors to mobilize 4,000 soldiers over and above the military establishment allowed in the peace treaty.

The mobilization would be a temporary measure with the object of being prepared for a possible Communist uprising.

MISSING IOWA MILLIONAIRE IS FOUND DEAD IN HOME

Associated Press Despatch.
Council Bluffs, Iowa, March 12.—E. M. Wickham, millionaire contractor and builder of cantonments during the world war, for whom a nationwide search has been conducted since he mysteriously dropped from sight Monday afternoon, late last night was found dead, apparently a suicide, in the basement of his home.

ATTACKER OF CHILD SENTENCED

George Stover Escapes Lash, Given Month in Jail by Magistrate.

STILL BELLIGERENT

Mother Remanded For Week Through Efforts of Her Counsel.

George Stover, of 232 Clarence street, convicted a week ago today of brutally beating his year-old stepson, will spend the next thirty days in jail to atone for his cowardly acts. Magistrate Graydon decreed in local court this morning. Mrs. Elva Mason, the man's mother, also convicted of child cruelty, was remanded another week for sentence, the favor being granted through representations of her counsel, Gordon Tennent.

A pitiful tale of her home life during the month she has been the wife of Stover, was related in court last week by Mrs. Florence Stover. The husband used a strap and once a metal-tipped band, to beat her blarney-eyed boy of one year, else charged, and her statements were declared true by other witnesses.

Belligerent Prisoner.
Stover's week in jail had left him as belligerent as ever, and his defiant attitude in the prisoner's box today was not lost on the magistrate, who took an extra few minutes to repeat that Stover was one of the most brutal and cowardly persons to be charged in city court.

"There ain't nothing to put a sentence on me for," the prisoner began when asked if he thought there was any reason why sentence should not be passed.

Stover's "Found guilty of what?" incensed the magistrate, who declared that if he followed public sentiment he would have the prisoner flogged for his inhuman treatment of a child. He had received many letters from citizens, Mr. Graydon said, and all urged that Stover be thrashed with a cat of nine tails.

Not Believed.
Reminding him that he had been convicted in court before the magistrate again told Stover that he had no chance of innocence were not believed in any measure, and that he must take a thirty-day term.

Mrs. Mason couldn't see any reason why she should be punished, but her pleas were stopped short by the court.

"I know enough about the house you are living in," Magistrate Graydon had added to a groaning Stover, "must be cleaned out. Your landlord doesn't want you any more, and you deserve a reformatory term, but in all events, you cannot remain in the city. Your counsel has made certain representations, however, and I am willing to remand you another week for sentence."

ACTION FOR \$5,000 LAID AGAINST B. HONSINGER

Toronto Painter Declares Reputation Was Damaged by Perjury Charge.

An echo of the famous Pinfold-Honsinger breach of promise case will be heard at the spring assizes before Mr. Justice Lennox. Bartholomew Honsinger, a painter of Toronto, who was accused by E. F. Honsinger, of perjury in connection with an affidavit and who was acquitted of the charge by County Judge Duncan Ross, has instituted a \$5,000 damage action against Honsinger alleging that the action was malicious and injurious to his reputation.

It will be remembered that Mrs. Rose Pinfold lost the action against Mr. Honsinger, which was tried in St. Thomas three years ago.

Mr. Honsinger in his statement of defence states that it was not his fault that the case against Young was adjourned on a number of occasions, and that he appears in Young only as a crown witness. He asks that the action be dismissed.

W. R. Smyth, Toronto, is appearing for the plaintiff, and C. S. Clair Leitch, St. Thomas, for the defendant.

INDIAN RESERVATION IS DECLARED BIG DRAWBACK

Associated Press Despatch.
Ottawa, March 12.—Claiming that the existence of the Indian reservation near Manitowish is a hindrance to colonization in that district, and that the 199 square miles of which it consists could be well used to establish two new parishes, the Hull county council, at its annual meeting yesterday, went on record unanimously as being in favor of it being declared open, and a new reservation being created for the Indians in some unoccupied section farther north.

TORONTO-TO-ISLAND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION DELAYED

Canadian Press Despatch.
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600 CASES OF WINE AWAIT RETURN TO ORIENT, EUROPE

Canadian Press Despatch.
Vancouver, B. C., March 12.—Six hundred cases of Portuguese wines have been added to a growing array of consignments brought into Vancouver from the Orient and from Europe and now are waiting return to the ports from which they were shipped.

Dominion authorities have refused entrance to the wine, because it is wrapped in straw which is not labelled with a certificate of origin, a recognized sanitary authority.

Vancouver and Victoria bond houses are rapidly filling with boxes of variegated freight, which also have been turned back.

SEVENTY DRUG ADDICTS RECORDED IN MANITOBA

Canadian Press Despatch.
Winnipeg, March 12.—There are 79 known drug addicts in Manitoba, according to a return tabled in the provincial legislature yesterday by Hon. D. L. McLeod, municipal commissioner.

Estimates ranging from 400 to 800 including Chinese, Indians, and others, are mere conjecture, and comprise a large percentage of persons known in police circles as "floaters."

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