

COMMITTEE BACKED REGISTRY BUILDING SALE

Mary Perish When Gale Sweeps Over English Channel

BUCHANAN SAYS NEW BUILDING WELCOME

Mayor Denies Deal Has Been Completed To Sell Registry Office.

RECEIVED NO WORD

Utilities Anxious To See Any Improvement Made in Section.

Recommendation that the old registry office be sold for \$7,500 will be made at the next meeting of the city council. The resolution, recommending sale for this figure, is on the minute books of the city clerk, dated July 14, when the finance committee met and dealt with the matter.

Here are the minutes which registered the action of the finance committee on Monday evening last:

"**OLD REGISTRY OFFICE.**

"Mr. Bennett reports that the assessed value of the old registry office is \$8,000. There is a ten-foot right-of-way that was not known until Mr. Bell searched the title.

"Mr. Bell states that he thinks \$8,000 is a good price for the property.

"The chairman states that Mr. Scandrett has made an offer of \$7,500 cash. This will mean an increase in assessment to the city, and the site will be used for an office building.

"Ald. Smith moves and it is adopted that the old registry office be sold to Mr. T. E. Scandrett for the sum of \$7,500 cash, on the understanding that the site is to be used as an office building.

Deal Not Closed.

Asked concerning the matter this morning, Mayor Wenig declared that the deal had not been closed, and might not be for some time yet.

"The deal isn't closed," the mayor exclaimed. "How do they or anybody else know that we are going to sell the property for \$7,500 or \$15,000?"

The advertisement asked:

"Well, I wouldn't commit myself one way or another concerning that. I'm not prepared to say at what price we will sell the registry office," his worship added.

"The matter has come up from time to time, and the public utilities were considered along with the others. "Anyone's crazy, though, who says that the deal is completed. We haven't sold the property."

City Clerk S. Baker was asked if acknowledgment had been made of communications concerning the tender from the public utilities commission.

Not Given Authority.

"We have a card that was sent out when we receive any important communications of that kind," Mr. Baker replied. "We merely state that the communication has been received, and that it will be dealt with. I never had any authority to send out any letters regarding action of the council."

"No, we never had acknowledgment of any kind from any of the letters we sent the council," was the answer of General Manager E. V. Buchanan to a query regarding the receipt of such information from the city authorities. "Of course, that's only a

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The Weather

FORECASTS.			
Today	Light winds; fine; becoming warmer.		
Sunday	Light winds; fair at first, showery before night.		
Monday	The pressure is highest over the Great Lakes and Middle States, and low near the Atlantic coast and west of the Mississippi.		
Showers occurred yesterday in many parts of Saskatchewan and Alberta, and are general this morning in Manitoba.			
Temperatures.			
The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:			
Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	62	52	Rain
Calgary	74	44	Fair
Winnipeg	70	56	Rain
Port Arthur	70	48	Cloudy
Parry Sound	70	46	Clear
Kingston	71	52	Clear
Ottawa	74	52	Clear
Montreal	74	58	Clear
Quebec	74	58	Cloudy
Farmer Point	74	58	Cloudy
St. John	69	52	Clear
Halifax	72	52	Clear

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 67; lowest, 46.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 65; lowest, 45.

Barometric Readings.

Friday—8 p.m., 29.25.
Today—8 a.m., 29.27.



WHERE STORM DESTROYED CROPS AND BUILDINGS. From Dresden Friday came a story of havoc caused by a great wind-storm which swept over Dawn Township. Above is shown the barn on the farm of William Austin, lot 21, concession 2, completely destroyed by the cyclonic wind. His garage was lifted from its foundation and thrown into the barnyard. Other farm buildings in the district were completely wrecked.

ELEVEN CANADIANS ENTER FINAL STAGE

Major J. L. Dewar Takes Alexandra Challenge Cup at Bisley.

BULLETIN.

Bisley Camp, July 19.—Private D. Burk, Ottawa, won the king's prize today.

Associated Press Despatch.

Bisley Camp, July 19.—Eleven Canadians go into the final stage today in the shoot for the King's plate. White, Selwood, Wilson, Borland, Richardson, Beaumont, Burke, Bishop, Cross, Parnell and Storror.

None of the Canadians succeeded in getting a place among the 100 marksmen eligible for the final today in the shoot-off last night for the four places still vacant. Hawkins was 107th man, Ho Lem 122nd, and Stuart 153rd. Besides the Canadians in the shoot-off there were 31 other competitors.

Major J. L. Dewar, late of the 4th Royal Scots, winner of the King's prize in 1914, won the Alexandra challenge yesterday. Storror, of the Canadian team, was sixth in the competition. Parnell 13th, Wilson 18th, Goodhouse 24th, Bowen 43rd, Lefer 45th, Cross 46th, White 53th, Selwood 71st, Stuart 53th, and Beaumont 93rd.

The Alexandra cup match is a snail-paced competition since entries for a challenge cup valued at 50 guineas, presented in 1907 by the late Captain A. Cortis and £300 N. prizes, the total number of prizes being 184. The distance is 600 yards, 19 shots. The winner, besides holding the cup for a year, receives £10.



MISS AGNES MCPHAIL, who lived up the dying hours of the House by precipitating a debate on the appropriation for cadet training in the schools. The progressive member would have cut the \$450,000 grant to \$400,000.

"DEATH RAY" ONLY FOR GT. BRITAIN

Inventor Guards Secret in Spite of Offers From Several Other Nations.

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, July 19.—Zealously guarding the secret of his invention known internationally as the "death ray," H. Grindell Matthews, the English inventor, arrived today on the SS. Paris for a short visit in this country. He denied that he had come to the United States to interest the government or anyone else in his invention.

The inventor's first statement upon arrival was that the use of the term "death ray" for his device was a misnomer. He said it was in reality an "electric beam," and that he had never called it anything else. The inventor declared that the ray could "kill money," destroy a city like New York, or he said it could "paralyze" whole armies.

He declared that four or five nations had offered large sums for the invention, but that upon its perfection it would be offered to Great Britain and no other nation.

The inventor said his claim that the ray could paralyze armies was based upon experiments in which it "killed one mouse and four rats."

SOLDIER SETTLERS SCHEME LEFT OVER

Committee Recommends Tax Exemption For Ten-Year Period.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, July 18.—Recommendations by the committee on soldiers' civil service re-establishment that soldier settlers be exempted from taxation for a period of ten years, that livestock purchased prior to October, 1921, be reduced 40 per cent, and that soldiers settled on poor lands be re-located under more favorable circumstances, were not accepted by the government in full when it came before the commons this afternoon.

Hon. Charles Stewart, as acting minister of immigration, said that a particularly large sum of money was involved, and therefore he moved that the tax revision clause be dropped from the report. Mr. Stewart explained that the soldier settlers were exempt from taxation until Oct. 1, 1924, and that the renewal of this exemption for a period of ten years might well stand over until next session in order to provide the committee with a complete opportunity to thoroughly study the whole proposition.

The effect of Mr. Stewart's motion was to leave before the house a motion that the report of the committee should be adopted, excepting one paragraph. Right Hon. Arthur Meighen asked the speaker to rule the main motion out of order. He had repeatedly protested against the practice of formally adopting reports of committees and thereby committing parliament to any principle involved. In this case adoption of the report would commit parliament to a principle involving the expenditure of \$38,000,000 of the public money. The matter was left over.

RICHARD LOEB ADMITS STRIKING ROBT. FRANKS

Confesses to Blow With Chisel Which Resulted in Death of Companion.

Associated Press Despatch.

Chicago, July 19.—Richard Loeb, awaiting trial with Nathan Leopold on charges of kidnapping and slaying Robert Franks, has admitted that it was he who actually struck the blow killing their victim, says the Chicago Herald and Examiner today.

The blow was struck with a chisel wrapped with tape, and Leopold drove the automobile in which they were riding at the time.

Press boxes to accommodate newspaper and magazine representatives were fitted up in court for the preliminary hearing and facilities for prompt transmission of the proceedings by telegraph and telephone installed.

KING GEORGE TO PRESENT CROWN TO ABYSSINIAN

Associated Press Despatch.

London, July 19.—King George received Prince Ras Tafari, regent of Abyssinia, at Buckingham Palace yesterday. As an act of friendship toward the ancient empire, the King intimated his intention of presenting to the emperor the crown of the late King Theodore, which was captured by Lord Napier of Magdala in the expedition against Abyssinia in 1868. The crown has been on exhibition in the Victoria and Albert Museum.

LONG FRESH WATER RACE BEGINS THIS AFTERNOON

Associated Press Despatch.

Chicago, July 19.—Twenty-four racing craft, cream of the yacht fleets of Lake Michigan, await the starting gun at 4 p.m. today to set sail in the ninth annual race to Mackinac Island, the longest fresh water contest in the world.

Five schooners, six yaws and thirteen sloops compose the fleet of contenders. The Virginia, a sloop, is the cup defender.

ADOPT SOLDIER LAND BILL.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, July 19.—The item of \$5,000,000 soldier land settlement was adopted by the House of Commons in committee tonight.

The short cut to a good job is by using The Advertiser "Want" Ad columns.

U.S. CONSUL IS BEATEN TO DEATH IN PERSIA

Despatch Says Another American Citizen Was Seriously Injured.

WIFE SENDS NEWS

Cables Washington of Death of Husband, But Gives No Details.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, July 19.—A despatch to the Evening News from Teheran, Persia, states that Major Robert Imbrie, United States consul there, died as the result of a severe beating administered by a mob. Another United States citizen, it is said, who was with Major Imbrie, was taken to the hospital after being seriously injured.

Other advices from Teheran had it that the "American consul with his Oriental secretary" were photographed in a public fountain when a mob suddenly attacked them. It was said that the United States official was killed and his secretary and several policemen injured.

NO DETAILS GIVEN.

Washington, July 19.—The death of Robert W. Imbrie, vice-consul in charge at Teheran, Persia, was reported yesterday to the state department by Mrs. Imbrie. Her message, however, gave no details.

Major Imbrie was vice-consul in charge of the Teheran consulate during the absence of Consul Bernard Gotlieb, who is in the United States on leave. Entering the consular service in 1917, he was appointed vice-consul at Teheran in 1921, and later at Viborg and Constantinople. He was born in Washington in 1884.

CONFIRM REPORT.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, July 19.—British officials today confirmed the report that Major Robert Imbrie, United States vice-consul in charge at Teheran, Persia, who, it was stated, was attacked by a mob yesterday morning, was killed. The report was confirmed by a cable from the British consul in Teheran, who stated that he had seen the body of the American consul in the morning, and that he had been unable to identify further, was taken to a hospital in a critical condition.

BOY FINED FOR TAKING "JOY RIDE" IN MOTOR

Charles Foley, a youth of 17 who thoughtlessly drove away from Victoria Hospital on July 13 in the car of Dr. George Ramsay, pleaded guilty today to a charge of unlawfully using a motor car without the consent of the owner and was fined \$10 and costs by Magistrate Gladman, who stipulated that the boy must have proper supervision by his father for some time to come.

Crown Attorney Judd stated he had made careful enquiries regarding the boy and found that he had never been in trouble before.

The magistrate stated that he too had instituted enquiries and had come to the same conclusion as Mr. Judd, and characterized Foley's action as a "thoughtless boyish act."

This Mother Had Pluck And Turned Death Away

Here Is Another Reader Who Believes That Women Can Endure More Than Men—What Do You Think?

The remarkable story of 15-year-old Margaret Murchison inspired an Advertiser reader to advance the belief that women in general have more pluck and endurance than men.

Below is a letter from another reader supporting that belief and citing a true story of gripping courage in proof of it.

HAVE YOU A STORY OF PLUCK?

What is your opinion?

The Advertiser will be glad to receive letters from its readers giving examples of courage supporting either side of the question. What is the greatest example of pluck you have met?

Was it a man or a woman?

Write your story for readers of The Advertiser.

THE STORY OF A MOTHER.

"Editor of The Advertiser—

"Dear Sir—I read the letter in The Advertiser from J. B. R. about women having more endurance than men, and I quite agree.

"Here is a true story to prove it: "When the big forest fire of 1922 swept over Haileybury, among the refugees was a young mother with a two weeks old baby. With scores of other people this young mother sought refuge on the shore of the lake just outside the town.

"The young mother stood so close that everyone was obliged to wade out into the lake to escape flying embers which set fire to their clothing. This young mother stood for twelve hours in the icy lake, with water up

to her hips, and wet blankets around her shoulders and head.

"A dozen times flaming branches struck her and sizzled in the water beside her until she beat them out with her hands. She would not give her little baby to anyone, but held it in her arms throughout the night, nursed it, and by some miracle kept it alive through all the cold and horror.

"Strong men collapsed during those hours, but when morning came the young mother, who should have been still in hospital, was still able to care for her baby, and through her pluck and endurance they are both still living.

"I do not know of any man who could have survived under the same conditions.

"A FRIEND OF HERS."

HOUSE IN DISAGREEMENT OVER ACTION OF SENATE

Hon. H. S. Beland Objects to Amendments to Soldiers' Pensions Bill.

PROROGUES TODAY

Three o'clock Will See Successful Parliamentary Session at Ottawa Concluded.

Special to The Advertiser.

Ottawa, July 19.—The last day of the 1924 session of parliament finds the Senate and the House of Commons at odds over the former's rejection of the pensions bill as it passed the Commons. Just before the Commons adjourned at 4:30 the House adopted a motion of Hon. Dr. H. S. Beland, minister of soldiers' re-establishment, that the Commons disagree with amendments made by the Senate to 12 clauses of the bill, and the Senate is asked to reconsider its amendments.

The prorogation is fixed for three p.m. Agreement between the two Houses must be reached before that time.

Without committing itself to the principle of rural credits, the House of Commons committee on banking and commerce submitted its final report to the House, dealing with its researches on this question, and asking leave to study individually the question during the recess, preparatory to taking up again next session the possible co-ordination in federal legislation of existing provincial legislation on the question. The report was adopted.

The long awaited report of the royal commission on pulpwood was tabled this morning before adjournment by the prime minister. When the latter moved that it be printed, Right Hon. Arthur Meighen said printing might be dispensed with. Nobody ever read it now.

The much-awaited report of the pulpwood commission, into which its report of three long volumes enters exhaustively, and observes that if an export tax is adopted the revenue should be applied in forest conservation through the federal and provincial services. "The application of an export tax," says the report, "ostensibly as a means of conserving the forests, and for the purpose of securing revenue to apply in other directions, would be adding insult to injury."

Under the head of conservation, the commission states that definite, radical and constructive steps are of transcending importance if Canada is to protect and further develop her forest industries, and takes the ground that a chain of public

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INDIA MAY CREATE NAVY OF ITS OWN

Recommended in Report of Indian Mercantile Marine Committee.

Associated Press Despatch.

Simla, India, July 19.—The creation of an Indian navy, capable of defending the coasts of India and protecting India's harbors and commerce, is one of the interesting recommendations made in a report of the Indian mercantile marine committee, which the government of India is now considering. The committee consists of prominent Indian and British businessmen.

REPUBLICAN IS SAID TO HAVE PLACED BOMB

Charge W. C. Pelkey Is Responsible For Breaking Democratic Filibuster.

Associated Press Despatch.

Providence, R. I., July 18.—Governor William S. Flynn today said that the attorney-general's department had before it for action affidavits from two men in which William C. Pelkey, chairman of the Republican state committee was named as having provided and directed the placing of the gas bomb which broke up the Democratic filibuster in the state senate on June 19 by stupefying members of that body.

The affidavits, which the governor said were obtained by Assistant Attorney-General Hurley and himself in New York yesterday, were made by Thomas Lally and Matthew J. McGovern, both of Boston. They are described in the affidavits as having been a group hired to guard senators, as having actually placed the bomb beside the desk of Lieutenant-Governor Felix A. Toupin, president of the senate and head of the Democratic minority forces in that body.

The affidavit made by Lally names "Toots" Murray, another of the so-called guards for the Republican senators, as having actually placed the bomb beside the desk of Lieutenant-Governor Felix A. Toupin, president of the senate and head of the Democratic minority forces in that body.

KIWANIS PLANS MEMORIAL TO PRESIDENT HARDING

Associated Press Despatch.

Chicago, July 19.—The international board of Kiwanis trustees yesterday considered plans for the international convention scheduled for St. Paul, Minn., next year, and received suggestions for a permanent memorial to President Harding.

A semi-circular granite setting with a bronze statue the whole to cost approximately \$50,000 and to be erected entirely by Kiwanis subscriptions was considered, but definite plans were not agreed upon at the initial meeting. The site of the memorial will be Vancouver, B. C.

JUGO-SLAVIAN PREMIER ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION

Associated Press Despatch.

Belgrade, Jugo-Slavia, July 19.—Premier Stjepan Pasic today submitted to the king the resignation of the cabinet and advised that an election be called.

Premier Pasic organized the present cabinet May 21 after he, together with his former cabinet had resigned April 12.

BODIES WASHED ASHORE IN BLOW

Many Vessels Are Missing After Series of Violent Gales.

DAMAGE TO SHIPPING

Storm Blows Itself Out After Ravaging Coast of France and Belgium.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, July 19.—The heat wave which has been so distressing to the Olympic contestants, was broken today by a series of violent gales, which wrought havoc throughout France and Belgium, and caused damage to shipping and loss of life in the channel.

Twenty fishing smacks are missing from Ostend, and it is feared all are lost. Twenty-six bodies have already been washed up on the beach. Ten more boats are missing from Portsmouth, and 15 persons are reported drowned. The storm seems to have blown itself out, and better weather is forecast.

DECLARES LEGISLATION A BLOW AT B. N. A. ACT

Hon. Howard Ferguson's Charge Termed Unfair by Hon. Ernest Lapointe.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, July 18.—In moving concurrence in a minor amendment made by the Senate to the resolution establishing extra-territorial rights for Canada, Hon. Ernest Lapointe replied in the House of Commons today to criticism directed at the legislation by Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, premier of Ontario.

Mr. Ferguson had declared that the legislation was a blow at the constitution and that the provinces should be consulted regarding British North America Act amendments.

The charge was to some extent unfair, said Mr. Lapointe. The provinces were not affected by this resolution, moreover Premier Ferguson's protest was the first of its kind, as the legislation was originally proposed by a government of which Mr. Ferguson was a supporter. The Senate amendment was concurred in.

CANADIAN QUALIFIES FOR TANK SEMI-FINAL

Clayton Bourne, Montreal, Wins Elimination at Les Tourelles.

Associated Press Despatch.

Les Tourelles, July 19.—Clayton Bourne of Montreal, Canadian swimming star, today qualified for the semi-finals in the 100-metre swim, free style, of the Olympic competition. He won the elimination trials of the high diving, Pinkston totaling 6 points and White 5.

Johnny Weismuller, the United States swimming ace, and Sam and Duke Kahanamoku, of the United States team, also qualified today. All three won their respective heats.

Borg of Sweden and Stedmar of Australia also entered semi-finals. Clarence Pinkston and Albert C. White, the Californians, led their series in the elimination trials of the high diving, Pinkston totaling 6 points and White 5.

FASCIST NEWSPAPER IS SEIZED BY GOVERNMENT

Associated Press Despatch.

Rome, July 19.—The impartiality of the government in applying the recent press decree is shown by yesterday's seizure of the Fascist newspaper Imperio. The newspaper had published in four-column display a statement declaring that the only way to bring about true pacification of the country was to "remove from circulation certain Italian officials."

NEW ISLAND FORMED.

Associated Press Despatch.

Moscow, July 19.—It is reported that a new island has formed at the entrance to the Sea of Azov as a result of the recent earthquake.