

REJECTION OF L. S. R. DEMANDS MAY MEAN NO CARS TO-MORROW

Aldermen in Special Session Agreed To Extend Five-Cent Fare Privilege of London Street Railway For Sixty Days, But Declined To Take Action To Prevent Independent Bus Line Or Grant Street Railway Exclusive Bus Rights To Include Seven-Cent Ridout Street System; Council To Meet Again To-Day To Deal With Situation

CANNOT DO ANYTHING BUT KEEP CARS IN BARN AFTER TO-NIGHT, DECLARES VICE-PRESIDENT OF L. S. R.

After considering the transportation question for two and one-half hours yesterday afternoon the City Council, sitting as a committee of the whole, refused to take any action on the ultimatum of the London Street Railway Company, that the independent busses be put off the streets as the only means of retaining street car service.

The Council also refrained from considering the Street Railway Company's proposition with reference to placing busses on Ridout street at a seven-cent fare; it was further agreed that the Street Railway Company should be granted an extension of the five-cent fares for 60 days from to-day. A special meeting of the Council will be held this afternoon to pass this by-law. No further concessions were made to the Street Railway Company and there were no bus propositions to consider. This will mean that the street car service may be withdrawn at 2 o'clock to-morrow morning, R. O. Davis, vice-president of the street railway, stated after he had been told the result of the meeting.

MR. IVEY'S VIEW. "I can't see anything else to do than to put the cars in the barns after midnight of December 31 if the busses are allowed to continue," Mr. Ivey explained. "We are operating at a loss now and we cannot obtain any more money to meet these losses, so we have no choice in the question. The city has the power to refuse to license the busses. This could be arranged by the Council in conjunction with the police commission. We have done everything possible to prevent putting the cars in the barns, but evidently without success."

The meeting yesterday afternoon was an adjourned session of the afternoon previous, at which the Street Railway Company submitted its ultimatum regarding the placing of a bus line on Ridout street south. The press was not present and a statement was given out by City Clerk Baker at the close of the meeting. He stated that the aldermen were quite unanimous in their decision to take no action on the question of putting the busses on the streets and to give the Street Railway Company an extension for 60 days of the five-cent fare. City Solicitor Meredith was present for some time to answer questions as to the position of the Council legally.

There was no discussion, apparently, on what action would be taken by the Council if the company carried out its ultimatum and withdrew its cars from the streets. But it has been previously pointed out the Council could call in the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board to operate the cars. The attitude of some of the members of the Council was summed up in the statement made by one, "Let them take their cars off."

THE DEVELOPMENTS. The Street Railway Company issued an ultimatum to the City Council immediately after the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board ordered a return to the seven and nine-for-a-quarter fares early in December. The street car service was to stop two weeks ago, but the company reconsidered and decided to wait until the first of the year to give the Council an opportunity to deal with the question. The company demanded that the busses be put off the streets and that the five-cent fare be restored. The Council has decided to restore the five-cent fare for 60 days, but nothing has been done to prevent the independent busses from continuing in operation. City Solicitor Meredith has advised that neither the Council nor the police commission has any authority to put the busses off.

NEW PASSENGER SERVICE THROUGH SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN TORONTO AND PHILADELPHIA

Commencing on Monday, January 4, 1926, Canadian Pacific train leaving Toronto 5 p. m. daily will carry through sleeping car to Philadelphia, via Canadian Pacific, T. H. & B. M. C. R. to Buffalo, thence, Pennsylvania Railway, arriving Philadelphia 5:33 a. m. Returning car will leave Philadelphia, leaving Philadelphia depot 10:30 p. m. daily, arriving Toronto Union Station 11:42 a. m.

The new service will be appreciated by the traveling public, in view of the fact that through Pullman berth to Philadelphia has not been available via this route in the past.

Berth rates and full ticket agent or phone Elgin 1261 during day or Main 6477 at night.—Adv.

HOLIDAY P. RALLY NEW YEAR'S DAY

Choirs From All Presbyterian Churches To Sing.

The members of the Presbyterian churches of the city have completed arrangements for the New Year's Sunday school and young people's rally, to be held at Chalmers' Presbyterian Church at 10:30 o'clock to-morrow.

Rev. Mr. Hardy, of St. George's Presbyterian Church, and Carlyle Webster, of Knoxwood Park Church, are to be the special speakers. Mr. Hardy will speak on the subject, "The Burning Bush."

Music will be supplied by a choir from all the Presbyterian churches of the city, with special soloists, Rev. F. O'Kell, pastor of Chalmers' Presbyterian Church, will take the devotional period, 7:30 p. m. daily. Rev. Kay, pastor of New St. James Presbyterian Church, will preside.

Greetings will be read from many Sunday schools throughout the country. This will be the ninth annual New Year's rally of Presbyterian young people and Sunday schools held in the city. The idea for the meeting originated with Rev. James Mackay nine years ago, and has been carried on successfully since that time.

APPROVAL NOT UNANIMOUS. MOSCOW, Dec. 31.—The international program of M. Zinovief, president of the Communist International, was placed before the Communist party congress yesterday, but failed to gain unanimous approval.

OFFICERS OF S. A. TO LEAVE LONDON

Adjutant Ursaki, Commanders Hurd and Smith Receive Farewell Orders.

DISTRICT POSTS AFFECTED

Staff Changes To Take Effect On January 17.

Commandant H. A. Hurd, financial secretary; Adjutant Ursaki, commander of Clarence Street Citadel, and Commandant Lewis Smith, district immigration officer, will farewell from their posts in this city during the month of January. Orders to such effect were received by Col. D. F. Macdonald, divisional commander, this morning.

Commandant and Mrs. Hurd will be succeeded by Adjutant and Mrs. Noah Fletcher, now stationed at Mount Neale. Commandant Hurd goes to a financial position in Toronto.

Other officers affected by the changes announced this morning are: Field Major and Mrs. Joseph Higden, of St. Thomas; Adjutant and Mrs. Joseph Woolcott, of Woodstock, and Capt. and Mrs. John Rowland, of Exeter.

All farewells are ordered for the same day, January 17, except that of Commandant Smith, who leaves next Tuesday to take charge of the Woodside Immigration Lodge, 480 Jarvis street, Toronto. Except in the case of Commandant Smith and Commandant Hurd, new successors are not known, nor are successors except in the case of Commandant Hurd.

MARKED SUCCESS.

Commandant Hurd with Mrs. Hurd and family came to London about 18 months ago, and since that time the commandant has had marked success in his particular field, that of raising subscriptions. Previously, Com. Hurd, enrolling as a Salvationist, after many years before the mast as a seaman, A. B. had had a brilliant career in the Maritimes as a solicitor of funds for social and other purposes of the army.

So get your set tuned up and be ready to listen-in, starting at 6 o'clock this evening, and sharp at 7 o'clock, Eastern standard time, you should hear the chimes in Old London.

The program will be picked up and relayed by the experimental station of the Radio Corporation of America at Round Brook, N. J., in co-operation with the group of coast-to-coast broadcasting stations maintained by the General Electric and Westinghouse manufacturing companies.

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DRAKE ENGLISH GRILL HAS BIG PROGRAM

Specialties For New Year's Eve Festival To Attract Large Crowd.

The new Drake English Grill is going to be the scene of a celebration extraordinary to-night for select parties who are going to welcome the New Year. As one of the features of the evening the management has secured Bonnie Reynolds and her Collegians, of Chicago. Several cabaret dances and song numbers will be given during the latter part of the evening and the New Year will be welcomed with novelty dances and so on.

A large number of tables have been taken, one party including 35 young people who are seeking their New Year's Eve entertainment at the grill. Located in the rear of the old Advertiser building, it is entered by means of a large door and corridor at the east end of the Ganong shop.

The grill has accommodation for about 100, and will not admit a large number, so as to leave plenty of dancing space. The regular English grill orchestra, the Harry Wooster Orpheus orchestra, will be present. The Chicago Collegians' jazz band arrives at 11 o'clock and will supplement the Grill orchestra with dance numbers.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE.—To-night at 10:45 a watch night service will be held in Dundas Central United Church. Rev. Edwin A. Pearson, B. A., the minister, will speak.

COKE PRICES REDUCED. SOLVAY COKE, \$14.00 Per ton, in 3 sizes. Pocahontas \$12.00, per ton, in 3 sizes. Domestic Egg Coal, \$9.00. Wood, \$2.50 Per Load.

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NEW YEAR'S CHEER FOR JAIL PRISONERS Through the generosity of London citizens, inmates of the county jail will again be treated on New Year's Day. Governor Byron Dawson states that a good supply of delicious foods has been received from individual donors.

From his remarks, roast pork will be the main item on the county jail menu on New Year's day. There will also be fruits, nuts and candies, he states.

Her Face Wins 50,000 Francs



MLLE. SUZIE VERNON has become a French film star overnight. She got her start when she won a 50,000-franc beauty contest.

CHIMES OF OLD LONDON PARLIAMENT BUILDING WILL BE HEARD ON RADIO

Overseas Program Will Be Broadcast By U. S. Stations—Chimes On Air At 7 P. M.

Radio fans, attention! Don't forget to listen-in for the chimes of Old London, tolled from the tower of the Parliament buildings, London, England, and broadcast by the leading stations of England, at 12 o'clock, London, England, time, which will be 7 p. m., Eastern standard time. The program will be relayed by some of the leading American stations, weather permitting, so that all should be able to get the new year's message from the British Isles.

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The children were, in addition, feted at supper, as were also the older guests, and the evening was spent in musical entertainment and dancing. Featuring the splendid program were Miss Leonora Gilmore, dancing and pipe playing; Mr. Gallimore and G. Coyle, singing; and Miss Bowden, pianist. During the evening the Riverview School junior orchestra made its first public performance.

Further gifts of candles and fruit were given to each child as they left the hall at the close of the evening.

ANNUAL MEETING LAW ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Middlesex Law Association will be held at the courthouse on January 7, according to Gordon H. Tennent, secretary. It will be held in the afternoon, and election of officers for the new year and other business will follow. From all reports the association enjoyed a good year in 1925, adding several valuable volumes to the library at the courthouse.

BIGGER BUSINESS FOR 1926 SEEN

Increase Will Keep Young Men In Country.

MANY WILL GLADLY RETURN

Quota Law Should Have Little Effect.

By a greater volume of business in Canada next year the Dominion will be able to keep her young men at home without the use of a quota restriction on the part of the United States. This is the opinion of R. H. Dowler, president of the London Chamber of Commerce. He does not think that it will make much difference in 1926 whether the United States applies its quota laws to Canada or not because increasing business will open up new opportunities for the young Canadian in his own country.

"All signs at present point to a better and busier year in 1926," says Mr. Dowler, "and I think we should be able to keep more of our young men here in 1926. Even as things are now there are many young men who find things not all they expected on the other side, and who would be glad to get their old jobs back again."

United States Secretary of Labor Davis some months ago brought in a recommendation in which he favored the introduction of the quota law in applying both to Mexico and Canada, but nothing was done in Congress about it. Congress when it meets after the new year may deal simply with the matter, and there is quite a strong sentiment in some parts of the republic behind the movement.

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GROCERS FORM ORGANIZATION OF "FRIGHT RING" TO PROTECT SELVES AGAINST BAD DEBTS

Bureau of Credits Would Check Up On Those Who Fail To Pay For Goods.

In order to stop a practice among customers of their customers who run up large bills and then fail to pay, several city grocers are viewing with favor the organization of a "Fright Ring," having for its membership all retail grocers of the city and forming, in effect, a sort of bureau of credit for the grocer who cannot afford the services of the larger organizations, and who dislikes court procedure.

The group of retail grocers who are "talking up" the project just now claim that this year has seen an unusual number of bad debts, with consequent suspense or loss on their part, and at present the small grocer has no means of bringing his backward debtor to time except through the heavy medium of a lawsuit.

"The Fright Ring" is advanced as a means of overcoming the obstacles now faced. It has had considerable success where tried out in other cities, those concerned point out, and there seems no reason why it should not be possible of application in London.

As the situation now stands, many small retailers have allowed customers to run up bills to a certain point, the introduction of the "Fright Ring" hope that such pressure would bring results in the way of payment. Usually, it has been found, however, that the new year may deal simply with the matter, and there is quite a strong sentiment in some parts of the republic behind the movement.

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London Township Man Asks \$5 For Broken Cutter Shafts.

Middlesex County has been served with its first damage action of the new year, resulting from snow-blocked roads. John Stuart, clerk, to-day received formal application for \$5 damages from Charles Mann, of London Township.

Mann is claiming this amount for two broken cutter shafts, when his cutter upset on the Hyde Park highway last Monday. All such claims are referred to the insurance company for further action.

"They are certainly coming in early," was Mr. Stuart's comment on the notice.

DENIES MOUNT MCKINLEY, IN ALASKA, ERUPTING

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Dec. 31.—Denial of reports that Mount McKinley, about 150 miles north of here, had erupted, was voiced by Henry E. Karstens, superintendent of McKinley National Park, in a statement here to-night. "I have made a trip of investigation and find no evidence of disturbance of any description," he declared. "I found no smoke or steam and see no possibility of an eruption. The mountain is solid rock and ice. Black clouds are a common occurrence in that vicinity and are of no special significance. The weather in the park is calm and cold. There is no indication of any impending storm locally."

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