

STRAINED STATE HINGES ON LETTER

Towe's Explanation to Mayor
on Expense Grant Made
Definite Proposals.

INTRODUCED RAISE

The strained state of affairs which has already been created between the mayor and the council regarding the mayor's supplementary expense account of \$1,200 now appears to hinge on the terms of the resolution moved by Ald. Towe at the special council meeting on Dec. 19.

Ald. McKay, chairman of the 1925 finance committee, upon the mayor's ruling on Monday night when the council supported his request that all vouchers, including the mayor's expense account, come before the finance committee in the regular way.

Ald. McKay's attitude appears to be based on the terms of the resolution which sanctioned the \$1,200 payment to the mayor. This resolution moved that payment be made from a special account to be presented to the finance committee. It is this account which has not yet been submitted and which Ald. McKay is now requesting.

Ald. Towe, originator of the resolution of Dec. 19, explained the purpose of his motion in a letter to the mayor written on Dec. 27. This letter, which follows below, now seems likely to become a factor in the dispute.

Towe's Letter, Dec. 27, 1924.

"Your Worship:

"My amendment to the motion granting the mayor \$1,000 for 1924 was to the effect that \$1,200 additional to the \$1,800 already provided by council was to be paid conditionally to the mayor as a supplementary expense account being rendered to the committee up to \$3,000.

"The expense account for the mayor's office could not, of course, be itemized in minute detail and it was not my desire to have street car fare, postage, or petty items shown in detail in order to make it clear I would suggest that each occasion be shown when an expense of any consequence was necessary in your position as chief magistrate of the city of London.

"There were many occasions during the past year which may have hit your pocket and every one will agree that such should be paid by the city of London.

"Necessitate conventions, or other, in our city certainly necessitate special expense, and an account covering such expenses, labor congress, bakers' convention, drymen's convention, Michigan Pikers, etc., could be shown in your account.

"There are many citizens who at times need a helping hand and unless you were able to make immediate contributions, many would suffer. A sum for this would be an item of expense.

"Number one committee may not wish to know just what and where you were called on to spend money in the interest of the city of London, and this letter is written at your suggestion that I should give my views as to the full meaning of the amendment.

"It will be necessary to have this rendered early next week as it will come within the jurisdiction of the 1924 council.

Yours truly,

ALLAN M. TOWE."

CALIFORNIA DOG SHOW

ASKS LONDONER AS JUDGE

On March 9 and 10, a Londoner, R. S. Simmons, secretary of the London canine association will be one of the official judges at the Alhambra dog show. Alhambra is a suburb of Los Angeles and the selection of Mr. Simmons is regarded as a signal honor amongst local breeders and judges.

Mr. Simmons, who is well known in Canada as a breeder of toy dogs, will judge the toy dog class at Alhambra. The show lasts two days, March 9 and 10. The toy class includes Pomeranians, Pekinese, King Charles spaniels, and others of the middle breeds.

A telegram was received by Mr. Simmons a few days ago from the Los Angeles club asking him if he would travel to Los Angeles to act as judge, and he consented to do so. He expects to leave London on March 14 and will stay about a week in the city of Alhambra.

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISORS

MUST ATTEND LECTURES

Manager E. V. Buchanan stated this morning that men and women intending to take the classes in instruction for the supervisors of civic playgrounds should make application to him immediately. He pointed out that the commission intends next year to appoint as supervisors only those who have taken the course or have had previous experience.

The course will consist of one lecture a week for 12 weeks, and will be begun the first week in February. Experts in the different lines of recreation are being secured to give the lectures.

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In the sick room flowers speed dragging moments and turn sadness into gladness. They speak for you better than words can and are always well chosen and daintily arranged when bought from

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GIRL SLAYER OF MOTHER LACKS FUNDS FOR DEFENCE

Alienists Will Not Be Brought In—Case Stands on "Merits."

POPULAR STUDY

Special to The Advertiser.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 21.—Dorothy Ellingson, 16-year-old Swedish girl, who killed her mother in a fit of "jazz mania" is going to face the courts with hardly a penny spent on her defence.

"This case is going to be tried on its merits," said Frank J. Egan, public defender, who will represent Dorothy.

"There's no money to spend for alienists. The only money is the couple of dollars a day the state allows for witness fees."

Dorothy's father agrees with Egan. "I haven't any money to spend," he said.

"And another thing," he went on with determination. "There isn't going to be any lying in this case. Dorothy is my daughter, and I'm going to stand by her, and I'm going to see she gets justice, but nobody is going to lie for her, and she isn't going to lie for herself."

Keith Lord, one of the friends of Dorothy, is here under arrest, coming from Los Angeles, where he played a banjo in the "Frisco Five" jazz orchestra. He is charged with contributing to Dorothy's delinquency.

"I stopped going with her after Mrs. Ellingson objected," he said. "Dorothy told me Mrs. Ellingson was not her mother, that she just boarded there. She mixed me up in this. It's all her fault."

Dorothy Ellingson is keeping a record of her experience in prison. Thus far it shows she has been interviewed by 85 persons, including 29 newspaper reporters; and that on Thursday 50 photographs were taken of her; 40 were taken on Friday, and Saturday, and Sunday 16 more were added.

LOSS OF OLD FAVORITE

MOURNED BY SKIPPER

"Miss 203" Gives Up Ghost and Removed to Pumphouse for Repairs.

"Miss 203," which replaced "Old 27" on the Springbank car line, is not being looked after properly. True, the lady is wonderfully painted and powdered, but the iron portions of her person have been sadly neglected. The trolley pole gave up the ghost this morning on the 8 o'clock trip with 50 passengers on board.

By Arthur Rockett and his mate, Conductor Hanna coasted the car along to the pump house, where Superintendent McCormick of Springbank park produced a ladder to help Little Eva travelling up to heaven. Had nothing on Arthur Rockett when he mounted the ladder to the top of the car. The motorman found that the pole had just naturally rusted away and the spare pole stored in the pump house was hurried on parade.

Half an hour later 203 was on her way once more and carrying round the curves like the giddy young thing that she is.

"I wish we had 'Old 27' back again," mourned Skipper Rockett. "Give that old girl four good machines, and she would walk away from this skittish outfit."

VICTORIA CLUB PLANS INTERESTING PROGRAM

Mothers Plan to Hold Concert in School in the Near Future.

The Victoria Mothers' club has an interesting program before it for the coming few weeks. Last night arrangements were made for a sale of home cooking to be held on Feb. 12 with Mrs. Wm. Orchard as convener. And on Jan. 29, Mrs. H. B. White is lending her home on The Ridgeway for a quilting and sewing meeting in preparation for relief work in the district.

The club is also planning to hold a concert in the school in the near future. Mrs. George Young, Beaconsfield avenue, has offered her home for a tea, to be held shortly.

A report of relief work carried on in the district, showed that seven families have been helped at Christmas time, food and comforts, made by the members, having been sent them.

The club donated \$14 toward the blind institute. The meeting was featured by a successful shower of books for the Victoria hospital library.

Very fine program included an inspiring address given by Mrs. James Chalmers on "The Modern Mother and Her Daughter." The speaker referred to the fact that today there was not the same chance for a mother and daughter to confide in each other. Formerly they were at home together. Today the daughter goes out in the business world and there is not the same contact.

Other numbers on the program were a vocal solo by Miss Whetstone, with an encore given in Norwegian; readings by Miss Logan, and dances by Jean MacDonald and Freda Wenig.

YOUTH PLEADS GUILTY, REMANDED FOR WEEK

Admits Passing Worthless Checks on Two City Merchants.

Roy C. Hunter, 22 years old, was remanded to jail for one week by Magistrate Graydon in police court this morning to await sentence upon a charge of fraud. The young man was arrested last evening by local detectives following information laid by C. O. Shoebottom and James E. Mooney.

Hunter pleaded guilty to the charge. On January 13 he gave Mr. Shoebottom, a local grocer, check for \$5 for groceries. He said at the time that he had sufficient funds in the bank to cover the amount of the check, but upon investigation it was learned that the bank had no account under his name.

In December Hunter admitted he cashed a check for \$5 upon Mr. Mooney and showed a bank book as proof of a substantial account entered in his name. The check, however, proved worthless.

Hunter pleaded with the court for another chance. He said that he had never been in trouble before and in view of this fact was deserving of at least suspended sentence.

PROGRESS OF STRATHROY SPURRED BY BIG FIRES

Describing the growth and history of Strathroy, Superintendent Cude of that place last night addressed the members of the London and Middlesex Historical Society at their meeting in the public library.

The first house in Strathroy was built by one Buchanan in 1832, the speaker said. He then traced the history of the village and rapidly described the development of the town. The disastrous fires which occurred from time to time were mentioned. The part of the destructive fires played in the development was shown. The building of brick dwellings rather than wooden houses was started after a number of fires had swept the town.

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The aims of the cadet movement were explained by Col. Ware.

It is expected that there will be a series of meetings held in the schools of the city when mothers' clubs have been formed. This will give the parents an opportunity of learning what cadet training means and does not mean to school boys.

BANK DEBITS DECREASE IN CASE OF INDIVIDUALS

Canadian Press Despatch

Ottawa, Jan. 21.—Bank debits to individuals accounts in the clearing house centers of Canada as reported to the dominion bureau of statistics by the Canadian bankers' association, declined about one per cent in December when compared with the record of the preceding month. Actual bank debits were \$2,524,661,000 in December against \$2,548,726,000 in November.

ORGANIZER COMING.

Ensign May Elery, territorial life saving guard, organizer of the Salvation army, Toronto headquarters, will be in the city in the interests of the Salvationists young people's guard movement from March 2 to 12.

The local troops of the four London corps will meet the organizer. The leaders are preparing a special supper, which will be given in honor of the visitor. The reception will likely take place at the Clarence street citadel.