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Woman Went There Perverse-ly As Result of Quarrels With Father-in-Law.

LIMBS NOW SHRIVELED

'Just an Unhappy Old Woman,' She Says, Without Voicing Regret.

Special to London Advertiser. Council Bluffs, March 27.—Thirty-eight years ago Mrs. Alexander Wickham got angry and went to bed. "I'm never, never, never going to get up again," she declared.

A little while ago she changed her mind and attempted to get out of bed and walk. But she found she was paralyzed from her waist down. During her thirty-eight years in bed her legs had atrophied and had become absolutely helpless. Now she lies in bed all day, day after day, month after month, year after year, because she has to, not because she wants to.

She was a young wife when she went to bed. She is an old white-haired woman now. She is rich, but all the good her money does her is to keep her out of the poorhouse. It permits her to employ a woman to look after her few wants and to remain in the room with her.

The original trouble was between Mrs. Wickham and her father-in-law. Immediately after her marriage to Alec Wickham, she and her husband went to live with her husband's father. The farm was a joint affair between the two men.

Mrs. Wickham and the father-in-law did not get along together. Mrs. Wickham insisted that the farm be divided and that her husband have his individual property. The old man refused. They quarreled all the time.

Quarreling as usual. One morning Mrs. Wickham was cutting bacon for breakfast. She and her father-in-law were quarreling as usual. Old man Wickham made some remark she resented. She laid down her butcher knife and started for the door.

"Where you going?" her husband asked. "I'm going to bed, and I'm never, never, never going to get up again," answered the wife, as she walked into her room and slammed the door.

She stayed in bed all that day, her husband, thinking to humor her, brought her meals to her. The next morning she refused to get up. Again the husband brought her meals. The third day was a repetition of the first and second. So was the fourth and the fifth and the sixth.

She'll get over it, said the neighbors when they heard of what was going on over at the Wickham farm. "She'll get up when I die, I reckon," said the old man. But the old man lived so long she couldn't get up when he died.

Mrs. Wickham spent her time reading books and writing poetry. After thirty-eight years of such reading she is undoubtedly one of the best read women in the world.

Neighbors came to see her after she took to her bed. But she refused to see them. Gradually these visits ceased and she was left severely alone.

Her husband called in a doctor. Specialists were brought into the case. They could find nothing wrong with the woman.

"Get her to say she will get up and she will be all right," they said. But her husband couldn't get her to want to leave her bed.

Village Grew. The sprawling village grew into a good sized town. A railroad built through the place. Mrs. Wickham could hear the whistle of the trains as they passed within a few blocks of her house. But she couldn't see the engine. Her room was on the opposite side of the house. And she refused to leave her bed and go to the window.

The telephone exchange was set up in Tipton the Wickhams had. Turn to Page 2, Column 5.

The Weather. FORECASTS. Easterly winds; cool and showery to day and Tuesday.

Pressure is low over the greater part of the United States, and moderately high over Canada.

The weather is showery in Southwest Ontario and fair elsewhere in the Dominion.

Temperatures are decidedly low in the West.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Today's High, Low.

Victoria 52 36

Calgary 42 14

Winnipeg 36 10

S. S. Marie 24 10

Toronto 48 32

Kingston 48 32

Ottawa 48 32

Montreal 48 32

Quebec 42 24

P. Point 28 20

St. John's 42 32

Halifax 44 34

Below zero.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were:

Highest, 52; lowest, 21.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Highest, 52; lowest, 19.

Barometric Readings.

Sunday—8 p.m., 29.87.

Today—8 a.m., 29.95.

DIVERS HUNT BODIES OF FERRY DEAD

Shillington On High Seas London-Bound

LEFT GLASGOW ON "TUNISIAN" ON MARCH 25

Prisoner's Departure From Scotland Delayed Week by Error of Officials.

TAKE EIGHT-DAY LINER

Overseas Officers Expected To Arrive in St. John With Fugitive Sunday.

Harold R. Shillington, until November last accountant with a London banking institution, who is charged with the misappropriation of securities valued at \$70,000, is on the Canadian Pacific liner Tunisian, three days out of the port of Glasgow, Scotland, and homeward bound.

From the chief constable of Edinburgh, where the prisoner has been in custody for several weeks, comes this exclusive cablegram Monday morning to The London Advertiser: "Shillington sails Tunisian tonight, March 25."

It is now anticipated that the fugitive from justice will finally reach St. John, New Brunswick, Sunday night next or Monday morning. Two overseas officers who have the prisoner in their charge will hasten from the port of arrival to this city without unnecessary delay.

It was explained today that the Edinburgh police authorities erroneously notified Canadian police officials that they had arranged for Shillington's departure by an earlier vessel, but through a misunderstanding a delay occurred, and as a result they were unable to book passage for the prisoner until last week.

Caught in Scotland. After a flight to the American Atlantic seaboard, where he embarked for Liverpool, the former accountant was finally arrested near Edinburgh, Scotland, with a companion who was subsequently released. The latter, it is reported, was also a Canadian, although he had but returned to this city from the United States after a long absence but a few days before Shillington's disappearance. As he also left the city about that time and proceeded overseas, later meeting Shillington, it was first reasoned by the police that he was implicated in some manner in the alleged disappearance of the company's stocks and bonds.

Concluding, however, that he was not to be considered an accessory before or after the alleged act, the police in Scotland say they immediately discharged him from custody, and his name has naturally been withheld. While he was said to have remained in England until a few days ago, it is now explained that he recently sailed for Boston, where he has made his home for the past ten years.

Denies Brazil Trip. Although several conflicting reports emanated from the Old Country relative to Shillington's movements since he sailed from America, he strenuously denies the overseas authorities say, that he first visited Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, South America. It is admitted, however, that he and his companion were about to arrange for passports for Australia when apprehended.

It is alleged by both the police and officials of the trust company that the great bulk of the missing Grand Trunk and similar bonds were found in the possession of the prisoner, while the latter, as already explained in The London Advertiser, is alleged by Edinburgh police to have admitted the defalcation.

MOVE RUSSIAN REFUGEES EAST

Paris, March 27.—Plans for taking Russian refugees from Constantinople and elsewhere to Southern European states have been approved by the council of the league of nations. It has decided also to have the task proceed under the supervision of Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, who is high commissioner of the international committee for Russian relief.

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Most Are Loveless. Most of these marriages are loveless. In many cases

Wedding Principals in "Unwritten Balkan Treaties"



THINKS 36-MILL RATE CERTAIN

Aid. Childs Not Hopeful of Lower Figure Being Found.

HINGES ON SALARY CUTS

Mayor Hopes To Hold Council Meeting Wednesday To Strike Rate.

"I have been hoping that we would get the mill rate down to 35, but I am afraid that 36 will be the best we can do," said Chairman H. J. Childs of the finance committee, in discussing the outlook for the tax rate, which Mayor Wilson hopes will be struck by the council on Wednesday night.

"To be or not to be," about sums up the outlook on the salary question, and any material lowering of the present rate, which stands over 35 mills, is now contingent on this question.

Further paring of some of the estimates, other than salaries, may be done, but the amount will be insignificant, and the total that is slated for the knife will hardly bring the rate below 36 mills.

The buck seems to have been passed to the school teachers. Perhaps this curbsome college is a misnomer, for the messages are not received by ear, but by the eye. The store windows are the lessons. They are prepared by the enterprising merchants of the city. In certain seasons of the year these windows attract more students than in others. They do this by embracing the great movement of this present generation—cooperation.

Although today they have thousands of secondary messages to impart, the paramount one is the message that spring is here, that winter has been dealt a stunning blow from which it is not expected to recover.

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Window Shopping For Facts On Dundas Street

By RUSSELL W. BOYD.

RESIDENTS of this northern clime envy the South Sea Islander who sits and waits for his dinner to fall off the trees, and who sleeps out under the Southern Cross; yet Londoners have a decided advantage in this respect over the natives of the Pacific isles, although few of them fully realize it.

London offers an education to every man, woman and child, free of charge! And like the islanders, all that the citizen must do is to go out and "pick it off."

There are no textbooks in this great school of learning. Teachers, too, are a minus quantity. In this great university there are no color lines, no race or creed distinctions. These are a few of the features peculiar to this Spring of Knowledge, of whose waters young and old may satisfy their thirst for learning.

Its name? The University of the Street! Dundas street is the great auditorium of this school. Perhaps, though, "auditorium" is a misnomer, for the messages are not received by ear, but by the eye. The store windows are the lessons. They are prepared by the enterprising merchants of the city. In certain seasons of the year these windows attract more students than in others. They do this by embracing the great movement of this present generation—cooperation.

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what care he administered the little touches, the garnishings to what the appetite of the student who came to nibble at the food of knowledge, but whom this expert expected to hold until he had eaten his fill and relished it.

Abraham Lincoln walked miles and miles before he made the "chike," and all because he sought education. Londoners, have education tossed into their laps. All the wealth of the world, the furs of the Polar regions, and the ostrich feathers of African sand wastes are on display in London store windows. One establishment today had even dumped coke into its window.

Dresses Charming. Dresses and frocks every bit as charming and unique in style as those on exhibition on Fifth avenue, New York, or Bond street, in Old London, may be observed as one strolls leisurely along the city's main thoroughfare.

In men's lines the same praise applies. Some of the wearing apparel for the fastidious male has been brought from other lands ready-made.

London jewelry stores can compete with those of the same size the world over, and probably many larger establishments. And then kind of work a certain barber does without entering the shop. Shaving, haircutting, massaging and all forms of face and head adornment are demonstrated to the student of the boulevard.

The man who, so the fable goes, amassed a fortune by always keeping his eyes on the ditches, watching Turn to Page 2, Column 6.

JUDICIARY TO DEVOTE ENTIRE TIME TO CROWN

Attorney-General Raney To Forbid Officials Continuing Private Practices.

SIFT MIDDLESEX VACANCY

County Members Believed To Favor Elliott, Donahue and Buchner.

Special to London Advertiser. Toronto, March 27.—At a special caucus here today the provincial members of London and Middlesex considered among other matters impending changes in the judiciary system of the province.

Prominent among these was the appointment of a successor to the late J. B. McKillop, K.C., former crown attorney for London and Middlesex.

Although unable to make any official statement at this moment, it was frankly admitted in well-informed circles at the conclusion of the conference that but three names of possibilities had been received with favor. These were J. C. Elliott, ex-M.L.A. for West Middlesex, J. M. Donahue and U. A. Buchner.

Ban Private Practice. The day when crown attorneys and police magistrates will be permitted to continue their private practices while they retain these official positions is at an end, according to Dr. Hugh A. Stevenson, M.L.A. for London, who returned Monday morning to the Legislative Assembly in Toronto.

Dr. Stevenson explains that sweeping changes in the provincial judiciary are under contemplation by both Premier E. C. Drury and the Hon. W. E. Raney, attorney-general.

While plans are yet in an uncompleted state Dr. Stevenson states that it has been definitely decided that in future police magistrates as well as crown attorneys must be ready to devote their entire time to matters concerning the courts only.

"First of all," explains the member for London, "it has been decided that the new crown attorneys hereafter must be young and aggressive. They must relinquish their private affairs in the legal profession. As a matter of fact it is being arranged that they shall have so much work to do that it will leave little time for other duties, and London's next crown prosecutor will have to make his headquarters at the courthouse. There is an office there now for that purpose and he will have to use it exclusively."

Enforce City Bylaws. "Additional duties will rest upon the next incumbent to the office. It will, among other things, as an instance, be his duty to insure that any city bylaw that is not being rigidly adhered to, be carried out to the letter. What is considered of even greater importance by the attorney-general is the emphatic order that he interest himself to the utmost in the prosecution of those who may violate the provisions of the Ontario temperance act."

It is believed that the salary of the local crown attorney will be set in the neighborhood of \$5,000 a year. While it is known that several applicants for the vacancy in London have come to light, the member from London declined to express himself on this subject.

It was reported Monday morning, however, that U. A. Buchner of London will leave for Toronto Tuesday to confer with the attorney-general, from whose department the appointment will be made.

PROSECUTE NEW ZEALAND BISHOP

Wellington, N. Z., March 27.—The government has decided to prosecute Mgr. Liston, Catholic bishop of Auckland, on a charge of having made seditious utterances during a recent speech. It is alleged that he denounced the British troops in Ireland as "foreign troops."

Mgr. Liston at the time was glorifying the Easter rebellion in Ireland and is said to have declared that the Irish were martyrs and "proud to die for their country, murdered by foreign troops."

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Defends Coalition



WINSTON S. CHURCHILL.

NORTHAMPTON, England, March 27.—Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary of state for the colonies, declared here Saturday that he believed the coalition treaty would yet bring peace and prosperity to all Ireland.

TO RENEW COAL NEGOTIATIONS

Operators and Miners Agree To Consider Nineteen Demands of Workers.

WAGE CUTS TO BE SHOWN

President Harding and Advisers Will Take No Action To Stop Strike.

New York, March 27.—"Labor members of the anthracite wage scale sub-committee returned from Cleveland today to renew negotiations with the operators in an effort to reach a wage agreement that would avert the walkout of 155,000 organized anthracite miners called for April 1.

Both operators and miners expressed a desire to end the general discussions which marked the opening days of the conference last week, and to confine future sessions to consideration of the nineteen demands of the workers.

The miners' committee will go into the conference armed with statistical data to bolster their claims that the coal digger is entitled to a 20 per cent increase in wages. They propose to demonstrate that wages in the mines failed to keep pace with wages in other industries during the war, that the total increase has been only 65 per cent since 1916; that the mine operator is making an excessive profit by underpaying his labor and overcharging the consumer; and that the mines could continue to show a reasonable profit to the operator after granting both an increase in wages and a reduction of prices.

To Submit Wage Cuts. The operators indicated that today, for the first time since discussion of a new contract was undertaken, they would make known the percentage of wage cuts they advocate in counterproposal to the nineteen demands of the miners. Although they have declined thus far to directly discuss their proposals, the operators made clear at the opening of the conference that they would not entertain a wage increase.

They contended that costs of mining and transporting coal had failed to "deflate" with other costs during the period of depression, and that the market for coal had suffered because of the public's inability to pay prevailing prices.

Philip Murray, vice-president of the United Mine Workers of America replaced John L. Lewis, president of the international organization, as head of the four labor delegates on the anthracite committee.

S. D. Warriner, head of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, will continue as spokesman for the operators.

Mr. Lewis has announced that he will remain at Indianapolis, headquarters of the United Mine Workers to direct the strike of both anthracite and bituminous workers. Nearly 40 members of the anthracite workers' scale committee returned to New York today to keep their local and district organizations advised of the progress of the strike.

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FOUR PERISH AS SARNIA FERRY IS SUNK BY BLAST

Several Persons Seriously Injured When Omar D. Conger's Boiler Explodes.

WRECKS MICHIGAN HOME

Hundreds of Store Windows and Telephone Poles Demolished by Debris.

Special to London Advertiser. Sarnia, March 27.—Although divers have been at work since early this morning, no trace has as yet been found of Ransome A. Campbell and Clifford D. Althouse, whose bodies are buried in the wreckage of the Sarnia-Port Huron ferryboat, the Omar D. Conger, which was sunk at its moorings in the Black River, when the engine-room boiler exploded Sunday afternoon, killing four Port Huron men and injuring a score.

Experts today attribute the explosion to cold water being placed in an overheated boiler, which had little or no water in it. No official expression on this technical point could be obtained, however, from a jury of marine engineers empaneled Monday morning by Coroner Arthur A. Falkes, and consisting of W. D. Moody, H. Bonner, E. T. Harris and A. E. Moore.

The jurors spent the day examining the remains of the boiler embedded in the debris of a Port Huron home, and the wreckage of the ship in the river.

The damage wrought by the blast has been estimated at \$92,000, and this \$65,000 was entailed by the loss of the ship and \$10,000 to store windows.

The disaster is regarded as one of the worst in the marine history of this district. Today the following official casualty list was given out: Dead—Ransome A. Campbell, 60, married, chief engineer, buried in wreckage; Clifford D. Althouse, married, fireman, buried in wreckage; Thomas Buckler, single, body found on coal pile; Kenneth Crandall, single, body found on coal pile, died on the way to hospital.

Sarnia Couple Hurt. Serious injuries inflicted Mrs. Nora Goddard, collar bone broken; Mrs. W. B. Carson, may lose sight of eye; Mrs. M. B. Houser, broken nose; Stanley McGowan, skull fractured; S. D. Carmichael, back injured. All residents of Port Huron.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Biddecombe of Sarnia were also flying high. Earl Dond, aged 15, Port Huron, is missing. It is reported that Dond last was noticed standing on the dock at no great distance from the boat when the explosion occurred, and it is feared that he was hurled into the water and swept down stream by the force of the impact.

McGowan was taken to the hospital suffering from a fractured skull. He was walking on Quay street, Port Huron when struck on the head by a piece of flying timber.

Hurled Fifty Feet. Hurled a distance of fifty feet or more along Hilda avenue, Dr. Carson, also of Port Huron, sustained severe injuries to his back, and is now in the city hospital.

Lifted clear over the buildings in the neighborhood of the dock, a huge radiator crashed through a wall of the Falkes Undertaking Parlor, Port Huron, injuring Mr. and Mrs. Biddecombe.

A funeral service was in progress at the moment. Rev. John S. Tremaine, pastor of the First Methodist church, presided.

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Would Revive Religion By Means of Dance

NEW YORK, March 27.—Six barefooted girls, clothed in the loose, flowing garments of another age, danced before the veiled sanctuary in the Church of St. Marks in the Bowers yesterday afternoon, white spotlights playing upon them and blue smoke from huge incense pots curling about their graceful forms.

Dr. William Norman Guthrie, rector, described the dance as "an eurythmic ritual expressive of the annunciation." He had been faced, he said, with the necessity of finding a new utility for his church, or closing it. Therefore, the dance—"a thing of beauty"—as a means of teaching people to worship.

"Sculptors of Greece brought about a revival of the Greek religion by embodying the aspirations of the religion in their work, and giving it great beauty," he said, "so why cannot a church like this, if it gets the backing of public opinion, bring about a renaissance of religious worship through beauty, through the plastic arts, through the dance?"

HOW QUEEN'S MATCHES HALT PERIL OF WAR IN BALKAN ARENA!

Special to London Advertiser. PARIS, March 27.—The Balkan peninsula, famed "cock-pit of Europe," is losing its place as a breeding center of European wars.

Age-old scars that time after time have goaded not only the Balkan nations but all of Europe into warfare, are being healed.

Before the end of another generation, diplomats say, the half dozen little nations prospering in friendship and co-operation.

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the princes and princesses concerned have been forced to give up others whom they loved.

But they have followed the ancient royal practice of sacrificing love on the altar of diplomatic expediency.

Two important Balkan diplomatic marriages already have taken place while three others are scheduled to take place soon.

Crown Prince Carol of Rumania, son of King Ferdinand, married Princess Helen of Greece, March 9, 1921. Princess Elizabeth of Rumania was married to Crown Prince George of Greece in February, 1921.

Queen Behind Them. Queen Marie's influence was behind both these marriages. Their diplomatic significance is easily seen—when Crown Prince Carol becomes King of Rumania, a Greek queen will sit beside him, while when Prince George takes the Greek throne he will have a Rumanian queen.

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THAT Bulgaria, Balkan outcast, will naturally become the ally of Italy, a great power with a tremendous Balkan influence.

THAT Greece will have secured the support of one of the strong Scandinavian powers.

Throne Unstable. Princess Marie of Rumania, when she becomes the bride of King Alexander of Yugoslavia, will mount one of the most unstable thrones of Europe and will be the queen of "the most-shot-at king in Europe."

Alexander was the target of bombs in 1917, 1919 and 1920. His life is continually sought by supporters of another Yugoslavian royal line as well as by anarchists and sympathizers with extreme political factions.

Alexander is said to have had one great love in his past life. He was enamored of the Russian Princess Tatiana, who was murdered with the czar and his family.