

VOTE ON HOTEL PLAN ADVOCATED Paved Road From Sarnia May Enter City By Springbank

BALLOT ON HOTEL DEAL IS FAVORED

Members of Council Would
Facilitate Property Exchange
by Every Means.

PROMOTERS WRITE

Give Further Information On
Plan To Build Hotel
Here.

A vote of the people will be taken in December in order to facilitate early construction of a new hotel here, according to opinion of council members. Desire to remove present obstacles is expressed by aldermen and much support is attested for a swap of sites with the hotel people.

Federal Square, purchased on the stipulation that it would be used for city hall purposes only, would be exchanged for the old Merchants Bank property on Richmond street. The Dundas street property is sought by promoters of a new hotel project and they declare it to be the very best location in the city and the only one which would assure profitable operation of retail shops in connection with the hotel.

There is a strong feeling on the council that exchange of Federal Square property for the Merchants Bank site would be a fair deal to the city, not only to precipitate the hotel deal, but also to provide a desirable city hall site close to the government building center.

Should Be Vote.

"The hotel proposition which has been made looks like a very concrete offer and it would be a good thing for the city," declared Ald. Thomas Clift today. "However, I think there should be a vote of the people before anything is done about an exchange of property. Personally, I would say the deal would be a fair one from a city standpoint."

Ald. Edwin Smith, who favors the "swap" of properties, is of the opinion that Federal Square is a fine business property and hotel site and that the Merchants Bank site would be a very fair trade for it.

Ald. Smith suggests a plebiscite at an early date to fully establish the opinion of the people at the same time regarding such matters as street railway franchise and east collegiate site.

Mayor Wenige declares that a vote of the people should be taken first, before definite arrangements are made to go on with the property exchange. He states that there can be no definite progress until such an expression is secured.

Concrete proposals by a New York construction company provide the basis for support of the new hotel project. A letter from the firm to city aldermen are getting behind the scheme here and assured London promoters that a competent lessee can be secured to furnish and manage the hotel.

In their offer to London promoters this New York company states:

"We are not asking for a dollar of your money except that your chamber of commerce will contribute 25 per cent of the cost of land and building which 25 per cent is to be taken in the form of a 7 per cent stock subject to prior indebtedness of the 75 per cent investment in the plan of a serial bond issue, and that we, in addition to plan, finance and construct, will provide a responsible lessee who will furnish and operate the house and pay rental equal to the interest and amortization on the bonds and 7 per cent upon the preferred stock."

UNKNOWN FOUND ON LAKE SHORE

Boys Discover Body Near Port
Dalhousie—In Water For
Several Weeks.

Canadian Press Despatch.
St. Catharines, July 25.—The body of an unknown man which had been in the water of Lake Ontario for several weeks, washed ashore near the rifle ranges, a mile east of Port Dalhousie, was found late yesterday afternoon by some boys. The remains were in such an advanced state of decomposition that burial took place this morning.



C. G. BOWKER
former London railway official who
has been appointed to high executive
position by C. N. R.

LONDON TRAINS RAIL EXECUTIVES

Bowker Not First Local Man
To Be Raised to High
Position.

Canadian railways use London for a training ground for executives. This is verified by the Canadian National Railway appointments announced from Montreal today. C. G. Bowker, who has been raised to the general management of the Grand Trunk western lines, held official positions in London, Stratford and St. Thomas. Since being transferred he has been a frequent visitor to London.

H. E. Whittenberger also served in London division of the Grand Trunk. He came to the city in 1898, and for three years had offices in the Grand Trunk depot here. Later he was made superintendent in Montreal. A term there was followed by his appointment as general superintendent in Toronto.

Mr. Bowker is well and favorably known in this district. He was despatcher here in 1890. For a while he worked in Durand, Mich. At Stratford he served as trainmaster. In 1909 he was made assistant superintendent at London. Two years later Mr. Bowker took over the office of superintendent at St. Thomas.

The new general manager's career has been one of succession of quick advances. Following two years in St. Thomas he was made general superintendent in Montreal. In 1918 he was made general superintendent in Toronto.

Railroaders in London are of the opinion that the railways look to this division for their executives. Rumor has had it for some time past that Superintendent C. F. Forrester has been slated for a higher post. Knowledge of this was denied by local officials, though they admit his efficient methods in handling the work on the division and his popularity with staff and public have earned him an enviable reputation as a railroad executive of high order.

Poison Ivy the Strongest Thing on Main Station Id.; Kegs of Cognac Mythical

Island Off Bruce Peninsula
Boasts Stone Fish House,
But No Ruined Fort.

NO LIQUOR FOUND

Snake Id. Better; Fishing Party
Spoiled Because Some Darn
Fool Wanted To Fish.

Special to The Advertiser.
By a Staff Reporter.
Ojibway, Ont., July 25.—Bruce peninsula was made the setting for a silly scenario the other day based on a cache of mysterious liquor found in an old stone fort on Main Station Island. By four campers. There were kegs of cognac, puncheons of 175-year-old rum, and barrels of "wine from the Spanish prize."

The story, published by a daily paper, is a deliberate fake from beginning to end. Investigation by an Advertiser reporter establishes the following facts:

1. There is no fort on Main Station Island. There is a stone fish house.
2. The cellar into which the "adventurers" tumbled among the kegs, does not exist.
3. No campers have been on the

RAILMEN BACK UP MINERS

Decision To Halt Movement of
Coal Makes British Strike
Crisis Graver.

WAGE DISPUTE

Little Hope Held That Last-
Minute Parley Will Avert
National Walkout.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, July 25.—The possibilities of the threatened strike of coal miners became more serious today when a conference of the transportation and railway unions decided to take steps to prevent the movement of coal in the event the miners strike.

It has been decided to call a conference of all trades unions, to decide what strike action if any shall be taken by the unions.

Little Hope Held.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, July 25.—Hope, rather than confidence, is the feeling at the moment regarding next Wednesday's conference between the coal miners' federation and the mine owners, which has been called in an effort to bring about a new working agreement, and thus prevent the strike.

The day on which the old agreement expires. The attention of business interests everywhere will be focused on the conference. Wednesday, for the serious consequences of a walkout by more than a million miners are fully realized.

Wage Trouble.
The trouble between the owners and the workers is an outgrowth of the proposals for a new agreement by the owners, which would mean about a 20 per cent reduction in wages and an extra hour of work daily. The miners have refused to accept this, and have continued steadfast in their decision to remain aloof from negotiations unless proposals were withdrawn.

No official announcement has been forthcoming as to what persuasions of the inquiry, whose findings would be published Monday. Neither side, the paper says, will be seen acting as a mediator in the conference.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, for special prayers in all churches, and by Christians generally for "guidance and help in the face of great dangers and perplexities in this moment of an almost unparalleled crisis."

Legless Wife Disappears

Special to The Advertiser.
New York, July 25.—John De Fuller appealed to the police to find the missing persons bureau to look for his wife, Gabrielle, who is legless. He said she disappeared from her home with jewelry worth \$2,000 and \$100 in cash. She could not have gotten far, he said, unless carried, as she is moved by mechanical means. She is a former show woman.

Respectable History.

Main Station Island is perfectly respectable in every way—too respectable to be romantic. It has a ruined stone building, measuring 57 by 18 feet externally, which has the distinction of being the first permanent building erected in Bruce county. Built by the late Capt. Alex. MacGregor of Goderich in 1831, to serve

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Fights 33 Years, Spouse Is Free

Jonathan, 72, Doesn't Have To
Pay Alimony After All—
Jail's the Life.

Special to The Advertiser.
New Brunswick, N. J., July 25.—Jonathan T. Meeker, 72-year-old alimony dodger, is free today after three years imprisonment for failure to pay his wife \$12 a week, and 33 years of divorce litigation.

Meeker had stated consistently for 33 years that he would not pay the alimony, so he was jailed. Finally the county solicitor declared the taxpayers no longer cared to support Meeker and had him released. Now he won't have to pay, and the litigation is ended.

Said Meeker of jail life: "I had all the freedom I wanted—more freedom, I should say, than I would have as a married man."

He likes the jail so well that he's going to work there for pay.

SELL FURNITURE TO REPAY BANK

Hatheway's Chattels May Be
Used To Help In Robbery
Restitution.

Efforts being made by Leslie Hatheway's friends to recoup the Bank of Montreal for losses sustained when Hatheway robbed the Thornedale branch on July 31, are meeting with considerable success. It was stated this morning.

The Hatheway's own about \$1,500 worth of furniture in their home at 90 Windsor avenue on which there is a chattel mortgage of some \$400. The furniture is practically new and should bring a good sum at auction.

Mrs. Hatheway who worked in a Toronto departmental store for some time under an assumed name has returned to the city once more although she has not visited her husband again in his cell at the county jail.

It is quite likely that Hatheway will plead guilty to the charge of robbery with violence when he appears in court on Tuesday morning for pleadings to be taken.

J. M. McEvoy, K.C., will ask for a remand for a few days, possibly a week in order that the sample time will elapse for full restitution of the \$2,000 not regained by the bank in the \$6,800 robbery. A strong plea for leniency will be made by Mr. McEvoy preceding sentence by Magistrate Gladman.

Hatheway still maintains a cheerful demeanor at the jail, and will talk about almost everything except the robbery. He was visited this morning by Provincial Constable Menzie, who was mainly instrumental in his capture.

NAMING JURY IN PICKFORD KIDNAP TRIAL HARD JOB

Associated Press Despatch.
Los Angeles, July 25.—After nearly three days had been consumed in selecting a jury nine men and three women were impaneled here late yesterday to hear evidence concerning the alleged plot of three men to kidnap Mary Pickford, screen star, and hold her for \$200,000 ransom. Court adjourned until next Monday when testimony will begin.

CHINESE FERRIES SINK, DROWNING 28 PERSONS

Associated Press Despatch.
Shanghai, July 25.—Twenty-eight persons were drowned here today when a sudden rain squall capsized two ferry launches. Thirty-one persons were rescued.

Week-End Tips For Motorists

In planning week-end trips, motorists are advised to bear in mind the following roads closed to traffic:

Hyde Park highway — Detour advised by County Engineer Talbot is — Proof Line crossing the Whangpo river. Thirty-one persons were rescued.

LEOPOLD ALLENISTS FOR SCOTT

Defence, With Plenty of Money,
Will Push Cell-Madness
Plea to Limit.

HEARING CN AUGUST 3

Prisoner Himself Gave Idea For
Insanity Claim, New
Lawyers Declare.

Associated Press Despatch.
Chicago, July 25.—Cell madness will be the plea of Russell T. Scott, erstwhile financier and promoter of Canada, in his effort to escape the gallows from which he has been saved twice within a few hours of the death march. Allenists who testified for Nathan Leopold, Jun., and Richard Loeb, kidnapper-slayers of Robert Franks, will be called on in the effort to prove Scott is suffering from "prison psychosis."

The defence theory will be that his mind has become affected by his fifteen months' confinement, and the harrowing experiences of the two death watches in the shadow of the noose.

During the ten days allowed them before the sanity hearing, set by Judge Joseph E. David for Aug. 3, William Scott Stewart, Scott's attorney, will assemble psychiatrists for a desperate legal battle to have Scott committed to an asylum.

Fight Will Be Bitter.
That the fight will be bitter has been indicated by prosecutors, who believe Scott has sane motives for the time when Joseph Maurer, drug clerk, was killed in a holdup. Scott was found guilty of the killing. The state will not make any effort to have Scott's sentence carried out. Robert E. Crowe, state's attorney, has been summoned from his vacation in Northern Wisconsin to lead the state's effort.

It was Scott himself, said his attorney, who provided a lead for the insanity plea. "When the lawyer started to confer with him, Scott insisted that he was sane. Later he said he believed he was 'stark crazy.'"

Previously Scott had been a newspaperman. He had been in the military service, and then the months in here.

Aid From Border.
The effort to save Scott through the cell madness plea will be aided by Detroit and Windsor, Ont., friends who have raised funds for him, and have promised more. John R. Hewer, chairman of a Windsor committee working to save Scott, yesterday charged an attempt to "railroad" Scott by Chicago politicians to prevent exposure of their liquor operations.

Mrs. Rilla May Scott, his mother, had left her home in Bay Village, a Cleveland suburb, to come here and assist his wife and father, who have worked for weeks to obtain a commutation or reprieve for the prisoner. Before she left she said she had not come for previously because of her commitment working to save Scott, yesterday charged an attempt to "railroad" Scott by Chicago politicians to prevent exposure of their liquor operations.

While state and defence grid themselves for the legal fight which will begin Monday with hearings of preliminary arguments on the sanity test Aug. 3, the police continue to check reports from various sections of the country regarding the whereabouts of Robert Scott, Russell's brother, indicted with Russell, but never apprehended. Russell has contended that Robert had absconded with a telegram purporting to come from Robert sent to Governor Small brought Russell a week's reprieve six hours before the time set for the hanging, July 17. The message later proved a hoax.

ROBERT E. GREGORY IS CRITICALLY ILL

Well-Known Commercial
Traveller Stricken While
On Trip at Morpeth.

Robert E. Gregory, 41 Askin street, commercial traveller, sportsman and fraternity man, is critically ill. He was stricken at Morpeth, near Ridgeway, on Tuesday and brought to his home here the same night, later being transferred to Victoria hospital.

Gregory is at home. Since coming to the city about 12 years ago as a traveller for the Smith Shoe Company, Guelph, Mr. Gregory has made a host of friends.



SCOTT'S WIFE COMFORTS HIM IN JAIL.

Less than four hours before the time scheduled for the hanging of Russell T. Scott, former Canadian promoter, with offices in Toronto and London, in Chicago this week, the condemned man was granted a stay of execution, pending investigation into his sanity. A week ago Scott was reprieved for seven days in the expectation that his brother, Robert, might surrender himself to the authorities. This is the latest photograph of Scott and his wife, taken in the Chicago jail.

Sergeant Acts Promptly, Stops Crash, When Driver Of Car Is Stricken at Wheel

Middaugh Leaps to Running
Board of Zig-Zagging
Automobile.

AVOIDS STREET CAR
Police Ambulance Removes
Florence Street Man to
His Home.

A car proceeding west on Dundas street swerved wildly to one side this morning and had several narrow escapes from running into other autos. The driver was leaning over the side as if in an effort to adjust the door.

Once again it swerved and this time came near to hitting an oil truck. Sergeant Middaugh, who was standing at the corner of Adelaide street and who saw the antics of the car, rushed out into the middle of the street and jumped on the running-board as the car passed by.

He saw that the driver was unconscious and the car was completely out of control. He pulled on the brake just in time to avoid hitting a street car coming from Adelaide street.

The driver of the car, W. J. Sprague, 1073 Florence street, had suffered an epileptic seizure. The police ambulance was called and the man taken to his home, where he was reported as being improved this afternoon.

False Whiskers Lose Magic For Jack, Ring Call Wins

Associated Press Despatch.
Hollywood, Cal., July 25.—Back from his European honeymoon and his New York negotiations for a Harry Wills fight in 1926, Jack Dempsey today was preparing to enter the training grind that will fit him for a return to the prize ring in which he won the world's heavyweight boxing championship.

By his own admission, "through with pictures" and eager to put aside the false whiskers and grease paints of moviedom for the leather mittens of pugilism, Dempsey arrived here last night.

Accompanying him was his bride.

HIGHWAY IS ROUTED VIA BYRON

Strathroy Rejoices at Semi-Official
Announcement of Change
in Sarnia Road.

NO CONFIRMATION

Department Official Declares
Sarnia Gravel Will Be
Route Selected.

Special to The Advertiser.
Strathroy, July 25.—A semi-official rumor reached Strathroy this morning from Toronto to the effect that the proposed provincial highway from Sarnia to London will take in Watford and Strathroy, southeast to Mount Brydges, east along the 3rd concession of Caradoc to Kilworth, Byron and Springbank Drive to London. This, it is claimed, has been practically settled by the department of highways.

Reeve Pike and citizens in general have fought hard for Strathroy to be placed on the new highway, and the news was received here with a great deal of pleasure.

No confirmation of the above report could be secured from the highway department at Toronto this morning. Mr. Coburn, a member of the staff, stated that the designation of the highway had not been settled yet, and that any announcement from Strathroy was premature.

"As a matter of fact, when the highway is built, it will be built on the present Sarnia gravel road," said Mr. Coburn. "It is the logical road, in my opinion. It is not likely that there will be any construction though for some time to come. It is a dream of the future."

County Engineer Charles Talbot also declared the report to be unfounded.

"It would be a foolish move to bring the highway through Strathroy," he declared. "You might just as well run the roadway north of London township as run in through Watford and Strathroy. They are just guessing down there about where the highway will go. The Sarnia gravel road will be the one to be paved," predicted Mr. Talbot.

436 WERE DROWNED IN KOREAN DELUGE

Official Report of Disaster Also
Shows 215 Persons Are
Missing.

Associated Press Despatch.
Tokio, July 25.—An official report on the recent Korean flood, which centered around the capital city of Seoul, says 436 persons were drowned and 215 are missing. The Tokio municipal pallid and the chamber of commerce are soliciting relief funds.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today—Light winds; cloudy, with showers or thunderstorms. Sunday—Moderate northwest winds; fair and moderately warm. Monday—The pressure is nearly normal throughout the dominion, but a very shallow depression is moving eastward across the great lakes. The weather is fine and fairly warm in nearly all parts of Canada.

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

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Vind	64	52	Fair
Victoria	64	52	Fair
Calgary	70	48	Fair
Winnipeg	80	56	Fair
Port Arthur	74	50	Clear
Perry Sound	74	50	Clear
Toronto	74	50	Fair
Kingston	72	49	Cloudy
Ottawa	78	54	Fair
Montreal	78	54	Cloudy
Quebec	70	56	Cloudy
Pather Point	58	50	Fair
St. John	66	54	Fair
Halifax	78	54	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 84; lowest, 52.

Sun rises at 4:59 a.m., and sets at 7:50 p.m., standard time.

Barometric Readings.
Friday—8 p.m., 29.30.
Today—8 a.m., 29.22.