

MURRELL IS BACK IN COURT AFTER OPERATION

Utmost Secrecy Attends Removal of Bandit From Hospital.

WAS GOOD PATIENT

Sydney Murrell, bank robber and held as the slayer of Russell Campbell, was yesterday removed from Victoria Hospital to his cell at the county jail, closely guarded after convalescing at that institution exactly one week from an operation for appendicitis.

His return to the jail was made with the same secrecy that marked his removal to the hospital. A few minutes before A. L. Oatman's ambulance drove up to the main entrance of the hospital Murrell was hurriedly prepared for his trip, and promptly at noon was whisked away to languish in his lonely cell to stand trial in February for his life.

So cleverly was his removal planned that officials at the hospital were totally unaware that the bandit whose career had won for him world-wide notoriety was to be taken back. Still they were puzzled for the reason of his hasty departure, as Murrell's operation was regarded as especially serious. Whether or not Murrell's excellent physical condition was a decided factor in his speedy recovery remains to be seen, as the Advertiser was informed that in normal cases it would take probably two or three weeks before a patient could be removed suffering from an illness such as Murrell's was.

Although each day reports from the hospital gave out that he was improving, it was stated that when Murrell was taken there he would be confined for ten days at least.

As for Sydney's stay at the hospital, officials have only the best of reasons for him. He was attended by the regular staff of nurses, and while there acted as a gentleman. Closely guarded day and night by armed officers and surrounded by a cordon, Murrell's chances of escape were practically nil, yet there is good foundation to believe that the jail officials, knowing the desperate chances he might take, were under the impression that he would gradually become stronger, probably feared a few more days in the hospital might bring about disastrous results.

Given Every Attention.
Or the suspicion that Murrell might be given special aid may have led to his altogether unexpected removal.

Sheriff Graham stated last night that Murrell will be given every attention that will aid his total recovery, and although he will be confined to his cell, nothing will be left undone to make him comfortable. He still will be under the watchful eye of the jail physician, Dr. James Wilson.

LEAMINGTON BABY DROWNS IN DITCH

Donald Smith Slips Into Water and Dies Before Found.

Special to The Advertiser.

Leamington, Jan. 13.—Little Donald Smith, aged two years, eleven months, son of Murray Smith, was drowned in about two feet of water in a ditch north of here on the tenth conclusion.

Donald had gone across to see his grandmother on an adjoining farm to pay his daily visit. When he was returning home his grandmother phoned that he was on his way. Looking out shortly after, his mother could not see him and becoming anxious started to meet him. While passing along a ditch she saw his cap floating on the water, into which he had evidently slipped. It is thought that the ice, which would not hold him, hid him under the water. His mother carried the body into the house, but the doctor when he came found life was extinct.

His father was at Blythwood when the accident happened. The funeral will be held at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon.

NEW YORK PATROLMAN KILLED BY GUNMAN

Enters Restaurant in Plain Clothes and Is Shot by Holdups.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Jan. 13.—Patrolman John Schneider was killed by hold-up men when he and Frank Erpola, both in plain clothes, walked into a restaurant in the Yorkville section and found three men holding up the proprietor and patrons. Erpola returned the fire, striking the bandit believed to have killed Schneider just above the heart.

CIVIC LEGAL BUREAU IS WENIG'S PROPOSAL

Mayor To Advance Plan in His Inaugural Address on Monday.

In his inaugural address tonight, George Wenig will urge the establishment of a city legal department with an office in the city hall.

It is his worship's belief that this department should be available to the general public, bona fide ratepayers of the city, who could seek advice in many ways.

"The office could be open for an hour a day," he explained, "say from 4 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon."

HOUSE DOOR LEFT OPEN SAVES FIVE PERSONS

Broken Furnace Pipe Believed To Have Permitted Gas Escape.

OUT OF DANGER

Mrs. Louis Kaufman Found Children Suffering, Not Suspecting Danger.

Five residents of 294 Dundas street were overcome by coal gas escaping from a broken furnace pipe between the hours of 12 o'clock Friday night and 8 o'clock Saturday morning.

Dr. W. J. Tillman found Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kaufman, their two children, Edith and Joseph, and Bertha Jennings, a maid, overcome from the suffocating effects of coal gas and verging on asphyxiation when he arrived at the house early Saturday morning. Had it not been that a door was left open during the night, permitting a certain amount of fresh air to enter the house, neighbors think the whole family would have died. Dr. Tillman when he arrived administered oxygen and worked on the stricken family for some time before they were brought around.

When Mrs. Kaufman arrived home Friday night, she immediately rushed to her children who were then suffering from the sickening effects of the escaping gas. She left the door open and in this way the whole family were saved from suffocation. During the night, it is said, neither Mr. or Mrs. Kaufman realized the house was filled with coal gas. It was not until Saturday morning that the leak in the furnace was discovered.

According to reports the two children and Miss Bertha Jennings suffered the most from the sickening effects of the gas.

This afternoon Dr. Tillman reported the condition of the family as "satisfactory." "I am quite satisfied they are out of danger now," Dr. Tillman stated.

LABORITES FAVOR EMIGRATION CURE

Colonel Wedgwood Declares Plan Invaluable Outlet For People.

RAPS CHEAP LABOR

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Jan. 13.—Joseph Wedgwood, who, cabinet makers and Liberal papers declare, will be secretary for India in the event of Labor forming a ministry, speaking at the University-Labor conference in Toynebee Hall last night, said the Labor party would welcome the assumption by the self-governing dominions of further responsibilities in foreign as well as domestic affairs of the empire.

Labor, continued Colonel Wedgwood, regarded emigration as an invaluable outlet for British people. They only opposed the assumption that emigration would solve unemployment. They did not wish emigration to be utilized as a means of supplying cheap labor for planters and manufacturers in the colonies.

India would provide the test of a Labor government, said the speaker. The Labor party hoped to overcome the difficulty by accelerating the conversion of India into a self-governing dominion. This depended, not merely on matters of finance, defence and international order, but on winning the Indian Nationalists to the view that they must meet the Labor government half way. Self-government must be restrained in the various colonies until the people are fit for self-government. The question of developing trade and industries in these countries must be regulated by knowledge. The aim of the Labor party was a British commonwealth of people of various colors—a free union of free peoples.

HUNDREDS BESIEGE DOCTOR IN TORONTO

Police Regulate Lineup of Patients At Free Ear Clinic.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Jan. 12.—Besieged by hundreds applying for treatment, the large suite of Dr. C. E. Amisen, on Bloor street east, Toronto, was without standing room this afternoon when Dr. Curtis H. Munroe, otolaryngologist, of Brooklyn, conducted a free clinic and demonstrated to the profession his technique and methods of restoring hearing to the deaf by means of "constructive finger surgery."

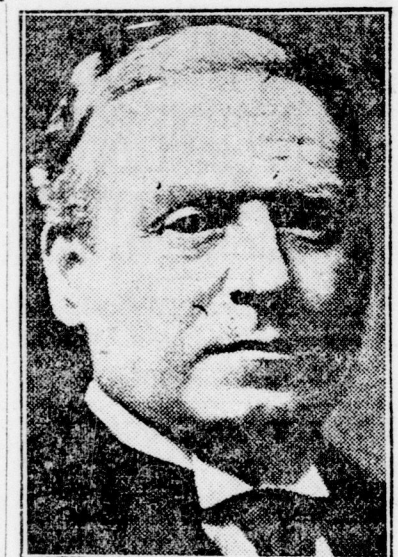
The corridors leading to the suite were jammed with anxious patients, while the suite of the clinic were questioned in regulating a line-up outside.

Among the patients were many from various parts of the province of Ontario, while one woman stated she had come from Western Canada.

Convicts Cause \$30,000 Damage

Surrender After Day of Terror At Coal Mines.

Associated Press Despatch.
Montevideo, Ala., Jan. 12.—Damage amounting to \$30,000 was caused by the escape of convicts who last night surrendered after a day of terror at mines of Thomas Weller Coal Company at Aldrich, according to estimates today by D. A. Thomas, president of the company.



HON. H. H. ASQUITH.

who once again, asserts that the Liberal Party will do nothing to help the government to remain in power.

PALATINATE ACTION OF FRENCH RAPPED

English Paper Urges Inquiry Into Separatist Movement At Once.

FLAYS RUHR SITUATION

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Jan. 13.—Commenting on the separatist movement in the Bavarian Palatinate, the Times calls urgently for an inquiry into the whole question, and urges the French to what it describes as their convenience with the Republicans.

Whatever exiguous local support has been obtained for the separatist movement, the newspaper asserts, has been won at the point of the bayonet. It also condemns "the somewhat similar situation in the Sarre Valley," where it says France "firmly established herself economically, and is trying to force the inhabitants to use the French language."

"A deliberate policy of oppression," the Times continues, "is being pursued in Western Europe, which is likely to confirm the German desire for vengeance."

TWO BABES MEET TERRIBLE DEATH

Crushed Between Elevator and Ceiling in Worcester, Mass., Hospital.

Associated Press Despatch.

Worcester, Mass., Jan. 14.—Caught between the door and the ceiling of a runaway elevator, two babies were crushed to death in the city hospital last night. The mother of one watched her baby die. Miss Ruth Deck, a student nurse, who was in charge of the children, is under a doctor's care, suffering from shock. The babies, one a daughter born December 21 to Mrs. Edward Young, and the other a son born January 3 to Mrs. Harvey Curry, with seven other infants were on their way to the nursery after having been with their mothers. The nine children had been placed in a long crib on a truck wheeled onto the elevator. Officials said the elevator was slightly below the floor level and Miss Deck gave it a slight tug to bring it up a few inches. The crib shot up and the crib slid partially out. Before the lift was stopped the two babies had been crushed against the ceiling. The other seven escaped injury.

Attorney Ben Warren met his death a few weeks ago in an accident in this same elevator.

BRITISH WILL ATTEMPT AROUND-WORLD FLIGHT

Plan To Circumnavigate Globe Soon After U. S. Planes Leave.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Jan. 13.—British aviators will try to match exploits with the American airmen when the latter start their round-the-world flight from Seattle next April, by a flight in the opposite direction.

Equipped with a powerful Vimy Amphibian plane of 450-horsepower, Squadron Leader A. S. MacLaren, distinguished British pilot of long war and post-war experience, will attempt to circumnavigate the globe soon after the United States teams start. He will be accompanied by Flying Officer W. N. Pienberleith and Engineer Sergeant Andrews, two other veterans of the air.

AMERICA'S DEBT SHOWS BIG INCREASE OVER 1912

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, Jan. 13.—The public debt of the entire country aggregated \$32,786,715,000 at the close of 1922, and was more than four and three-quarter times what it was in 1912. Announcement of this figure was made today by the census bureau in a preliminary summary of the decennial census on wealth, debt and taxation. It is equivalent to \$301.5 for each person in the country.

ORDERS ISSUED TO SHAREHOLDERS TO PAY DOUBLE

All Shareholders Summoned To Show Cause For Not Complying.

DEMAND INQUIRY

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Jan. 13.—Another step in the legal proceedings against the shareholders of the Home Bank was taken Saturday when a formal printed summons with a list of the names of all the contributors attached thereto was sent by registered mail to every one of the 1,800 or more shareholders notifying them to show cause, either personally or through a lawyer on or before February 15, 1924, at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, why they should not pay up the amounts unpaid on their shares, and also double the amount in addition, known as the double liability.

The summons further warns the shareholders that if they do not, before February 13 next, file reasons showing why they are not liable to pay, then on February 15 their names will be settled on the list as contributories and compelled to pay the amounts claimed in each case by the issue of an execution against their goods and property within fourteen days thereafter.

R. A. Reid, barrister, Toronto, when asked about this latest phase of the proceedings, said he was taking immediate steps on behalf of his clients to bring the liquidators and bank of officers before special examiners for thorough examination and inquiry into the whole financial position, resources and assets of the bank, as he contends, so far as his shareholder clients are concerned, that they are not liable to pay any money to the bank or the liquidators until all the assets and resources of the bank have been first realized upon, and the shareholders then called upon for any shortage or deficiency up to the amount of their shares.

"We are prepared to carry this matter to the privy council, if necessary," Reid said, "in order to find out what our rights are."

BIGGS WILL NOT LEAD FARM PARTY

Declines Offer and Says He Is Out of the Running.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Hamilton, Jan. 13.—Hon. F. C. Biggs, former Ontario minister of public works, announced today that he would not be the leader of the Farmer-Labor group in the Provincial House. "I am out of the running," he said.

The position was offered to Hon. W. E. Roney, Hon. Manning Doherty and Hon. F. C. Biggs in turn, it is understood, and all have declined the honor. In making the offer, the U. P. O. leaders made it clear that the choice would be temporary, as the permanent leader of the Farmers, or Progressive forces, is to be selected at a public convention to meet in a few months.

LEVERHULME'S PLAN AROUSSES CRITICISM

British Manufacturer Maintains "White Australia" Policy Retarding Development.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Jan. 14.—The Daily Mail's Sydney correspondent says Viscount Leverhulme, who is at present in New South Wales, has aroused a storm of criticism by declaring that the Australian continent is unable to develop without colored labor. Critics of Viscount Leverhulme's statement are appearing in such diverse quarters as the leader of the Labor party and the president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Viscount Leverhulme, who at first expressed the opinion at Newcastle, N. S. W., that the "white Australia" policy was retarded by the development of the commonwealth, has modified his statement. He now says he would not favor admitting Indians or South Sea Islanders to the commonwealth, as their homes are too near Australia.

SIX WEEKS ILLNESS ENDS IN DEATH OF DR. A. A. MOON

The death occurred in this city yesterday of Dr. Athol Alexander Moon, aged 35, after a six-weeks' illness. Dr. Moon formerly practiced in Windsor.

He was a veteran of the Great War, having enlisted as a private with the C. A. M. C. in 1915, and served in Egypt.

He is survived by his widow, Winifred Moon, of Windsor.

ENGLISH TRADE BOARDS WARN AGAINST DELAY

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Jan. 14.—Letters have been written to Premier Baldwin, Mr. Asquith and Ramsay MacDonald by the Association of British Chambers of Commerce expressing grave concern with regard to any delay in the ratification of the economic and financial arrangements made by the imperial conferences.

The resolutions passed by the imperial and economic conferences, if carried into effect, should assist the development of the empire and relieve unemployment at home, therefore it hopes that the party leaders will assist in the ratification of the conference arrangements.



J. H. LANGFORD, master of Acadia Lodge, No. 150, who presided on Saturday night at a meeting of his lodge, when Rt. Wor. Bro. Thomas H. Martin of Ilderton paid his official visit.

CHILLY SPELL IS ONLY TEMPORARY, SEERS DECLARE

"Open" Winter Is Still the Cry of Weather Prognosticators.

A BALMY WEEK

Lowering temperatures and dozens of frost-bitten ears, fail to daunt the numerous weather seers who have been predicting an "open" winter. Although Londoners awoke this morning with cold noses and discolored frozen milk bottles on the stoop, prophets claim the chilly spell is only temporary. Within a week, they claim, seers will be saying, "those weathermen were right after all."

When the alarm clock buzzed this morning, however, and every workman in the city was compelled to brave the assaults of a cutting wind, it looked very much as if the prognosticators had missed a guess. Later the mercury crawled up a bit, but even the 15-point advance does not justify high hopes that balmy spring days are in the offing.

This morning the thermometer hit rock bottom. That is to say, it slid down to its lowest level since the New Year was born. It was 7 above at 6 a.m., and about 21 above a few hours later. Perhaps there will be slush on the streets before Tuesday morning.

A clear balmy week is believed to be upon us, seers contend. The slight fall of snow on Sunday, and the cold weather resulting from lowered temperatures, shall disappear before Tuesday, they add.

Eighty are killed. Manila, Jan. 12.—Eighty members of the Coloman, a religious society were killed at Buena Vista last night in a clash in which a number of constabulary soldiers were slain, officials from Surigao, disclosed today.

MEDICAL EXPERTS ADVISE AGAINST IODINE IN WATER

Drs. Downham and Hill Believe Tablet or Chocolate Form the Best.

WILL FIGHT GOITRE

Should the suggestion that children of the city public schools be treated with iodine as a means of combating the goitre menace, made by Dr. W. S. Downham, civic health officer to the board of education, meet with their approval, it is unlikely the city health authorities would adopt the method of administering iodine in the form of a tablet or chocolate form would be more beneficial.

In Rochester, N.Y., experiments are now being made in regard to the prevention of goitre. Iodine salts are placed in city water each six months for periods of three weeks each, the theory being that sufficient iodine is stored in the system of the user then to supply the needs of the thyroid gland the remainder of the year.

Dr. Downham points out that although this plan is an excellent one, the fact that iodine salts unite with starch to form a blue solution makes it impracticable. "Laundries would be unable to operate providing much starch was present in the water," said Dr. Downham.

Dr. Hill's opinion is that a wider distribution of iodine could be obtained through, table salt, which everyone uses. Iodine is generally present in crude sodium chloride (table salt), but it passes through so many stages of purification before it reaches the consumer that all iodine is extracted, Dr. Hill stated. A special method of purification would have to be instituted.

It is likely the city health authorities will this year take steps to fight goitre. London, being an inland city and far from the sea coast, is in the goitre belt, and it is said many London children suffer from this disease.

"An examination of all children in the city should be made," said Dr. Hill, "to find out first exactly how many are suffering, and then wise to administer iodine through the water supply as many people who are not troubled with goitre would have to drink the water."

ROBERT SHERRY.

Robert Sherry, a resident of lot 23, concession 1, River road, London township, died last night in his 82nd year. The funeral will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from his late residence to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Rev. Mr. Chapman will conduct the services.

Woman Is Electrocuted By Heater While Bathing

Mrs. Rowen Williams of Grafton Street Dies in Bathtub.

HEAVILY CHARGED.

Falls Into Arms of Husband and Expires Almost Instantly.

Mrs. Rowen Williams, 39, wife of David Williams, 25 Grafton street, was electrocuted while bathing at her home Saturday night, shortly after 10 o'clock.

While standing in a bathtub, Mrs. Williams reached over to remove an electric heater, not knowing that it had become charged. As she took hold of it the full current passed through her and a few seconds later she fell unconscious into her husband's arms.

Speaking to a representative of The Advertiser, Mr. Williams said that a few minutes after Mrs. Williams had entered the bathroom, he heard her scream. He rushed into the room to find her standing in water, wreathed in agony and still clutching the heater.

"As I entered she gasped 'Oh, David!—the last words she uttered, and fell into my arms.'"

So great was the charge that it was found necessary to break the heater to remove it from Mrs. Williams' fingers, while Mr. Williams himself had considerable difficulty in releasing his wife's hands. Gaspings, Mrs. Williams was carried to a bedroom and medical aid hurriedly summoned.

Drs. Conneland, Williams and Seaton, after working over an hour, failed at resuscitation, and Coroner Dr. Robert Ferguson was called. He deemed an inquest unnecessary.

Mrs. Williams had lived in London for the past 17 years, during which time she took an active interest in all church work of the Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church. She taught Sunday school for a number of years, and was a member of the Women's Missionary Society.

Her maiden name was Smith, and she was born at Dorchester. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, Hazel and Violet, aged 10 and 12, respectively. Three sisters also survive, Gertrude Smith of this city, Mrs. William Smith of Dorchester, and Mrs. May Smith of this city; one brother also resides here.

The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon from her residence to Woodland Cemetery. The Rev. Mr. Cree of Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church will conduct the services.

PHILADELPHIA GETS REAL "CLEANING UP"

Brigadier-General Butler Gets Results From Raids in All Parts of City.

Associated Press Despatch.
Philadelphia, Jan. 14.—Brigadier-General Snedley D. Butler's offensive against crime and vice of all sorts in Philadelphia has resulted in a complete rout of the enemy, according to the claims of police officers.

As the start of the new year, the general took over the office of director of public safety under Mayor Kendrick last Monday were said by Superintendent of Police Mills today to have sent law-breakers of every description scurrying to cover. The oldest men on the force, he said, could not recall such activity in the police department as followed Director Butler's order to "clean up the city."

Official reports made public today by Superintendent Mills showed that 434 raids were made in the six-day period ended last night, and that every variety of law-breaking establishment was included in the places visited. Official figures on the number of arrests were not available, but unofficial estimates placed them at between 1,000 and 1,500. The places raided included saloon-keepers, bartenders, proprietors of gambling houses, peddlers of narcotic drugs, inmates and proprietors of "speakeasies." In addition, rapacious bootleggers were taken into scores of corner loungers and alley custody.

FIRE DESTROYS WIARTON STORE

H. S. Loney and Sons Sustain Loss of \$15,000 in Early Morning Blaze.

Special to The Advertiser.

Warton, Jan. 14.—An early morning blaze of unknown origin gutted the establishment of H. S. Loney & Sons, leading grocers of this town, and caused damage of about \$15,000, most of which is covered by insurance.

The fire was first discovered at 2:15, when smoke began to seep through the walls of the house occupied by the McClure family next door. The firemen were on the scene in a few minutes, but the blaze had gained such a headway that efforts to save the building or part of the stock were seen as useless and after a hard fight the fire was checked from spreading to the adjoining buildings.

The building occupied by the Loney firm is owned by William Irwin, who is at present wintering at Miami, Florida.

Insurance carried on the floor and feed stock amounts to \$7,500, while the building itself is insured for \$3,000.

ACTIVE BUILDING PROGRAM IS SEEN DURING SPRING

Inspector Piper Expects 1924 Will Be Period of Construction.

RENTS ARE HIGH

An active home building program which is expected to eclipse that of last year will commence here in the spring, real estate officials believe. Just now building is comparatively quiet, but such a condition usually exists before construction begins, about March or April.

Rents and building costs struck their highest level in sixty years last year at this time, but a slight diminution has been recorded since the beginning of the new year. It now costs the average family \$6.93 a week to maintain a household. Six-room month is a little more than \$28. No change one way or the other is anticipated during 1924.

No building permits for the erection of apartment houses have been received by Building Inspector A. M. Piper, but he expects an exceptionally active period of home construction, London, according to The Advertiser. The Gazette does not compare favorably with other cities, Dominion statistics showing rents here to be about the highest in Ontario, running neck and neck with those of Windsor. Six-room houses with modern conveniences are renting at between \$30 and \$45 a month, which is higher than Hamilton, Brantford, Toronto and Woodstock. This is about 20 per cent over the average for Ontario and represents the highest range with one exception in Canada.

"It will be interesting to note whether 1924 proves as active as the preceding year in the way of home building," Inspector Piper said. "The absence of citizens during the winter naturally tends to depress rents temporarily, but when they come back a big building program will begin."

ENGLISH CAPITALISTS SEEK HYDRO SYSTEM

Hon. F. M. Black, Provincial Treasurer, States Offer Has Been Made.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Jan. 14.—Whatever may be said about the English climate—and some of the things have been said—it has been a healthy one for the populace for the last twelve months. Never was there a year in which the public health was so good, epidemics so few and death rates so low. In the great towns of England the death rate for 1923 was 11.5 per thousand, against 12.5 in 1922. In London the rate was 11.3 per thousand, against a previous lowest of 12.4 in 1921. Twelve years ago 130 babies in every 1,000 failed to live for a year; in 1921 the infant mortality was 73, but in 1923 it was 53 for England and Wales and just over 69 for London. According to the registrar-general's figures, London's suburbs are among the healthiest spots in the British Isles.

REBELS CONCENTRATING FOR GIGANTIC BATTLE

Associated Press Despatch.
Mexico City, Jan. 14.—War department officials believe the biggest battle of the revolution is near at hand. Rebels on the Jalisco front are being concentrated at La Piedad in the State of Michoacan, and are preparing to give battle to the federal troops advancing from San Marcos, the officials said.

The revolutionary troops are being concentrated at La Piedad to the number of 8,000.

EDINBURGH CASTLE IS EXCHANGED FOR WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Little Mrs. Smith settled back in her comfy davenport facing the bright fire and turned her blue eyes to the rather florid old painting of Westminster Abbey over the mantel. She pursed her lips and glancing across at her husband who was buried in the paper, and toasting his feet at the blaze, tapped him on the knee and whispered, "what made you buy that picture? You know I never cared for it. It's too dark for this room. It needs a brighter room than our own. There it is, that's the way. I've very thing, who was practical, if not overly blessed with an appreciation of art in oils, grunted without looking up. 'No I never cared for it either, but we can't afford to buy another set and we can't have a bare space in the wall. So what can you do? You've heard, Jess, put on your thinking cap and get us a better one!'"

His wife's half listening and gazing at the paper he was reading suddenly jumped to her feet and seizing the paper with wifely lack of ceremony exclaimed: "There it is, that's the way. I've very thing, who was practical, if not overly blessed with an appreciation of art in oils, grunted without looking up. 'No I never cared for it either, but we can't afford to buy another set and we can't have a bare space in the wall. So what can you do? You've heard, Jess, put on your thinking cap and get us a better one!'"

The docile John, who followed his wife's pointing finger on the page, read "For Sale, a very fine steel engraving of Edinburgh Castle by Greene. In old mahogany frame. Cheap, owner leaving city. Phone 1111."

He grinned at his good lady's exclamation. "You've killed two birds with one stone, little girl. If you are going to get your picture through the classified columns, you might as well sell our Westminster Abbey the same way."

So she rang up and got her engraving, and the next day put in a classified ad. By the time Edinburgh Castle arrived, Westminster Abbey had been promised to an inquirer who saw the little notice in The Advertiser. Thus a London home achieved one of its desires and Mrs. Smith can enjoy her davenport in untroubled comfort.

GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE EARLY STEPS TO AVERT STRIKE

Baldwin Administration Likely To Remain Unless Railway Problems Are Settled.

CABINET TO MEET

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Jan. 14.—Public attention today was fixed as much upon the special meeting of the Trades Union Council, called to discuss the threatened railroad strike, upon the political situation, not only because of the influence the council may be able to exert when averting a strike, but because of the possibility of political events being immediately affected by the action of the locomotive men.

Should efforts to placate the latter fall and should the strike be called off the week-end, as is expected, the Baldwin government will probably still hold power and the question of turning it out at a moment when the whole country's transportation system is in chaos may be a moot one. In some quarters, cause those eager to succeed the present ministry to pause. On the other hand, it is recognized that if the strike should not be averted, the public universally dreads, which the public universally dreads, which the public universally