

# London Evening Advertiser

## SECONDER EXPECTS UNION TO PASS

### Slim Williams Goes To Prison For Remainder of His Life

#### L. J. LADNER SURE BILL FOR UNION WILL PASS

Member For South Vancouver  
Will Second Adoption on  
Final Reading.

FORKE WILL MOVE

Liberal Will Be Chosen To Act  
As the Chief Spokesman.

The church union bill is going to pass the House of Commons.

This is the opinion of L. J. Ladner, the Conservative federal member for South Vancouver, who has been chosen by the unionist forces to second the bill's adoption on the final reading.

The member for the West told The Advertiser that he was prepared to act in that capacity. He explained that in all probability Robert Forke, the Progressive leader, would move the adoption, while a member of the Liberal party would be the chief spokesman.

The unionists planned to have their bill moved by a Progressive, seconded by a Conservative, with a Liberal for the chief spokesman. Mr. Ladner reports that he was approached as a prospective supporter, and he accepted.

It was the frank opinion of the member for South Vancouver that the bill would pass the Ottawa House and become law. His personal view is that this act would be sufficient without further legislation by the provinces.

Discussing the coming liquor referendum in British Columbia, Mr. Ladner spoke of the "dry" forces as being more or less "down at the heels." The approaching contest is not actually a struggle between the "drys" and "wets," but more between those who favor "government control" as in vogue there, and the proposal to sell retail beer in the hotels.

It appears from his report that dissatisfaction as to the governmental control system emanates also from the "moderate wets," who would have been sold again in the hotels. But the chances of complete prohibition in British Columbia are very remote, he believes.

#### BLAZE IN QUEBEC CITY CAUSES \$300,000 LOSS

Canadian Press Despatch, Quebec, April 12.—Fire involving a loss estimated as high as \$300,000 in the business section of the city, completely gutted the wholesale drygoods warehouse of W. McLymont & Sons at the corner of St. Antoine and St. Peter's streets this morning.

#### SPARE PARTS ARRIVE

Vancouver, April 12.—A few parcels containing spare parts for the British round-the-world flyers have reached Jericho Beach, Royal Canadian Air Force flying field, and will be held there pending decision whether the fliers will go east via Prince Rupert or Vancouver.

#### The Weather

##### FORECASTS.

Today—Moderate winds; partly cloudy and becoming somewhat milder.

Sunday—A few scattered showers.

Pressure is high on the Atlantic.

Pacific coasts with centers of low over Alberta, Lake Superior and the southwest states. The weather over the Dominion has been cool with light snow or rain in some sections of the western provinces.

Temperatures.

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

Stations. High Low Weather

Victoria. 52 46 Cloudy

Calgary. 54 28 Fair

Winnipeg. 26 8 Fair

Port Arthur. 34 20 Fair

S. S. Marie. 28 16 Snow

Cochrane. 24 4 Clear

Toronto. 44 33 Fair

Kingston. 40 32 Cloudy

Ottawa. 42 36 Fair

Montreal. 36 30 Fair

Quebec. 36 26 Clear

St. John. 40 26 Fair

Halifax. 38 35 Clear

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

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

Highest, 47; lowest, 24.

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

Highest, 37; lowest, 34.

Barometric Readings.

Friday—8 p.m., 29.22.

Today—8 a.m., 29.16.



WILL SEEK SILVER CUPS.

The eight boys and girls who will contest the silver cups offered by the Ryerson Mothers' Club, at the annual oratory contest and concert to be held at the school on Wednesday night of next week, as they were caught by The Advertiser photographer yesterday afternoon. From left to right they are: Joseph Benson and Fred Parry, senior boys; James Walker and Alvin Will, junior boys. Top—Mary Sawyer and Gretta Campbell, senior girls; Mary Moran and Janet Cantlon, junior girls.

#### THREATENED STRIKE IS BROUGHT TO CLOSE

Executive Members For Postal  
Workers Return To Homes  
From Ottawa.

THINK WORK TO GO ON

London Delegate Not Expected  
To Attend Conference in  
Toronto.

The threatened strike of the Canadian postal workers, that was expected to take place at midnight Monday, has been declared off for the present. The members of the executive of the Postal Workers' Association that have been at Ottawa conferring with the civil service commission regarding the upward revision of postal salaries returned to Toronto yesterday.

Local postal workers have not yet been informed as to what transpired at Ottawa yesterday, but the fact that the strike has been called off would indicate that the civil service commission is about to go on with the work of salary revision.

It is expected that tomorrow will see a large attendance at the postal workers' meeting when the result of the executive's last week in Ottawa will be gone over. It is not likely that a representative will go from the executive to the meeting, as the strike is off, and that as these would be merely wait the outcome of the Sunday conference.

#### NO STRIKE MONDAY.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, April 12.—There will not be a strike in the postal service on Monday. Leaders of the Canadian Federation of Postal Employees today informed the government that since willingness had been shown to wait until sufficient time had been given for action, if action is acceptable to the service at large the postal leaders state, the strike order stands.

#### CLUBS RENTAL ON Y GOLF COURSE EXPENSE

Utilities Manager Points Out  
Committee Would Have an  
Adequate Supply.

The only expense on the proposed municipal golf course in the city of clubs if a rental fee of 25 cents for a set of four clubs, so that one of the objections raised by some golfers is removed. E. V. Buchanan, who is one of its most enthusiastic supporters, stated that there would be a number of clubs in the possession of the committee looking after the course, and that as these would be rented, there was no great expense involved as far as clubs were concerned.

He added also that this civic golf course being in the proximity of the motor camp, where all the tourists stay in the summer time, would insure these temporary residents of the city to stay, as most tourists in these days are golfers in any case, and a round of golf is the best thing in the world for getting rid of the stiffness of a long run in a car.



ROBERT FORKE.

leader of the Progressive wing in the House of Commons, who will move the adoption of the church union bill when it comes up for its third reading.

#### POINTS TO OTHER SIDE OF RAILWAY QUESTION

Commissioner Harley Declines  
To Comment Until Problem  
Fully Considered.

"There are always two sides to any question," reminds Frank Harley, member of the Port Stanley Railway Commission, when questioned as to his attitude respecting the request from the city council that the summer season be inaugurated May 1.

"I suppose the council has considered the question from every angle before they made the request," Commissioner Harley stated. "I suppose they have considered whether it would be good business for the railway."

It was his impression that provision had already been made for the summer fares on certain days in the week for those who would go to the lakeside early to attend to their gardens, etc.

It was pointed out, however, that the council is demanding the summer fares for every day from May 1. Commissioner Harley declined any comment until he had had time to consider both sides of the question.

#### NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL FAILURES DROPS IN WEEK

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, April 12.—Fifty-four commercial failures occurred throughout the Dominion and Newfoundland during the week ended yesterday, compared with 79 for the corresponding week a year ago. Almost half of the week's failures, 24, were reported from the province of Ontario. Quebec Province had 13, Alberta 8, Manitoba 3, Nova Scotia 2, and Saskatchewan, British Columbia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland 1 each.

#### MINISTERS OPPOSED TO CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Barristers Believe Substitution  
of Life Term Would  
Increase Crime.

WARNING TO OTHERS

Sir Adam Beck Points to the  
Number of Murders in  
Michigan.

While London clergymen are virtually as one in advocating the abolition of capital punishment, local barristers, for the most part, believe the substitution of life imprisonment for the death penalty would increase crime.

Some ministers stated they had not as yet come to a definite opinion regarding the merits or demerits of the system, but those who had studied the question in all its aspects were emphatically against it.

Rev. W. R. McIntosh of the King Street Presbyterian Church believes murderers should be "given another chance." "There is no indication that life imprisonment for murderers tends to increase homicide," he said. "Gradually force must be supplanted by love."

"Instead of hanging a man, I think it would be much more effective if the state attempted to build up his character and make a useful citizen of him. The taking of life is not the fault of the murderer so much as it is the fault of society. Crime depends on heredity and environment. Our social state is responsible for our criminals, and it seems deplorable that man should pay a severe penalty for the defects of a man-made organization which we call the social system."

Rev. J. Bruce Hunter of the First Methodist Church quoted the First error of Sir Sing Sing prison, New York, when questioned as to his attitude on capital punishment.

Article Effective.

"I read an article by the Sing Sing official in a magazine," he said, "and it had a profound effect on me. This man, who comes in hourly contact with criminals of all descriptions, is Please See Page 2, Column 5."

#### GRAY-HAIRED WOMAN TAKEN FOR SWINDLING

Mrs. Anna Beswick Admits  
"Robbing" Second Husband  
of \$50,000.

Associated Press Despatch.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 12.—Arrested on charges of swindling two men out of \$50,000, Mrs. Anna Beswick, a gray-haired, middle-aged woman, admitted, according to the police, that she was a bigamist and had committed forgery to placate blackmailers who threatened to expose her to her second husband, William C. Martin, president of a storage company, and vice-president of a suburban bank.

She admitted the detectives declared, that she had "robbed" Martin of at least \$50,000, all of which was turned over to the alleged blackmailers, whom she named as Herbert Russell and Erwin Hamilton, and whose arrest she caused shortly after being taken into custody herself.

Mrs. Beswick said she was the mother of eighteen children by her first husband, Samuel E. Beswick, a carpenter, and that nine of them were living.

#### LIBRARY WILL HAVE LADIES' READING-ROOM

Installation of New Quarters To  
Improve Plan of Ground  
Floor.

A ladies' reading room is to be added to the many privileges of the public library. Alterations are now under way to provide for the new room.

The reference annex will be moved upstairs to a section of the general reading room, which will be partitioned off for the purpose. It is the intention to use the annex room of the ground floor for the ladies' reading room, and the present reading room in the stack room will be given over to much-needed shelf space there.

It is expected that six weeks will be required to complete the alterations, which will not only add a room for the ladies but improve the plan of the ground floor.



CHARLES W. DAWES.

chairman of the committee of experts which has drawn up a new reparations scheme. Mr. Dawes was elated when he learned the reparations commission had unanimously approved the report.

#### COUNTY SPENDS \$4,000 ON ROADS

Keeping Highways Free From  
Snowdrifts Proves Costly  
Job.

Although the County of Middlesex spent \$4,000 during the winter months to keep the roads free from snowdrifts, the actual cost to the county will be but \$1,800, County Engineer Charles Talbot stated today.

"Most of the work was done on the suburban roads and the county pays for but 20 per cent of that work," Mr. Talbot explained.

During the last four months county road expenditures totalled about \$12,000, some \$3,000 being expended on graveling and other contract work in December. Of this amount, the actual cost to the county is about \$4,000.

#### LARGE DEPUTATION WILL BE PRESENT AT MEETING

Ald. John Anderson stated today that a large deputation would wait upon the finance committee when the market bylaws are considered, including the mayor's so-called "huckster" legislation. Farmers, storekeepers in the rural districts adjacent to London, and the so-called "hucksters" will be represented, he reported.

#### 25 BOWLERS ARRIVE.

Twenty-five C. N. R. bowlers from Hamilton arrived in the city today at noon on train No. 17 to play a return match with the local C. N. R. bowlers at the National Bowling Alleys this afternoon.

#### WRIT AGAINST H. F. BAKER.

McEvoy & Henderson have issued a county court writ on behalf of R. S. Adams of Hamilton against H. F. Baker, for damages alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the defendant in driving a motor car.

#### Great Britain Has Lifted Cattle Embargo From U.S.

Will Let American Cattle Into  
Canada From Certain  
Districts.

ANNOUNCEMENT SHORTLY

Department of Agriculture Pre-  
pares To Follow Up the  
British Move.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Ottawa, April 12.—Lifting of the embargo on the shipment of cattle from the United States for slaughter in Great Britain in so far as it affects those animals originating east of the western boundaries of the states of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico, was received here today by the federal department of agriculture.

The text of the cablegram received this morning from Great Britain and made public by Dr. Grisdale, deputy minister of agriculture states: "Ministry of agriculture states shipments permitted to Great Britain for slaughter in that part of the United States lying east of western boundaries of states of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico."

Questioned by the Canadian Press as to the probable effect the partial lifting of the embargo on United States cattle by the British government would have on the embargo established by the Canadian government on United States cattle, which was precipitated by the outbreak of the foot and mouth disease among cattle in the far western states, Dr. Grisdale said that the department of agriculture was preparing to have Canadian cattle admitted into Canada from territory east of the boundaries specified in the cablegram from the British government. An official announcement regarding this is expected shortly.

#### 100,000 MEN IN BRITISH SHIPYARDS LOCKED OUT

Striking Members of Unions  
Failed To Resume Work  
Yesterday.

APPEAL TO OWNERS

Will Withdraw Lockout as Soon  
as Southampton Men  
Resume Labor.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, April 12.—About 100,000 shipyard workers throughout Great Britain are locked out today in consequence of the failure of the striking members of their unions in Southampton to resume work yesterday in conformity with the ultimatum of the Shipbuilding Employers' Federation.

The lockout is operative only at Southampton, where the yards are being kept open for the return of those men willing to go back to work. Whenever the Southampton members of any of the fifteen unions involved resume labor the lockout against their fellow members in other yards will be withdrawn, the employers declare. The union officials appealed to the owners last night to defer the measure, but the employers contended they had no alternative.

Reports from Southampton state that when the Mauretania was taken out for Cherbourg yesterday a number of skilled British workers were aboard her, having, with the assistance of employers, dodged the strikers' pickets. Enough of these mechanics are aboard, it is added, to perform all the important repair work on the liner, and only the unskilled part will be done by the French workers at Cherbourg.

STILL IN MID-CHANNEL.

Associated Press Despatch.

Cherbourg, April 12.—The liner Mauretania, being brought here for repairs in consequence of the British shipyard lockout, was still in mid-channel late this morning, although due here at midnight. The vessel, which left Southampton yesterday morning in tow is proceeding at only 11-2 knots, and is being buffeted by a tempestuous west wind.

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county court writ on behalf of R. S. Adams of Hamilton against H. F. Baker, for damages alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the defendant in driving a motor car.



WILLIAM IRVINE.

Labor M.P. for Calgary, whose bill to abolish capital punishment was defeated by a vote of 2 to 29 in the Federal House at midnight yesterday. The hangings at London were drawn into the discussion.

#### TEN THOUSAND U. S. MINERS TO STRIKE

Workers at Scranton Vote To  
Walk Out on Monday  
Morning.

Associated Press Despatch.

Scranton, Pa., April 12.—A vote to call a general strike of the 10,000 employees of the Pennsylvania and Hillside Coal and Iron Company was taken at a meeting of the general grievance committee of the company last night in Pittston. The strike would tie up ten collieries throughout the valley. It is to become effective Monday morning.

#### GOVERNMENT ALIENIST HAD EXAMINED TOPPING

Sheriff States the Official Spent  
Most of Day With the  
Prisoner.

Clarence Topping was examined by a Dominion government alienist two weeks before the execution last Thursday. Sheriff Donald Graham stated today.

A doctor bearing the proper papers arrived at the court house this morning, the sheriff stated, and he was immediately taken to Topping's cell. He stayed with the Strathroy youth for some time both morning and afternoon, and adjudged Topping perfectly sane.

Topping's uncle complained to the sheriff that his nephew had been promised another examination by Mr. Justice Lennox the day he was sentenced, and wanted to know why the promise hadn't been carried out. The sheriff advised him to get in touch with officials at the department of justice.

#### EGG LAW PROSECUTIONS CEASE TEMPORARILY

Venders Now Recognizing the  
Act, States Major  
T. J. Murphy.

Prosecution of violators of the live stock products act has been temporarily abandoned, following a promise from the Retail Grocers' Association that all members will live up to the law in future.

Major T. J. Murphy, who has been pressing the charges, stated this morning, vendors of eggs were now recognizing the act and doing their best to abide by its regulations.

Inspector Morrison, who is responsible for enforcement of the act, is still inspecting the eggs of market vendors. He reports that all of them are grading their eggs now since a number of convictions have been made in police court.

#### MAJORITY OF LONDON LIFE STAFF NOW VACCINATED

The London Life Insurance Company, in obedience to the suggestions of the board of health, have set a good example in the way of vaccination. Of the staff of 170, 110 have submitted to the ordeal.

#### LEAVES FOR DRESDEN.

Brigadier McAmmond of the Salvation Army is at Dresden today, where he will conduct week-end services. Adjutant Spooner goes to Ridgeway this afternoon to take over the young people's meetings that will be held there tomorrow.

#### WILLIAMS TAKEN TO KINGSTON LAST NIGHT

Melbourne Bandit Makes Last  
Trip From Middlesex Jail  
to Penitentiary.

GOVERNOR IS GUARD

Hope Term Will Be Reduced  
and Pardon Granted  
in Time.

"Slim" Williams has made his third and final trip to Kingston Penitentiary from the Middlesex County jail. A taxi whirled away from the jail last night at 7:15 and arrived at the C. N. R. depot in time to deposit Williams and his two guards, Governor Byron Dawson and High Constable Wharton on the station platform.

Manacled to one of the guards, Williams climbed aboard the smoking coach at the front of the train and left London on his last trip to prison. Williams has high hopes that his incarceration at Kingston will not last for many years. He was a model prisoner while in the penitentiary, and hopes that in ten years time he will be granted a pardon, and in that case he intends coming back to London to see a few friends.

After being captured during the Melbourne bank robbery on April 11, 1921, Williams appeared in police court and was later remanded to jail until October 1, and the latter broke jail on Sept. 2, the same year, and Williams was held at the jail in hopes that the others would be caught.

On April 9, 1922, "Slim" was sentenced on seven years in Kingston Penitentiary for the part he took in the holdup of a Chinese laundry at Wharfedale road and Beaconsfield avenue. He was brought to London last October to stand trial for murder with Sid Murrell, and the jury disagreed. In February last he was found guilty of murder, with a recommendation to mercy, and was granted a reprieve two days before he was scheduled to be hanged, the death sentence being commuted to life imprisonment.

#### PROBATION OFFICER MAKES HIS REPORT

Thirty-Five Children Appear in  
Court Within Three  
Months.

Major J. W. Bradshaw, the probation officer of the juvenile court, in his report for the first three months of this year, states that he has made 351 visits, has given 355 interviews, attended to seven adult cases in connection with the work of the London juvenile court, and disposed of 25 cases, involving children coming before the court.

Of the 35 children appearing in court, 28 were Canadian, 3 English, 2 Scottish, 1 American and 3 Italian. Charges against the children were as follows: Theft 10, shopbreaking 4, disorderly 6, breach of a bylaw 1, incontinence 1, truancy 7, and other offences 6.

#### SPRING CEREMONIAL PLANS MEETING WITH SUCCESS

Plans are running smoothly for the big spring ceremonial to be held by Theobald Sanatorium, No. 26, lodge in this city, on May 24, and from the reports submitted at last night's meeting of the various committees in the lodge rooms, it will be the biggest ceremonial of its kind ever held in Canada.

All committees reported favorably success, while the securing of the Winter Gardens for the event has been assured.

#### BARTENDERS GUESS WRONG.

New York, April 12.—The bartenders of the Cunard liner Aquitania so far overestimated the thirst of her 1,400 passengers that \$1,500 worth of ales and whiskeys had to be thrown overboard when the vessel reached the 12-mile limit.

#### Newsy Bits From Today's Classified Ads.

Norway spruce trees for sale.  
Frame cottage to let.  
Cord tire lost.  
Billiard parlor for sale.  
Kitchen range for sale.