

# FIRST STEP TAKEN TO SECURE NEW COLLEGIATES

## REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS VISIT OLD COLLEGIATES

Council, Various Clubs and Parents' Associations Are Represented.

### WILL GO TO WINDSOR

This afternoon the first visible concrete step towards securing new collegiates in London was taken when members of the board of education escorted representatives of the city council, Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, London East and London South Parents' Associations and the Union Mothers' Club around the present collegiate units.

The party, in motor, left the city hall at 2 o'clock and first visited the old Princess Avenue School, now used as the London East unit. Following this, Central was taken in the party winding-up at the London South Collegiate.

Prior to this inspection, all matters dealing with new schools have been a matter of verbal discussion, the necessity for them being pointed out in many addresses made at different meetings in the city.

On Dr. Grant's suggestion, the inspection was undertaken in order that representative citizens might see the conditions under which the high school students of the city were working and the stage of overcrowding reached as well as the condition of the two old public schools now used for collegiate purposes.

## WOMAN GIVEN FREEDOM ON PAYMENT OF FINE

Magistrate Warns Sentence Must Not Be Taken as Precedent.

Because former employers testified to her honesty and industry, Magistrate H. M. Graydon exercised extreme leniency in sentencing a local woman \$250 and costs on a charge of theft in police court today. "It always distresses me to impose a sentence," said the court, "but on a woman it is doubly hard. However, this woman had no excuse for wholesale theft of articles from the Empire B. B. Company, such as some prisoners might have. Poverty was unknown to her. Her offence was apparently prompted by avarice and greed, nothing else."

William Henderson, counsel, read letters which said the latter was in good repute among former employers. He stated that the woman would suffer if she was sentenced and spoke of the shock it would be to the husband.

The court stated that was no excuse. The woman had been found in possession of numerous tape, plumbers' supplies and other articles taken from the company in which she was employed over a period of a year or more.

## 20 Years Ago

Russia is looking for more war and would like to take a crack at Great Britain. Thinks Britain is taking advantage of the war with Japan.

The board of works meets tonight in the city hall. The work on hand is not very important, and it is doubtful if a quorum will be present.

The South London Liberal Club was formally inaugurated last night at Trebleton's Hall, Hotel C. S. S. J. M. McEvoy was among the speakers, and many of the stalwarts were there.

From the London Daily Telegraph: "Just before 4 o'clock, Mr. Chamberlain, accompanied by the honorary secretaries of the demonstration waving Union Jacks and several ladies, appeared on the platform."

## 25 Years Ago

President Felix Faure, president of the French republic, died of apoplexy last night.

The board of works met last night without a quorum, but nevertheless conducted considerable business of a routine nature.

Thomas A. Edison, famous inventor, was electrified at learning that his son, Thomas A. Edison, Jr., married Miss Marie Louise Tubey, a member of the Casino Opera Company.

## THIRTEEN PERISH AS N. Y. TENEMENT FALLS TO FLAMES

Occupants of Flimsy Structure in New York East Side Are Trapped.

### BELIEVED INCENDIARY

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Feb. 19.—Thirteen lives were snuffed out in a few minutes in a fire, believed to have been of incendiary origin, which early today swept from basement to roof of a five-story tenement in the heart of New York's Lower East Side Ghetto.

Seven of those killed were children. The blaze, fanned by a draft from the tenement's open front door, flared up the stairs, blocking escape of the eight families who occupied the building.

Some of those in the two upper stories, awakening to find the flames at their bedside, met death before they could even try to brave a dash through the roaring furnace with which they were confronted.

Terrified on opening their hall doors to find a vortex of flame rushing down from the roof through the smoke-choked corridor, the families on the lower floors retreated in panic to the windows from which they managed, in some cases by seemingly impossible means, to reach safety. Several were severely injured; others were injured in falls.

Of the dead, five were boys and two girls, four women and two men. One of the children who lost his life was an infant, whose charred body was found at the breast of its dead mother.

The fire was discovered by a passing policeman who saw smoke and flames rising against the inner side of a window. He rushed into the house and up the stairs, hammering with his fists on doors and shouting a warning.

Descending flames checked at the roof and whipping their way downward stopped him before he reached the upper stories. The front door was open as he entered, and as he dashed out he saw Louis Choenfeld, a news vendor, running from the entrance with three men at his heels. He took all four to a police station where Choenfeld, who appeared to police to be mentally deranged, babbled in answer to all questions: "I haven't got any matches; you can search me."

Later Dr. Charles S. Rubenstein of Gouverneur Hospital, recognized him as a man he had treated several times for epileptic seizures, and who, he added, had come to him for treatment late last night about an hour before the fire was discovered. He said several days ago he had taken two stitches in a cut on Choenfeld's head, and that last night he had removed the stitches.

Fire-escapes at the back of the building were cut off by fast approaching flames. Those on the third floor of the Lifschitz and Fubel families, including Mrs. Lotta Lifschitz, 90 years old, jumped to the roof of a lower adjoining building. Mrs. Lifschitz was assisted through a skylight on the adjoining structure and taken unharmed to the street.

A fireman caught in his arms a child who had jumped or been thrown from an upper-story window. At the hospital, where the child was taken, it was said recovery was probable.

George Good told the court this morning he had purchased dozens of bottles of liquor on the local market, but could not give the name of the man who sold them. Magistrate Graydon refused to believe Good did not know the man, but the prisoner stood by his story. He was fined \$50 and costs.

A search was made of Good's pockets and the liquor was discovered. He was therefore charged with unlawfully purchasing it from an unlicensed vendor. Good admitted this, but said since his wife died he had left his farm, and desired to have a supply of alcohol in his house at 58 King street.

As Good had never appeared in police court before a minimum fine was imposed. Crown Attorney Albert Judd suggested that it only be \$50.

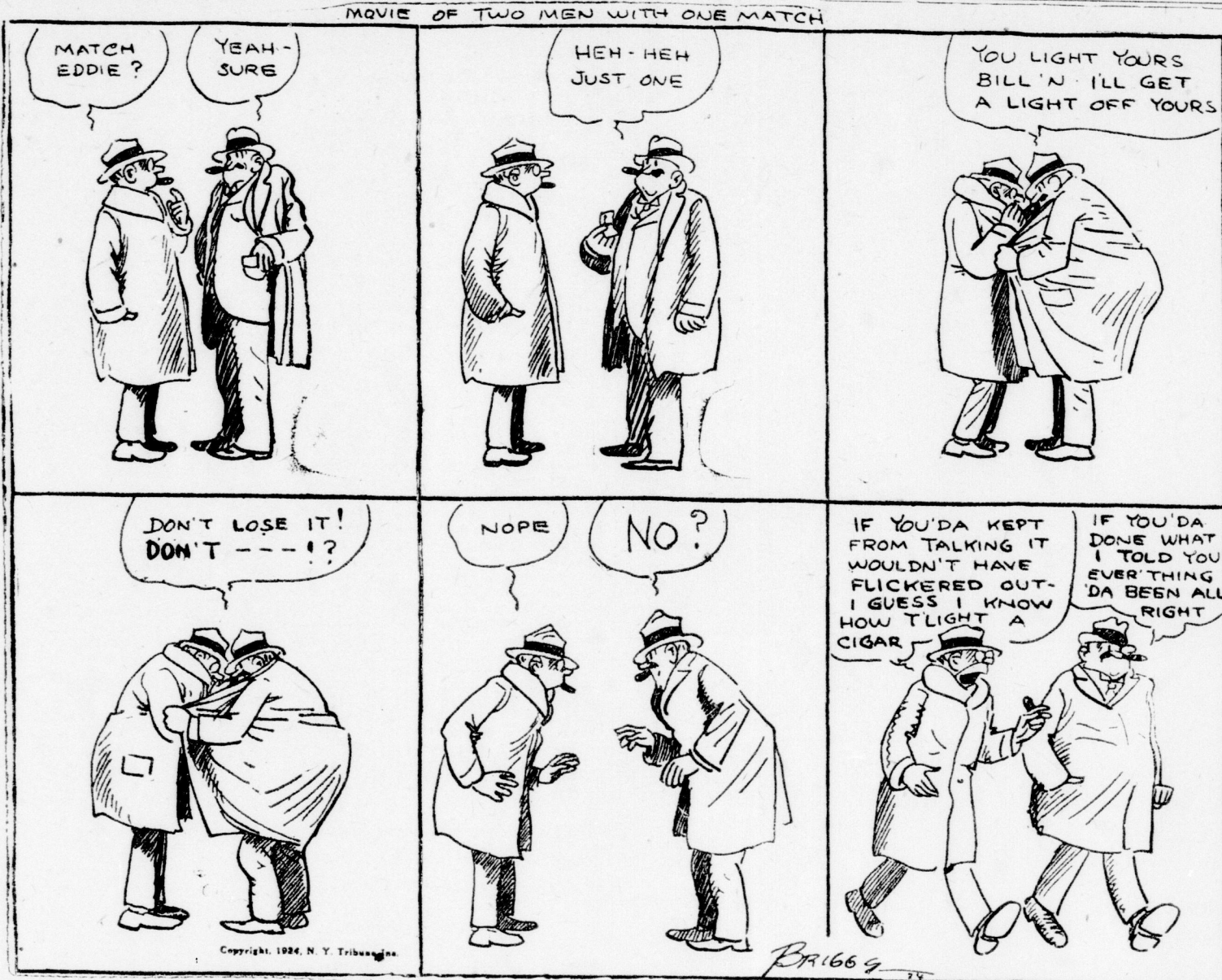
## LONDON'S BABY RATE SHOWS BIG DECREASE

Girls Show Slight Gain Over the Total Reached by Boys.

London's baby "crop" bears little promise of being an abundant one during 1924, if statistics at the city hall since the beginning of the year may be taken as a criterion.

The figures show births in the city since the beginning of the year to be almost 25 less than for the same period last year, there being only 100 babies brought into the world during January.

It is difficult, however, to state exactly whether males or females predominate. Up to the present the females show a slight gain over the males.



## DEEP THERAPY X-RAY INSTALLED

Dr. Glasser of Cleveland Standardizes New Machine in Victoria Hospital.

The deep therapy X-ray outfit at Victoria Hospital, which has recently been installed at a cost of \$5,000, was inspected and standardized yesterday by Dr. Glasser, X-ray expert of Cleveland.

The new apparatus is to be used for the treatment of cancer and similar diseases. Dr. Glasser complimented the physician at the hospital on the efficient manner in which the machine was installed and the splendid protection afforded both the operator and patient from the penetrating rays of the machine.

The outfit is installed in a large room with walls thickly lined with lead sheets to offer resistance to the X-rays. The machine can be operated from an adjoining room, the operator having a full view of the patient through a pane of lead glass. The patient lies on a bed so designed that only the portion of his body which is to undergo treatment is exposed to the rays.

## WINDSOR AGAIN LACKS A CHIEF MAGISTRATE

Election Tangle Still Unsolved As Acting Mayor Wilson Leaves For Ottawa.

Special to The Advertiser. Windsor, Feb. 18.—The city is without a mayor again today and no date has been set by officials at the city hall for the new elections ordered last week by Mr. Justice Logie in the court of appeals at Toronto. These were the developments over the week-end in the unprecedented situation caused by a supreme court decision handed down last week, which declared elections held Dec. 2 void because of irregularities.

Miss Martha A. Dickinson, city clerk, said today she hoped to have a ruling Wednesday as to whether the board of education would have to be re-elected and the hospital bylaws voted on again.

Former Mayor Herbert W. Wilson, who assumed the duties of mayor Saturday, left for Ottawa today. It was expected Frank J. Mitchell, ousted mayor and chairman of the finance committee, would act as mayor until he returned. Mr. Mitchell did not appear at the city hall, however.

Canadian Press Despatch. Moose Jaw, Sask., Feb. 19.—Charged with robbing the mails, H. A. MacDonald, C. D. Armour and J. T. B. McElroy, Dominion postal clerks, were arrested here yesterday and were remanded for a week when arraigned in court. The thefts which they are accused of are said to involve a valuable "parcel post" package.

PLAN FURTHER ACTION. As a member of the special committee of Ruggles Truck shareholders, who met yesterday, Mayor Wenige announces "further action on tap," and that "Crown Attorney Albert Judd is going to Toronto directly to consult with Attorney-General Nickle in this regard."

TAX SALE NECESSARY. A tax sale will be necessary during 1924, the city treasurer reports. About \$200,000 worth of property will be sold for unpaid taxes, the amount owing to the city being about \$8,000.



BRITISH PREMIER ON COUNTRY ESTATE. When Ramsay MacDonald spent his first week-end at Chequers, the country estate of British prime minister, he looked more like a squire or a golfer than the Socialist. Miss Ishbel MacDonald (left), Miss Jean MacDonald and the premier inspecting the sundial.

## DIAMONDS WERE LAID ASIDE, NOT STOLEN

Traveller Returns To Buffalo With M. C. R. Detectives and Finds Missing Jewels.

Special to The Advertiser. St. Thomas, Feb. 18.—The brief case containing \$18,000 in diamonds alleged to have been stolen from a traveller on train number 45 of the M. C. R. Sunday afternoon between Buffalo and St. Thomas, was located in Buffalo Sunday evening.

The train arrived in this city yesterday a much excited traveller reported the theft of his jewel case explaining that he was travelling from Buffalo to Chicago with a large supply of diamonds. He remembered taking the suitcase on the train with him but missed the jewels from it later in the journey.

Captain Cattlow and Detective Moynihan of the M. C. R. police force returned with the man to Buffalo where his brief case containing the diamonds were discovered at a place he had visited prior to taking the train. The theory is that the case was left in the excitement of catching the train.

THREE GET CERTIFICATES IN RADIO TELEGRAPHY. Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Feb. 19.—The department of marine and fisheries announces that the following candidates have been examined and granted certificates of proficiency in radio telegraphy: Amateur—T. C. Chittim, Walkerville, Ont.; C. H. Homsworth, Lis-towel, Ont.; L. R. Thompson, Lis-towel, Ont.

AWARDED CONTRACT. The Peoples Electric Company were awarded the contract for the electric fixtures at Trafalgar School, their bid being \$495. Six tenders were received, that of the Peoples Electric being the lowest.

## MAYOR ATTACKS ADOLESCENT ACT

Suggests Advantages of Higher Education Only Suitable For Professional Men.

Mayor George Wenige is not making the rounds of the schools this afternoon with members of the board of education and such representatives of other civic organizations as have been invited.

"I don't need to go," the mayor explained. "I have been in all the schools. I know conditions there. I do not need to go again as I have had my answer to the school trustees ready for months past."

"Let each teacher have a larger class," advises the mayor, and do not educate those students who are not fitted for the professions. There they will simply mark time until they have reached 16 years of age, to comply with the provisions of the adolescent school law.

The mayor agrees with the claim advanced from time to time by some public men that the adolescent school act should be optional for children of 14 years of age or older. They should be allowed to choose one of two courses, remain at school or go to work; and if they do not appear to be specially adapted for art or other professional occupations, but are of the mechanical turn of mind, allow them to leave school.

## RUSHING BUSINESS IN THE POLICE COURT

Agony of Dentist's Chair Leads to Painkiller and \$10 Fine.

"In again, out again, back again, Rush." This paraphrase of the ancient melody describes the experience of Daniel Rush, whose visit to the police department Saturday last was apparently so enjoyable that he returned this morning. Saturday he paid \$10 and costs for being disorderly. Immediately after his release, Rush rushed to a dentist, had two teeth extracted and took a couple of snorts to alleviate the pain.

Then Mr. Rush rushed into the hands of a police officer and was rushed to jail in the patrol. This constituted the second arrest of his life, and the second in three days. "I only had one or two drinks," the prisoner explained.

"You don't look sober now," said the court. "Sit down for a while." Later Rush pulled himself together and said he worked at McClary's. The court expressed the fear that if he were dismissed he would get drunk again, but the prisoner smiled denial. He was assessed \$10 and costs.

WORTHINGTON-EVANS WILL BECOME EDITOR-IN-CHIEF. Associated Press Despatch. London, Feb. 19.—It is announced that Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, a member of the Financial News, who was secretary for war in the Lloyd George government, has been appointed editor-in-chief of the Financial News. Sir Laming will be assisted by joint editors and the press will be responsible for the general policy of the paper.

CHIMNEY IFRE. A chimney fire at the Smallman Terrace, York street, gave the fire department a run at 8 o'clock this morning. The fire was extinguished with no damage.

## CITIZENS STEP TO KEEP WARM AS BITTER EAST WIND BLOWS

### Radio To Call Arctic Vessel

Radio fans are to have an exceptional opportunity of tomorrow night. Station 9XN, Chicago, has announced that it will ring W.M.P. Explorer MacMillan, in the Arctic region, and the conversation may be clearly picked up in this city. The hour will be 12 o'clock to 1, Central Standard time.

Mercury Only Slumped to 12, But Outside It Felt Like Siberia.

### COLD TOMORROW

Forecasts Indicate That Present Brand of Weather Not Yet Through.

"The first seven months are the hardest."

This phrase, said to be the swan song of real estate dealers in the Arctic circle, would seem to be equally applicable to these parts. The past two months have been almost without equal in severity, and indications are that the current brand of weather will continue almost indefinitely.

Forecasts are colder with strong northeast winds. Although the lowest point touched by the mercury this morning was 12 above, the effect was much more chilling than that. At bitter easterly breeze penetrated the thickest coonskin coat and citizens got a taste of what it feels to be leading a polar expedition when they walked to work.

Slight snowflurries are due in certain sections of Western Ontario. If the fall here is great, all records for the past decade so far as quantity is concerned will be smashed.

Among injuries inflicted, apart from general discomfort, by the ambitious east wind, were numerous colds, chills and innumerable lost tempers. Trains were still a bit off schedule, although street car transportation service is quite normal.

In various parts of the country blizzards had the effect of making the main highways impassable. The side roads are, of course, rendered useless until spring sets in.

Driving on London roads has all the thrills of an aeroplane ride. At 20 miles an hour any automobilist can attract his heart to his mouth by the simple expedient of trying to get out of the car.

Druggists claim they are enjoying a splendid trade in cold creams and other materials that rid the hands of chaps. A big demand is also registered for drugs to assuage the sting of frost bitten ears.

## PUBLIC UTILITIES EXPLAINS SYSTEM

Manager Outlines Cause of the Trouble in Trimming City Trees.

Again complaints are being made by the Horticultural Society regarding the tree trimming being carried out by the public utilities commission, with this suggestion added to the complaints, that in trimming the centers of the trees should be cleaned out, allowing the branches to grow upward.

Mr. Buchanan, general manager of the commission, when speaking about the alleged butchers who are breaking declared he had every confidence in E. E. Graham, parks superintendent, who is in charge of the trimming. He also pointed out that the work was being done as a measure of unemployment relief.

Referring to the suggestion that the center of the trees taken care of, Mr. Buchanan stated that the mistake was not with the present, but rather with the past, as when it was seen that branches were breaking out a short height above the ground they should then have been trimmed and not allowed to grow into substantial dimensions. To cut the center brush out of a tree now would not tend to make the heavier limbs grow upwards.

## CATTLE EMBARGO SOON TO BE LIFTED

Hon. W. R. Motherwell Declares Ban Was Only Intended To Be Temporary.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Feb. 19.—The lifting of the newly imposed cattle embargo may be expected almost hourly, according to Hon. W. R. Motherwell, minister of agriculture, today.

The minister stated that the embargo was designed to locate disease that has broken out among Irish cattle and that in order to do this the British authorities had found it necessary to close all ports for a brief period.

Mr. Motherwell stated that there were very few, if any, Canadian cattle in transit at the present time, and any loss suffered would be trifling. A similar embargo was imposed last fall, said the minister, but at that time a few ports were left open to take care of the Canadian trade. In this instance the embargo is of such a temporary nature that it should not cause any alarm or affect the trade.

## WOODSTOCK POLICE FIND MOST OF STOLEN PROPERTY

Special to The Advertiser. Woodstock, Feb. 18.—The seventh annual report presented by Chief A. T. Moore showed that while fewer cases were tried in court, more reports and complaints were sent in than for many years.

Automobiles stolen and recovered, 5; accidents, 60; bicycles stolen, 19; recovered, 17; bicycles lost on streets by careless owners, 48; transient offenders, 77; prosecutions, 256; females prosecuted, 6; stolen property, \$7,830.00; property recovered, \$6,842.00.

## JAPANESE CONSULATE IN BERLIN GUARDED

Associated Press Despatch. Berlin, Feb. 19.—The Japanese Embassy and consulate here are being protected by the police, information having been received that an attack against the embassy was planned by a gang of thieves. It is declared in Japanese quarters that there are no political motives behind the affair.

Queen City Asks London To Co-operate, But Officials Not Anxious.

The city of Toronto seeks the assistance of London and other municipalities in a fight in the Ontario legislature for a portion of the government's amusement tax, collected in all municipalities. But the proposal does not allow the city to keep \$1,000 and it would cost another \$5,000 to collect it.

The formal request from Toronto has been duly received by the city council and goes to the finance committee for initial consideration.

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