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UNION STATION PLAN DROPPED

Driver Escapes When Car Plunges Over Bank Into River

THORNTON PROMISES ACTION IN STATION

Two Engineers Will Come to London to Look Over Ground.

PLAN ELEVATION

Mayor States Work in Hands of the Canadian National Only.

Sir Henry Thornton has scrapped the idea of a union station for London, but engineers will be in the city tomorrow to go over plans for a new C. N. R. depot. That is the statement of Mayor Wenig, who returned from the east at noon today and declared the Canadian National Railways is ready to go on with a new depot as soon as funds are available.

There will be no union station for London, as far as the mayor knows. But a C. N. R. station is an imminent prospect, more likely for London than for Hamilton or any other applicant at the present time.

"Sir Henry has a list of vital expenditures," the mayor pointed out. "There were track improvements for Hamilton and a new dock at Seattle, and right up near the top was a station for London."

Not only will engineers look over the depot proposition here tomorrow, but track elevation will be taken up.

"The two go hand in hand," his worship points out. "They are C. N. R. enterprises solely. The city will not be called upon to help out."

According to the mayor, Sir Henry Thornton has definite plans ready to go on with a new station.

The mayor is not ready to give out any information on his conference with Sir Henry Thornton regarding the leasing of the London & Port Stanley Railway.

FRENCH NEWSPAPER SEIZED FOR OFFENSIVE CARTOON

Associated Press Despatch. Strasbourg, France, Feb. 25.—The publication of a cartoon depicting Premier Herriot holding a smoking revolver while standing over the bodies of two victims of the recent anti-Catholic riots at Marseilles, and saying: "It is not my fault; it is the fault of my revolver," yesterday caused the seizure of the newspaper by order of the prefecture of police. The newspaper is published in the Alsatian dialect and has a large circulation in the recovered provinces.

SUN YAT SEN WEAKER.

Associated Press Despatch. Peking, Feb. 25.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, south China leader, is becoming weaker daily as a result of an operation he underwent for cancer Jan. 25. He continued to lose strength today after spending a sleepless night. His mind was clear, however.

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Besides his wife, he is survived by one son, Herbert, and one daughter, Gertrude, both of this city.

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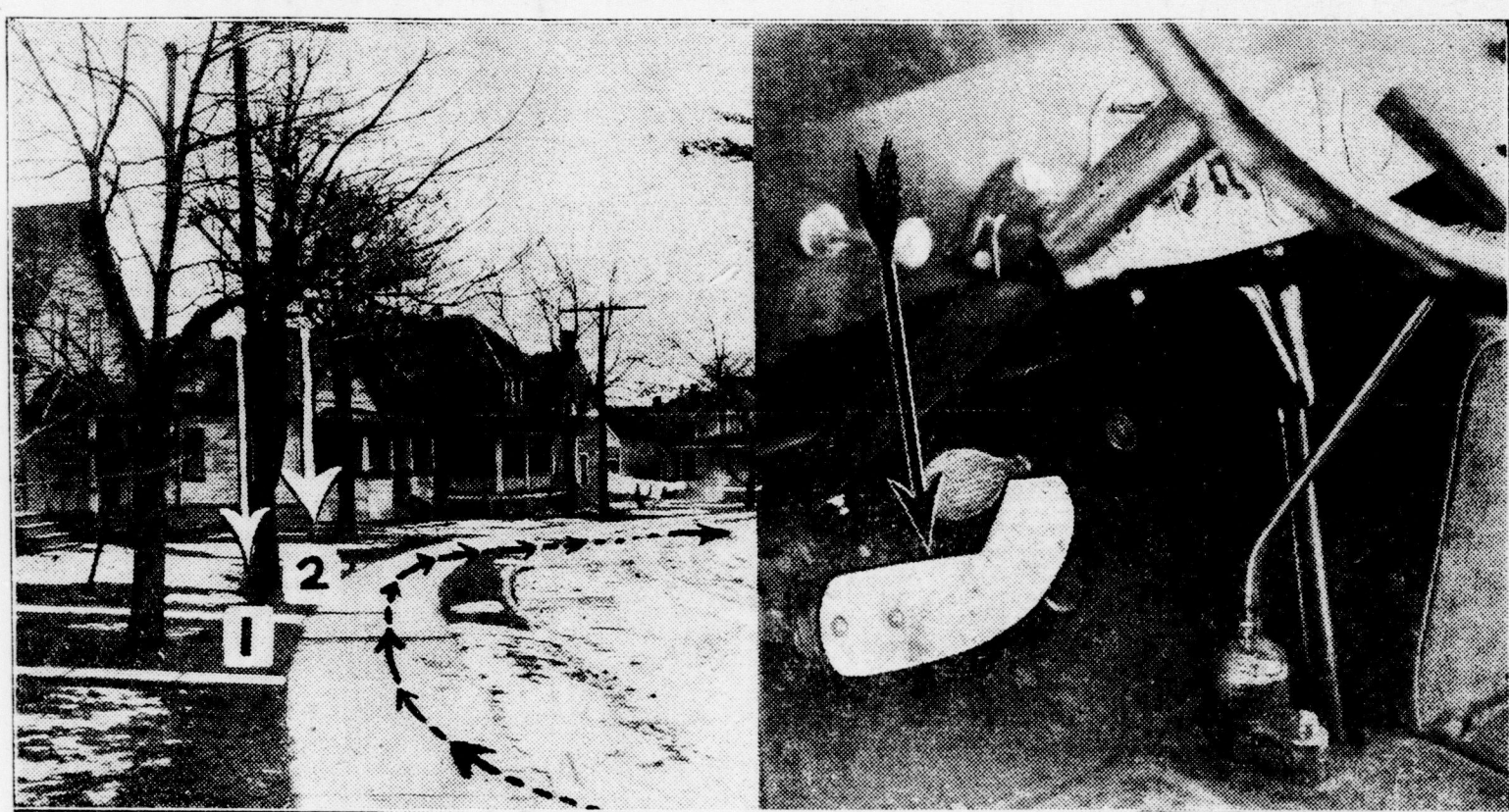
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Barometric Readings.

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How Muirhead Was Killed—Barned's Defence Depends on Car Appliance.



EDUCATION AIMS FOR REAL CITIZENS

Neil McDougal Addresses the Urban Trustees at Sixth Annual Convention.

Education's chief aim is to train the youth of this country to become worthy and efficient citizens, and his scope today includes the masses. Such was the keynote of the address delivered this morning by Inspector Neil McDougal, B.A., department of education, Toronto, before the sixth annual convention of the Urban School Trustees' association in session this week at the Tecumseh house.

"The progressive nations realize," declared Mr. McDougal, "that their general position depends upon the trained intelligence their people can bring to bear upon their national development and their international relationships."

"The chief criticism levelled at the educational system today," pursued the speaker, "is that it fails to function in practical life. This is due largely to the fact that the experiences of life are much more complex than the experiences of school."

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DEATH CAR AND SCENE OF TRAGEDY.

The upper left-hand picture shown Epworth circle in Niagara Falls, where Frank Barned of London struck and killed with his automobile Smylie Muirhead last Sept. 27, at the same time injuring Mrs. Barned, who has left her husband. The dotted line shows the path of Barned's car as it came up the left-hand side of the street. Figure 1 shows where Mrs. Barned was struck, and figure 2 shows where Muirhead's body was found. On the upper right is an interior view of Barned's car, showing the special brake and clutch attachment which he used owing to his deformity. This attachment is likely to be offered as Barned's chief defense in his trial for murder, which is now opening in Welland. The defense claims that Barned lost control of the car and that the killing was entirely accidental. The lower picture shows the death car which Barned drove and in which he escaped. Note the twisted headlight, dented fender and absence of bumper.

COUNSEL ASKS FOR DELAY IN BARNED MURDER TRIAL

Potatoes Sent To W. Ireland

Mikel Informs the Judge He Prefers To Start in Morning.

McEVROY IN SECLUSION

Special To The Advertiser By a Staff Reporter.

Welland, Feb. 25.—"I don't like the idea of starting a murder trial in the afternoon and therefore, with his lordship's permission, I will not start the murder trial of Frank Barned of London until tomorrow morning," declared Crown Prosecutor W. C. Mikel, K.C., when court adjourned for luncheon at 1:15 this afternoon. "There is a possibility, however, that the case will proceed, but I do not deem it likely," concluded Mr. Mikel.

The crown has twelve witnesses in the Barned case, the defence also having twelve, according to W. E. Henderson, acting for the prisoner in the absence of J. M. McEvoy, K.C. Rumor has it, however, that Mr. McEvoy is in seclusion at the hotel with several important defence witnesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Barned, father and mother of the young man who drove the car that killed Smylie Muirhead of Niagara Falls on Sept. 27 last, have rooms close to the court house, while several of Barned's friends are staying at hotels here.

In compliance with Mr. McEvoy's request, Barned's car was brought to the court house.

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GREEKS PROTEST ENTRY OF AMERICAN-MADE FLOUR

London, Feb. 25.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Athens says a dispute has arisen with the United States legation concerning the importation of flour into Greece. The Greek government alleges that harmful results have accrued from the over-activity of the flour and it has prohibited entry of any flour of more than 150 degrees acidity.

The despatch adds that the legation has declared that the prohibition is practically a ban on United States flour.

DR. C. O. FAIRBANK DIES IN CALIFORNIA

Prominent Citizen of Petrolia Was Well Known For Many Activities.

Major C. O. Fairbank, Petrolia, prominent oil producer and war hero, died last night at Santa Barbara, California. Telegraph information received today in London by Dr. H. A. Stevenson, ex-M. L. A., indicated that Major Fairbank had died of hardening of the arteries.

Physician, producer, and public worker, Major Fairbank was one of the most outstanding public men in Western Ontario. He enjoyed a wide and popular reputation. His father was one of the pioneers of the oil industry in Canada. Major Fairbank was three times mayor of Petrolia and one-time warden of Lambton county.

Major Fairbank's military record was a most creditable one. He was one of the original 18 students at Royal Military College, Kingston, he was graduated in 1876 and subsequently was attached to the British field artillery. On his return to Canada he was attached to the London field battery for some years.

In 1915 Major Fairbank joined the Canadian volunteer forces and secured a junior majority with the 70th battalion here. He left for England and sailed for France from English Bay in April 1916, subsequently acquiring himself quite notably at the front.

Though over 60 years of age at the time, Major Fairbank reverted to the rank of lieutenant in order to get to France.

Major Fairbank was born on July 23, 1858, in Niagara Falls. He was the son of J. H. Fairbank, pioneer Western Ontario oil producer and formerly M. P. for East Lambton. From the earliest years of the oil industry in and around Petrolia Major Fairbank had been prominently identified with production. He owned scores of wells in Ontario, besides holdings in California. He was president of the Petrolia wagon works and president of the Central Loan Company of Petrolia. Early in his life he attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York city and became a medical practitioner in 1891.

On Jan. 1 of this year Major Fairbank went to California for his health, having been bothered by kidney trouble. The remains will be brought to Petrolia for burial. His family includes his widow and four sons—John and Robert of Petrolia, Henry at Ridley college and Charles at McGill university.

Ontario Contractors GATHER IN KITCHENER

Kitchener, Feb. 25.—The annual meeting of the Provincial Builders' and Supply Men's association is being held here today and tomorrow. It is expected 50 to 70 men representing the different branches of the contracting business will be in attendance. The meetings are being held at the vocational school today. Special prizes have been donated by the association for work done by students on the occasion of the meeting here.

How Thornton Does It

Head of Canada's Railways Talks to an Advertiser Writer About the Personal Side of His Work—How He Manages His Daily Grind.

A great deal has been written about the tremendous task which Sir Henry Thornton carries as head of the biggest railway system in the world.

But the Advertiser has secured the first personal interview describing Thornton's own program—not his work, but how he plans it.

How would you go about it if you got up for breakfast tomorrow with 20,000-odd miles of railways on your hands?

Read Sir Henry Thornton's system on the front page of the magazine section this Saturday.

RAILWAY EXPECTS FAVORABLE FARE PLAN

No Steps Taken by Company To Secure New Tickets For Reduced Rate.

MEET NEXT WEEK

Some Aldermen Beginning To Alter Previous Stand on Question.

Special tickets are not being printed by the street railway to provide for reduced fares on and after March 8.

The company looks for a favorable settlement with the city sometime next week and at least a temporary extension of the present agreement and the five-cent rate of fare.

"We haven't had any new tickets printed and we don't intend to. It rather looks as if the council were going to take some further action and we will wait that," stated Mr. Tait to The Advertiser today.

The city council has several times indicated a resolution pointing out to the transportation company that the law calls for the return of seven and nine tickets for a quarter on March 8. Since this notice was sent to the company a conference has been held with railway officials, and some of the aldermen appear ready to view the company's position in a different light.

The return of city aldermen and the mayor today and tomorrow from various trips out of the city is expected to bring about some definite arrangements for further action in street railway matters.

SENATOR M. MCCORMICK IS FOUND DEAD IN BED

Illinois Statesman Is Believed To Have Been Victim of Gastric Hemorrhage.

Associated Press Despatch. Washington, Feb. 25.—Senator M. McCormick of Illinois died here early today.

The senator was found dead in his rooms at the Hamilton hotel at 10 o'clock. Circumstances surrounding his death were not immediately available. His office declined to make any statement.

It was said at the hotel, however, that death was the immediate result of gastric hemorrhage.

Senator McCormick's death was discovered when Dr. Noble P. Barnes, who had been attending him, was called after hotel attendants found his rooms locked and could get no reply to requests for admittance.

A few intimate friends were advised of the death, but under a promise to say nothing about it immediately, in order that Mrs. McCormick might be apprised in Chicago.

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MISSING MAN IS HELD PRISONER ON RUM SHIP

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Feb. 25.—The bureau of missing persons reported yesterday they had come into possession of evidence that Benjamin Levy of Brooklyn, who has been missing since Jan. 29, is a prisoner on a rum ship lying off the New Jersey coast.

The bureau disclosed that it had received a letter signed by Levy, which was found in a floating whiskey bottle.

"Please give this note to the police," said the message from the bottle. "I am still held captive on a boat. The crew are rum runners. They say I am not the man they thought I was, but now they are afraid to let me go free."

FRUIT JOBBERS RESENT REPORT AND ASK PROBE

Canadian Press Despatch. Winnipeg, Feb. 24.—Winnipeg fruit jobbers today displayed the keenest interest in the report of Lewis Duncan, the commissioner who recently investigated the handling of fruit on the prairies. All the jobbers stated further now that the commissioner has made certain charges, as they feel assured that the situation is not as bad as the report might lead the public to believe. The question of jobbing houses accepting brokerage fees as well as jobbing profits was not defended.

KANSAS CITY APPROVES CITY MANAGER GOVT.

Associated Press Despatch. Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 25.—The city manager plan of government will be inaugurated in this city next year under a new city charter adopted at the polls yesterday. The charter carried by a vote of nearly 4½ to 1. Less than one-third of the registered voters cast ballots.

SUGAR LAND RESTRICTED.

Brisbane, Australia, Feb. 25.—Owing to the serious over-production of sugar in Queensland, amounting to 200,000 tons, it has been decided not to assign additional land for cultivation of this crop at present.



REV. J. H. SLIMON, pastor of the Walkerville Baptist church, who comes to London as the new pastor of the Adelaide street Baptist church. Mr. Slimon has accepted the unanimous call of the London congregation.

PREMATURE BLAST TAKES EIGHT LIVES

Workmen in Texas Quarry Are Killed When Dynamite Charge Explodes.

Associated Press Despatch. Langley, Texas, Feb. 25.—Eight men were killed and four were seriously injured in a premature explosion in a Southern Pacific Railway Company quarry here yesterday afternoon. Two of the injured are not expected to live.

A score of men working at the quarry escaped injury, but could not tell how the explosion occurred. It is presumed that one of the charges of dynamite was imperfect.

BRITISH LABOR MOVES TO STRENGTHEN PARTY

Associated Press Despatch. London, Feb. 25.—Differences in the labor party, which were revealed by the speeches of several leaders condemning the recent attack of David Kirkwood of Dumbarton in the House of Commons on the proposed trip of the Prince of Wales to South Africa and South America, formed the subject for discussion at a private meeting today of the parliamentary labor party. After the meeting it was officially stated that, with the view to securing greater efficiency in the party, the executive had been instructed to consider the report upon, firstly, party discipline and unity, and, secondly, the attitude of the labor press.

WIFE WIELDS AN AXE WHEN REFUSED HOME

Two Years of Absence Fails To Soften Heart of Hubby.

Two years ago Fred Reckno's wife left him. Yesterday she returned, came to his house and demanded entrance. This he refused, and, for a while, Mrs. Reckno procured an ax and commenced to chop her way into the home.

She nearly succeeded in chopping down the door when Reckno notified police. He has laid this information against her on a disorderly conduct charge, and she was scheduled to appear in court this morning. This case was adjourned, however, when Mrs. Reckno, through her counsel, declared that she was unable to put up a defense with such short notice. The case will be heard in Magistrate Graydon's court tomorrow.

Public Utility Bonds

The third article in the weekly series written for The Advertiser by local bond brokers will appear on the financial page this Saturday.

It is being written by E. C. Cumberland, of Harris, Forbes & Co. Mr. Cumberland deals with the subject of Public Utility Bonds in an article which is both interesting and informative.

Watch for it on the financial page this Saturday.