

MAY OFFERS \$20,000 FOR STREET RAILWAY

IMAGES CAST IN FLAMES WORK STRIKING MIRACLE

Fire Is Extinguished at Institute For Deaf Mutes in Montreal
When Firemen Throw Statuettes of Sainted Founder
Into Burning Building.

PASS OUT MEDALLIONS TO PROTECT MEN

Canadian Press Despatch.
Montreal, March 1.—Describing the distribution of blessed medallions of the Sisters of the Institute for the Deaf Mutes to firemen while fighting the flames in the Central Garage, when 250 automobiles were destroyed last night, Le Canada says:
"At the commencement of the fire and as soon as it was realized that the blaze was assuming considerable proportions, the sisters of the Institute for the Deaf Mutes, whose building is opposite, distributed medallions of Saint Amable, designed to protect the fire fighters against the flames."

DECLARE INDICTMENT OF ANDERSON WRONG

Anti-Saloon League's Board of Directors Rally to His Support.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, March 1.—Indictment of William H. Anderson, state superintendent of the New York Anti-Saloon League, for alleged misuse of funds, would be "wholly wrong," the league's board of directors declared yesterday in a statement calling upon the congregations of all churches supporting dry enforcement to rally to his moral support. If he were indicted, the board announced, it would stand by him.
"The district attorney's office," the statement said, "charges Mr. Anderson with misappropriation of funds, which is a crime. The Anti-Saloon League, which is a legal corporation, is not a party to the charges. The board of directors, in legal control of the finances of the league, voted to him in repayment of what the board unanimously held to be a valid obligation."
The directors declared Mr. Anderson had not deceived them, and that they were fully aware of the disposition of the \$24,700 spent for publicity when the superintendent claimed he advanced to the league.

GOODS WORTH \$10,000 CAPTURED BY BANDITS

Truck Driver and Two Helpers Are Knocked Unconscious by Thieves.

Associated Press Despatch.
Philadelphia, Pa., March 1.—Seven bandits held up three men at Nesha-miny Falls, 20 miles northeast of this city, early today and escaped with a motor truck containing woolen goods valued at \$10,000.
The driver and his two helpers were knocked unconscious. Later four men were arrested.

MAYBERRY PREPARES TO START NEW DUTIES

Finishing Up Personal Business Prior to Opening Investigations.

In speaking to The Advertiser over long distance telephone at noon today, Col. William Mayberry of Ingersoll, recently commissioned by the Dominion government to investigate alleged charges of two men among government employees in Ontario, stated that he was still waiting for fuller information from the department before commencing the actual investigation work.
Col. Mayberry pointed out that he received his commission only a week ago, and since that time he has been almost wholly engaged in cleaning up his personal business prior to commencing his new duties.
The special commissioner said, however, that he has begun some preliminary investigation work by telephone, and has been in communication with certain people involved in instructions he has already received from the department.

CLERKS REFUSED STRIKE, GET OVERTIME ALLOWANCE

Special to The Advertiser.
Chicago, March 1.—More than 321,000 clerks on class one railroads were benefited by the decision of the railroad labor board establishing an 8-hour day and time and a half overtime for this class of work, effective today. Hereafter, clerks, and received no compensation for overtime, and working hours were not fixed. The same decision granted a 2-cent-an-hour increase in salary to 65,000 freight handlers and station employees.
The Clerks' Union refused to strike when new wage cuts were put into effect by the board last June and appealed for a wage increase. This was granted by the board.

PLAN FOR U. S. SHIP SALE WILL BE READY SUNDAY

Washington, March 1.—Plans of the United States shipping board to dispose of its merchant fleet will be made public next Sunday afternoon by Chairman Lusk, it was learned Wednesday.

CHIEF OVERCOME IN FIGHTING FIRE AT PERRIN PLANT

Carried in Unconscious Condition From Building by Two Policemen.

WAS LAYING HOSE

Damage to Factory Estimated by Official Amounts to \$2,000.

While assisting to lay a line of hose at the fire at the D. S. Perrin Company plant at 4 o'clock this morning, Fire Chief John Aitken was overcome by heavy black smoke which belched from the drying room. He regained consciousness a half hour later, and was removed to his home. The chief is confined to his bed today, but will be able to return to duty tomorrow.

The blaze was noticed at 3:30 o'clock by Constable Ernest Inch, who turned in the alarm.

Overheated material in the drying room caught fire from the oven, but the blaze did not make much progress when the fire arrived.

However, it was thought necessary to run a line of hose into the drying room, and Chief Aitken began to assist his men in the work.

Two police officers followed him into the drying room.

"What are you doing here?" the chief asked.

"Oh, we just came in to relieve you," one of the officers replied.

"I'll get along all right, I think," the chief replied.

At the moment a cloud of black smoke belched from the drying room, enveloping him. The chief collapsed.

Officers rushed him from the building, and summoned Dr. D. H. Hogg, who revived him. The chief was then taken to his home. His family physician, Dr. W. M. Shoen, both advised him to remain in bed today.

T. W. McFarland, president of D. S. Perrin & Co., Limited, estimates the damage done by fire and water at \$2,000, approximately. The chief damage was done by water. He explained the line of hose had to be extended behind the ovens in the drying room. The black smoke, he said, was caused from bleach in the drying room.

SIX BURNED TO DEATH ABOARD U. S. WARSHIP

Explosion in Boiler Room of Destroyer Caused by Oil Flareback.

Associated Press Despatch.
Manila, March 1.—Six enlisted men on the United States destroyer Hurlbut of the Asiatic fleet, were burned to death in an explosion in the boiler-room, caused by a flareback of oil. No others were injured.

CONSERVATIVE ELECTED TO TAKE PLACE OF PEER

Associated Press Despatch.
London, March 1.—Alderman W. Pease was elected member of the House of Commons for Darlington in the by-election caused by the recent death of the peerage of H. Pike Pease. Alderman Pease is a Conservative, and there is no change in the political representation of Darlington in consequence of his election. He is a cousin of H. Pike Pease.

CONGRESSMAN DIES SUDDENLY

Washington, March 1.—Representative W. Bourke Cockran, Democrat, New York, died suddenly today. He was on the floor of the house last night, and made a spirited speech in opposition to the pending farm credits bill.

New Ste. Anne de Beaupre More Splendid Than Old

Church To Replace Famous Old Quebec Landmark, Destroyed by Fire, Will Cost Millions of Dollars.

Special to The Advertiser.
Quebec, March 1.—The plans for the reconstruction of the Ste. Anne de Beaupre Church, which was destroyed by fire last spring, have been completed and by the middle of this month work is to start on the new temple.

CARAWAY WOULD GIVE 1,400 SHIPS TO U. S. CITIES

Washington, March 1.—The 1,400 ships of the American Merchant Marine would be turned over to cities and towns throughout the United States under a bill introduced in the senate yesterday afternoon by Senator Caraway, Democrat, of Arkansas. The bill would give municipal governments title to the vessels after they were operated on regular trade routes for five years.



HERBERT WILSON WHEN IN LONDON.
The trial of Herbert Wilson, former London man, charged with murder, robbery and jail breaking, has been set for tomorrow in Los Angeles. The above picture of Wilson and his wife was distributed by him to his friends when he was engaged in evangelistic work in this city.

STREET RAILWAY PURCHASE MAY AGAIN BE VOTED UPON

Mayor Wenige Sets Figure at \$200,000 and Says More Would Be Too Much—Railway Officials Naturally Are Not Wildly Enthusiastic.

Mayor Wenige places a rough value upon the London Street Railway Company—\$150,000 to \$200,000, "and that would be plenty of money," he stated today.

As might be imagined this announcement is not received with any degree of enthusiasm by the street railway authorities. From the tone of his remarks, it was self-evident that R. G. Ivey, vice-president, could not consider this a fair proposition.

"It would be only fair to both the city and company," he stated, "to accept a price fixed by disinterested arbitrators. Surely the mayor and council are not afraid of arbitrators."

"Just how much would the city be willing to give?" was the question from the vice-president. "I am not sure," replied the mayor, "but I think the city should be willing to give \$200,000."

"They did not fully understand me at last night's meeting of the finance committee," he explained. "They still lose sight of my claim that we should have action and not leave this until March, 1924, when we are bound to give the company notice as to whether we intend to buy the road."

"Here we have an agreement with the company—\$150,000, which states that we can do one thing. Then we have our city solicitor, T. G. Meredith, advising us not to proceed. I am not sure of our contract states explicitly that we are authorized to do what is right? Let us take the proposition into the courts and find out who is right and what we can do. I don't pretend to be a legal expert. Therefore, we should find out definitely and at once."

"Let it go to a vote of the people," said Ald. Drake. "They won't buy it in any event. Personally I wouldn't buy it at all. We shouldn't have to give more than \$500,000 if we did come to terms. We might get something out of the rails. The rest of the equipment is all worn out."

What Is Road Worth?
Just what the London Street Railway Company is actually worth has been a leading question in this city for many years, and more particularly during the recent municipal campaign when addresses urging the purchase of the road by Sir Adam Beck featured the entire proceedings.

CANADA MUST STAND FOR GREAT BRITAIN

Hon. Arthur Meighen Warns Canada Against Too Much Independence.

Ottawa, March 1.—Speaking last night at the eighth anniversary dinner of the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry's memorial stand at St. Elmo, Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, leader of the opposition in the House of Commons, said independence would mean that Canada would swing out of the orbit of the Empire into the orbit of another country.

"We must take our stand for Britain and what it stands for," he said, "because what Britain stands for, and in the meaning and mission of Britain, are to be found the best interests of Canada."

Mr. Meighen referred to what he called the dominating influence of the American republic with its vast, greater population, wealth and trade. The British Empire could only maintain its existence as a unit.

FORMER KAISER'S WIFE TO RESIDE IN GERMANY

Associated Press Despatch.
Berlin, March 1.—Princess Hermine, the former German empress's wife, plans to go to Corfu in the spring for a long visit, and will reside in Wilhelm's former castle, according to a report printed in the Berliner Zeitung am Mittag.

BALTIMORE BOOTLEGGERS FORM TRADE ASSOCIATION

Associated Press Despatch.
Baltimore, Md., March 1.—Bootleggers in this city are flourishing to such an extent that they have formed an association to provide lawyers for those who get caught at their trade.

CONSISTORY FOR MAY MAY RAISE AMERICANS

Rome, March 1.—A papal consistory was yesterday set for May, at which time it is expected several Americans will be made cardinals.

RANEY IS READY FOR NEW STATUS FOR MAGISTRATE

Up to the City Council To Put Police Court Head on Full Time.

MUST ACT AT ONCE

Dr. Stevenson Says Legislation For Change Should Be Decided Monday.

Attorney-General W. E. Raney is both ready and willing that London should have a full-time police magistrate.

This is the assurance today from Dr. Hugh A. Stevenson, Labor M. P. for London, who urges the London city council to forward an early recommendation to Toronto, if it is their desire.

In conversation with The Advertiser at noon today, over long distance telephone from Toronto, the member for London tendered ample assurance that there is plenty of time for the necessary legislation at this session of the Ontario legislature, providing that the councilors take action Monday night next.

"It's entirely up to the mayor and council," Dr. Stevenson explained, "know that the attorney-general is quite in fact, he contemplated changing the procedure in London and Kingston, the only two communities in the province where this state of affairs prevails. Let the council send down the recommendation at once. There is plenty of time available, and I will see that the matter is pursued to the very end."

Dr. Stevenson explained further that he was Sir Adam Beck who, as the member for London, was responsible for having the local situation as it now is. "Sir Adam Beck put it that way," he commented, "but we can soon have it changed if the council desire."

At last night's session of the finance committee, Mayor Wenige proposed action in this respect, and the committee favored a recommendation to the local member.

Windsor, March 1.—Police of two cities were looking today for Helen and Walter Shaw, aged 11 and 13, who were reported missing from their home here since yesterday.

Both parents of the children, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shaw, are in employment, and as they are away from home at night, they do not discover the disappearance of the children until evening. After a vain search of several hours they reported the matter to the Windsor police shortly before midnight.

Windsor police, after investigating the case, immediately notified the Detroit authorities to be on the look-out for the kiddies, the theory that they had crossed the river being founded on the fact that two ferry tickets had been taken from a strip in the house. A dollar bill was also missing.

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The number of fires and alarms, about the same number as in the preceding year, but the glory of those the fires had been less serious.

"I will publish my report on the Basilica fire in a week or so, but it will not tend to show there was any general revival of the fire which destroyed Roman Catholic institutions and resulted in enormous losses."

EXCHANGE RATE TO U. S. ONE AND NINE-SIXTEENTHS

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, March 1.—The rate of exchange in connection with shipments of freight between points in Canada and the United States from March 1 to March 14, inclusive, will be one and nine-sixteenths per cent, and the surcharge on the said traffic period.

The rate of surcharge on international passenger business will be based on two per cent exchange.

Passing of Veteran of 600 Draws American Comment

Omaha, Nebraska, Bee Carries Editorial Reference to the Late Thomas W. Shaw, Survivor of Light Brigade.

Far away in Omaha, Nebraska, people have read the story of Thomas Shaw, veteran of the Light Brigade, who died here last Sunday.

The following editorial from the Omaha Bee, of Feb. 28, makes an interesting comment on The Advertiser's story of the old hero.

"The following away in a corner of the want ads and the market reports, you may have found a little despatch from London, Ontario, telling of the last illness of an old soldier. He was not an important figure in the world; his great and glorious day of the action he had lived through before. His passing might have been chronicled in a single sentence which would have given all the facts."

"It is to the credit of journalism that he was not thus to be mustered out from the ranks of the living. By a sweep of the imagination some reporter dramatized a once more the stirring events of the Crimean war in such a way as to make every reader see and feel them."

"The old man, saved from the disaster, 'while horse and hero fell,' going now peacefully to his end—how plainly we see through the words of the despatch. The event itself and the noble poem of the British laureate rise up again in memory."

"The advance on the Russian battery was, as Tennyson suggests, a mistake, but the glory of those who were there was not less because the reputation of one of their officers was tarnished by this blunder. It is the courage with which the attack was delivered that gives eternal power to the lines of the poet. It is this old man on the hospital cot, actually as he thought, the last one of that famous brigade, yet he will not take with him all by which the world remembers that scene. And what an obituary this reporter has given him!"

The New York Herald of Tuesday devotes nearly a column on the editorial page in similar comment.



HE BOSSES G. T. R. IN THE WEST.
The Advertiser staff photographer caught an unconventional pose of H. E. Whittenberger, general manager of Grand Trunk western lines when he passed through the city on his way to Detroit.

WINDSOR CHILDREN REPORTED MISSING

Police Believe They Crossed the Ferry For Detroit Yesterday.

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LITHUANIANS LAUNCH ATTACK AGAINST POLES

People Refuse to Agree to the Limitations Set by League of Nations.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.
Warsaw, March 1.—War has again broken out between Lithuanians and Poles in the neutral zone near Vilna. Poles reaching here today said the Lithuanians reopened hostilities and launched unsuccessful attacks against Polish positions at Prezlas and Swieczany. The exact number of casualties is not known.

Hostilities had been suspended, pending arbitration of a long dispute over neutral territory, which the two countries are dividing. The Lithuanians have refused to agree to limitations set by the League of Nations. The Poles accuse Russia of backing the Lithuanians.

LEAGUE THINKS HARDING SUGGESTION REASONABLE

Associated Press Despatch.
Geneva, March 1.—President Harding's proposal that the United States have representation on the council of international justice is regarded as entirely reasonable, and the conditions imposed as to membership such as not to create any difficulty.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.
Today—Mostly cloudy and mild.
Friday—Southwest winds; generally fair and quite mild.

Pressure is high over the southern portion of the United States and relatively low across the continent and off the Atlantic coast.

The weather has been mild in Ontario and in the West, and moderate temperatures in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	50	38	Fair
Calgary	62	23	Fair
Winnipeg	40	20	Cloudy
Port Arthur	34	22	Cloudy
Sault Ste. Marie	34	22	Cloudy
Toronto	33	23	Snow
Kingston	32	20	Snow
Ottawa	32	18	Fair
Montreal	28	14	Snow
Quebec	24	11	Cloudy
Father Point	20	2	Cloudy
St. John	24	16	Cloudy
Halifax	36	4	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest, 34; lowest, 16.
The official temperatures for the 23 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest, 35; lowest, 25.
Barometric Readings.
Wednesday—8 p.m., 22.04.
Today—8 a.m., 22.04.