

CYCLONE SWEEPS OVER THE SOUTH, TAKING LIFE TOLL

Freight Train Is Blown From the Track Near Pinson, Tenn.

OVER TWENTY KILLED

Wind Reaches Velocity of 80 Miles in Nashville, Highest Ever Recorded.

Associated Press Despatch. Jackson, Tenn., March 12.—Twenty persons are reported killed and 75 injured in the vicinity of Pinson, Tenn., twelve miles south of Jackson, by a storm which swept over that section last night.

A number of dead and injured are reported. About 50 dwellings about Pinson were wrecked, according to meagre reports received here.

A freight train was blown from the track in the vicinity of Pinson. Only minor property damage occurred here. Relief parties were sent from Jackson and plans to bring the injured to hospitals in this city.

Wire communication with Pinson is cut off.

THREE DEAD IN RICHMOND.

Associated Press Despatch. Richmond, Ky., March 12.—Three persons were killed, two fatally injured and a number seriously hurt by a cyclone which swept over a small section on the Madison-Fayette county border before midnight.

HIGHEST WIND RECORD.

Associated Press Despatch. Nashville, Tenn., March 12.—Hundreds of trees were uprooted and many roofs damaged in Nashville and vicinity by last night's wind, which reached a velocity of 80 miles an hour, the highest ever recorded here. Wire service has suffered severely.

GETS PRICES ON SCHOOL ERECTED IN INGERSOLL

Still interesting himself in the local school situation, ex-Ad. Adam Palmer stated today that he is in receipt of a communication from S. Grievs of Ingersoll, a former chairman of the board of education in that town.

The latter's letter is in reply to a query from Mr. Palmer as to a 16-room school erected there by a London contractor named Kern.

"They write and tell me that they are well pleased with the school in question," said ex-Ad. Palmer. "They have no fault to find with it, and it was erected at a cost of \$160,000, when prices were at their peak."

This is the contractor, Mr. Palmer alleges, who was refused the contract for the Oliver and Trafalgar street public school, now under construction.

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CONFER ON ARMENIAN RELIEF.

Taking action promptly after their election, officers of the London branch of the Armenian Relief Association of Canada, met last evening, this morning held an informal conference with Rev. Dr. A. J. Vining, secretary for Canada. It was suggested during the meeting that London might take care of 25 orphaned children, bringing them to Canada, and providing for their maintenance. The cost of bringing a boy or girl is \$150.

FISHERIES PACT RATIFIED

Canadian and American statesmen showed their forethought this week by passing a law protecting the halibut. Show your own thoughtfulness by protecting your eyes against a depletion of nerve force. Let F. Steele examine them and make sure what condition they are in. Satisfaction guaranteed. F. Steele, Optician, 210 Dundas.—Adv. b

SPECIAL SONG SERVICE.

The service of song at First Congregational Church last evening was of special interest. The Sunday school orchestra rendered several selections acceptably. The anthem, "Father, Keep Us in Thy Care," with orchestral accompaniment, was a feature of the service. Miss Alberta Webb and Fred Kerr, basso, contributed helpfully with their solos. F. J. Fitzgerald, organist, contributed the musical part of the service. The pastor, Rev. M. Kelly, spoke on "Joy," and the whole service was of an inspirational character.

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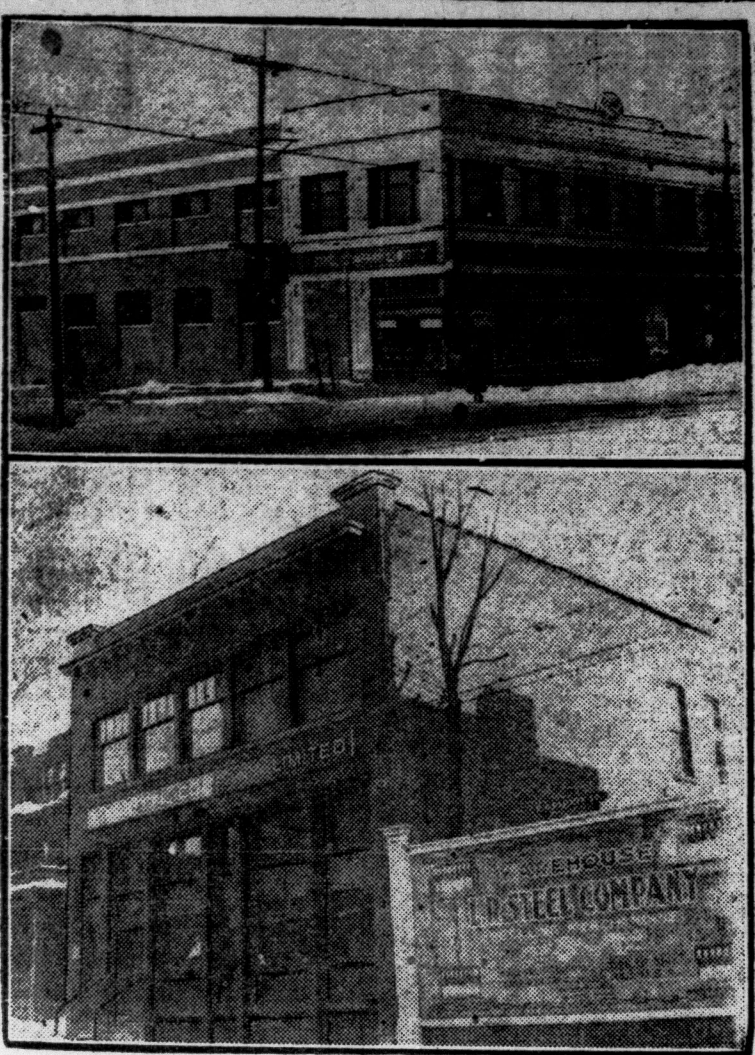
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ASSERTS POSSIBILITY OF CONFLICT REMOTE

Rev. W. Beattie, D.D., C.M.G., Presents Views of Danger of New War.

GERMANY CRIPPLED

Claims Russia Is Only Country That Presents Menacing Attitude.

"War is possible, but even at that is not very probable. Russia, the one nation in Europe, that might start a conflict, has no money, and she is generally conceded that she has no artillery to speak of. Her transportation system is also badly crippled. These factors would tend to show that a great war such as we experienced a few years ago is not very imminent."

This is the present situation as seen by Rev. William Beattie, D.D., C.M.G., of the First Presbyterian Church, and told to the members of his congregation in a three-minute sermonette Sunday night, entitled, "Is There Danger of Another War?"

News Looks Ominous. "Almost every morning we read in the paper pieces of news that look ominous so far as the probability of war is concerned," Dr. Beattie commented.

The other day we read that Russia was ordering 3,000,000 rifles. We don't know whether it is true or not, but the fact that it was heralded abroad shows the temper of that country today. Russia has millions of men and everything is uncertain there. That is the eastern side of the question. Let us consider the western side.

"France under arms today is within 40,000 men of the number Germany had in pre-war days. Germany's army of 1,000,000 men is still on foot. The war broke out and France has around 700,000 at the present time, with probably 3,000,000 of a reserve force. The reserve can be increased by half a million yearly."

"On the western side of Europe there is France and Belgium versus Germany. It is the confident belief that Germany hasn't an army any larger than specified in the peace treaty. Her air force is almost a negligible quantity and she has very little artillery."

Dr. Beattie pointed out that in actual numbers the French air force is three or four times greater than it was in 1914 and many times greater as far as fighting potency is concerned. She has nearly 1,300 aeroplanes and now has bombing planes carrying bombs, the effectiveness of which is one hundred times greater than at the beginning of the great war. The reserve can be increased by half a million yearly."

Used For Policing. "In Central Europe, Czechoslovakia has an army of between 700,000 and 800,000 men. Germany's army totals 1,000,000 and Austria's fighting force does not exceed 30,000 men. It is the confident belief for policing purposes," the speaker asserted.

"To all general appearances, Poland, Rumania, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia are all allies. Germany cannot be considered seriously so, it doesn't look like another war there."

"According to reports, Russia is asking for 3,000,000 rifles. The country has a tremendous reserve force of semi-trained men that could be thoroughly trained in a short time, but when we look at the financial and economical condition of the country we realize that the danger of Russia starting trouble is a minimum."

"There is one comfort. Germany has only about one-seventh or one-eighth the fighting strength of France. The reserve can be increased, but Britain's bulldog jaw has got them scared."

"Nobody wants war and everybody fears it. There may be small scraps, but I don't think there will be a great conflict for a long time."

WILL SPEAK HERE.

One of the outstanding events at the annual meeting in Brantford of the United Brotherhood of Trade held last week was the very fine address given by C. Price-Green, commissioner of resources of the Canadian National Railways, on "Canada's Raw Materials and Their Development." Mr. Price has consented to give this address in London at an early date. The secretary of the London Chamber was elected secretary of the United Brotherhood, and George S. Matthews of Brantford, president.

SMUGGLING BECOMES EVER MORE DIFFICULT

Customs Department Augments Staff of Agents at Border Cities.

AFTER PROFESSIONAL

Secret Officials Are Also on the Alert For Amateur Smuggler.

Slowly but surely the net is tightening around the confirmed smuggler and the amateur as well, who is wont to ply his trade between Canada and the United States at various border points or at spots on the international boundary where habitation is scarce.

Within the last month or two the department of customs and excise has greatly augmented its staff of secret agents, and at Niagara Falls, Bridgeport, Sarnia, Windsor and other points many a smuggler has found to his grief that the vigilance of the officers has increased and that on every corner almost, in the vicinity of the ferry landing, is a government agent.

Local men who through their connection with a government officer, for business reasons, keep in touch with the smuggling "thermometer," themselves admit that of late "spotters" have been visiting London more frequently than in the past.

Whether this city is a branch of the many "smuggling rings" that are alleged, by government officials, to be doing a thriving business at the present time, is not known. As far as can be ascertained, no important seizures have been made in the Port of City within the past few months. The department has taken great pains to keep quiet what seizures have been made, and in many cases the local officials have been aware that confiscation plans have been hatched right in this city by specially commissioned agents.

O. H. Talbot, collector of customs in this district, was loath to discuss the local situation this morning. He stated, however, that there has been no great change in seizures lately. The collector pointed out that the department's method is to work with a Detroit store, make his purchases, and then schemes for a way to take the goods across. The professional does not work openly. That class of criminal known as a "fence" usually handles the Detroit end of the business. By methods learned, after a long connection with the underworld, the "fence" is able to secure large quantities of merchandise without bringing himself before the eyes of government agents.

Recent visitors to Detroit bring back stories of Canadian smugglers in the larger stores of that city. A large staff is working at present in Detroit, they say, but none could be gotten to state how large a force across the river, or what procedure is being taken, other than that the purchasers of large orders of goods are watched after they leave the store.

In every instance, almost, the department finds that it is the amateur smuggler who goes openly to a Detroit store, makes his purchase, and then schemes for a way to take the goods across. The professional does not work openly. That class of criminal known as a "fence" usually handles the Detroit end of the business. By methods learned, after a long connection with the underworld, the "fence" is able to secure large quantities of merchandise without bringing himself before the eyes of government agents.

REVIVAL SUCCESSFUL.

The opening service of the revival meetings being held in the Grey Street Methodist Church were very well attended and marked by great enthusiasm. The meetings will continue every evening at 8 o'clock. Tonight Evangelist Crutcher will preach on "Daniel in the Lions' Den." He will be assisted in the service by the pastor of the church, Rev. H. D. Wright.

ISSUE STORM WARNING.

Washington, March 12.—The following storm warning was issued this morning by the weather bureau: "Strong east and southeast winds; and probably gales today. Severe storm over Upper Lakes region, moving rapidly northeastward."

WESTERN "COUNT" IS WELL KNOWN AS SALESMAN HERE

George Barry Acquired Prefix and Title of Count After He Left London.

A WIZARD SALESMAN

Local Man's Rise to "Fame" No Surprise to His Many Friends in City.

When Madame Du Barry, famous adventures, rose from Paris flower girl to dictator of the brilliant court of Louis XV, none thought her spectacular career would ever be equalled. The legend rises to the level of George Barry, former Londoner, however, closely approaches that of his notorious ancestor.

Numerous citizens remember George Barry when he was office boy and later salesman for the McPhillip Music Store. Now he is the biggest piano man in Seattle, and his name is "Count" Du Barry.

George worked here nine years ago. As soon as he left London for Winnipeg he changed his name to Du Barry. In letters to friends he attributed much of his success to the astrological savor of the prefix. "Du" did so much for him in selling pianos that later he decided to call himself "Count" Du Barry, and the wisdom of the choice is demonstrated in the flourishing piano business he enjoys today.

The life of George Barry under the caption, "From Office Drudge to Piano King," was featured in a photographic series in Saturday's edition of The Advertiser showing him sitting on a piano stool on one of the main streets with all his household furniture beside him. He was wearing an enthusiastic dog fancier, and he was dumped out of his apartment on the street by an irate landlord who refused to allow the count to keep his dog.

Interest in the romantic life of George Barry was aroused locally by a photograph in Saturday's edition of The Advertiser showing him sitting on a piano stool on one of the main streets with all his household furniture beside him. He was wearing an enthusiastic dog fancier, and he was dumped out of his apartment on the street by an irate landlord who refused to allow the count to keep his dog.

While in London "Count" Du Barry was one of the city's "characters." He bought one of the first buick cars. Later he purchased a Ford, and started the city-by-plug-in through the Lucan bridge into the River Thames carrying a passenger with him. The car was smashed, but he escaped unhurt, and with nothing more injurious than a good ducking. One of his closest intimates laughed and long when confronted with the picture of Barry sitting on a stool in a Sunday paper.

A Great Advertiser. "George was always a great advertiser," he said. "I knew he had rechristened himself Du Barry, but this is the first time I've heard of him as count. George was always ambitious. However, and I won't be surprised to learn that he has become an earl or even a king. Some time ago he got nation-wide publicity by presenting a piano to the western states with a free piano on condition the inmates would not play jazz. He explained that the Du Barry family had never cared for jazz, and felt that the piano was a symbol of the wonder of classical compositions."

"He was master of every emergency. He used to get one word a day from his friends, and spring it on his friends. In this he had a vocabulary of words nobody else had ever heard."

"In Vancouver he established a few stores, and was wearing wealthy when after-war depression knocked him flat. Then he went to Seattle and advertised that he could sell much cheaper than his competitors because he was a dealer in second-hand goods. He hired a janitor. Now he owns the largest piano store in Seattle."

"There was no better salesman than George Barry in this city. He could sell a piano to a pig and a dog. He learned to play the piano without taking a lesson, and I have no doubt he will master the French tongue now that he has become a count."

LONDON SHOWS WELL AGAINST HAMILTON

Proposed Expenditures for 1923 Compared With That in "Ambitious City."

London's proposed expenditures for 1923 as they now stand at \$2,855,000, compare favorably with other communities in the province, declared City Treasurer James Bell today.

Commenting upon the City of Hamilton, he submits the following comparison: "The City of Hamilton is a city of 100,000 people. The City of London is a city of 100,000 people. The City of Hamilton is a city of 100,000 people. The City of London is a city of 100,000 people."

COMPARATIVE TAX LEVY.

Hamilton, London.

Debit	London	Hamilton
Charges	\$1,187,035	\$500,182 44
Share	1,424,955	790,016 99
Separate	108,927	44,531 71
Public schools	1,198,695	605,365 23
Col. Institute	141,551	211,172 76
Rel. school	230,604	104,973 04
Parks board	140,263	39,400 00
Library board	59,000	26,150 00
Total	\$4,491,100	\$2,321,772 17

"A KENTUCKY BELLE" PLEASES AT HIGHGATE

Highgate, March 11.—The Turin Dramatic Club presented their play Friday evening, "A Kentucky Belle," and proved an unqualified success. The amateur players were Mrs. Pierce, Miss Marie Douglas, Isabel Douglas, Vanda Smith, Mary Van Harlinger, Mary Dickson, Col. Wm. McMillen, Thos. Hastings, Dr. Blake, Arthur Woodson, Miss Madden, Irene Griffith, John Cason Gordon alias Jack Cason, and Elgin Wootton. Mrs. Gordon, Hattie Richardson, and three men, Arthur Woodson, Charlie Richardson, Bert Dickson. A solo by Miss Irene Dickson contributed towards an enjoyable evening. Hailstorm music was contributed by Mr. Garnet Hogge.

Transportation Problem Must Be Solved This Year

City Must Reach Decision as to Future of London Street Railway Before End of 1923—Mayor in Favor of Municipally Owned Motor Bus Fleet.

What is the best solution for London's transportation problems? This is a question that must be answered by the ratepayers before the end of 1923.

Despite the efforts of the 1922 mayor and council, the ratepayers by a trifling majority declined to accept what the experts submitted as the one best remedy—until 1930 the London Street Railway and its operation as a municipal asset.

As a disappointing consequence the problem still bequeathed and automatically confronts the 1923 mayor and council.

The latter have been prompt to appreciate the fact that action must be forthcoming without undue delay. Early in 1924 the street railway corporation must know definitely just what the people desire, and if they intend to purchase the road into fact, notice must be given by that date or else the company's franchise will be asked to sanction an \$800,000 expenditure—the initial outlay required, according to Mayor Wenige's expert for a fleet of 62 modern buses, with garage and other facilities.

At this moment Mayor Wenige and several members of the council are in Cleveland viewing at close range the buses in question, and upon their official report to the council will be asked to sanction an \$800,000 expenditure—the initial outlay required, according to Mayor Wenige's expert for a fleet of 62 modern buses, with garage and other facilities.

Another vote will be taken, but Mayor Wenige and others maintain that adequate facilities can be assured by other than the purchase of the road. They suggest that the "freze-out" method might be possible by the inauguration of a municipal omnibus system.

And at the forthcoming election it is just possible that the ratepayers will be asked to sanction an \$800,000 expenditure—the initial outlay required, according to Mayor Wenige's expert for a fleet of 62 modern buses, with garage and other facilities.

"Competition is the spice of life," Mayor Wenige extends to the council, "but it is the survival of the fittest and the weak to the wall."

THINK ROBINSON FIRE OF INCENDIARY ORIGIN

Assistant Fire Chief Unable To Find Any Other Cause.

Deputy Fire Chief Scott, who was in charge of the department in fighting the blaze which yesterday afternoon caused some \$5,000 damage to the building owned by Cliff Robinson on Dundas street, stated to The Advertiser that the fire had no other theory could be advanced.

"There were no definite signs of the place having been set on fire," he said, "but it is a strange thing when an absolutely bare room catches fire on Sunday afternoon when no person is near there on business or nobody living there on the floor above."

Mr. Robinson, who owns the building, is of a similar opinion. "The room on the second floor where the blaze started was utterly bare of papers and other things, anything else of that nature," he said, "and there were no electric wires where this might have caused a short circuit."

The door where the fire started, he said, "was recently renovated and there was not a thing in the room Saturday night, so from that fact I think it must have been set on fire intentionally."

There is a wide hole burnt by the flames in the ceiling of the store on the ground floor, but most of the damage was done in the room of the second floor, where the blaze first gained headway.

The fire was first noticed about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and with a few minutes very few feet in the city was on the scene. Three lines of hose were laid, two from the rear and another from Dundas street.

Mr. Robinson is loud in his praise of the firemen under Assistant Chief Scott, who responded so promptly and did such good work in keeping the flames confined to the rear of the second story.

EPWORTH LEAGUE HOLDS SUCCESSFUL MEETING

Lambeth, March 12.—The monthly devotional and concert meeting of the Epworth League was held Tuesday evening. Despite the stormy weather there was a good attendance, especially of young men.

A talk on "Brotherhood," was given by Fred Jones, followed by an interesting discussion.

Arrangements were made for a lecture, by "The Last Days of Pompeii," to be given by Dean Fox of Western University, March 20.

The members of the Epworth League and W. M. M. are giving a shower of fruit, vegetables, etc. for the children of the Thomas Alway Home, Tuesday evening.

The monthly meeting of the Methodist W. M. M. was held Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Bolby. The president, Mrs. Millon, presided. The attendance was good. The names were added to the roll, two as new members and two by transfer. Arrangements were made to hold an Easter meeting on April 2. A number of garments were distributed to be made for the Thomas Alway Home.

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EMBRO

Special to The Advertiser. Embro, March 11.—A meeting of the milk producers will be held in the C. O. F. Hall on Wednesday afternoon, March 14, at 2 o'clock.

Miss Mildred Moulton of Mount Elgin was a visitor at the home of Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Atkinson on Sunday.

Miss Kathleen Murray, Woodstock, visited at her home here on Sunday.

L. AND P. S. DEFICIT IS SHOWN AS \$18,000

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of Sir Adam Beck. "If any other line of business had encountered the same difficulties as the railway has, I know that they would not consider this deficit as anything but a remarkable showing; especially when we were to depend so largely upon the coal tonnage. There is no doubt but that a great portion of this can be made up this year, as it will be necessary to get the district supply of coal up to normal."

The other members of the commission voiced similar sentiments.

Rain Caused Losses. "There is nothing in connection with this report that anyone should feel alarmed about," reported Manager Richards. "Our passenger earnings show a decrease, largely in the months of May and December. The weather was bad during May, while in December it was likely that the people were more pinched for ready finances, and did not travel as much for Christmas shopping. In addition to this it rained in Port Stanley on every holiday, with the exception of Labor Day."

"Our freight earnings also show a decrease, which would not be considered as such in ordinary business. In fact it would be considered an increase. There was a shortage in the coal, coke and steel tonnage, but there was a substantial increase noted with respect to switching and ordinary freight tonnage. Our loss is explained purely and simply by the decrease in the coal and steel shipments, occasioned by the big coal strike over which we have no control."

Park Revenue Drops. "There was a decrease in car garageage also, by reason of the strike, as there were less cars to handle, and for the same reason there was a decrease in car weighing charges. The decrease was noted in the exchange and surcharge on American money."

"While the park shows a decrease of \$3,432.70 in receipts, our expenses in that connection were reduced by \$3,767.31, which really means an increased revenue. This is a remarkable record in view of the inclement weather on our best days when there were in all 22 carloads of people who never got off the cars."

Submitting their report, the auditors compliment the office system and general efficiency of that department, and while they make one or two suggestions to expedite the work, they report that they did not find it necessary to change any of the figures registered by the railway employees.

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