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Western Ontario Association Will Hold First Convention in City.

OPENS MARCH 20

A convention of fruit growers, second only to the gathering of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, held in Hamilton last week, is scheduled for London on March 20 and 21, it was announced Monday morning by John Etherington, president of the London branch of the association.

The convention will be known as the first annual convention of Western Ontario fruit growers, and an exceptionally large attendance is expected.

The program which will be announced later, is being prepared by Percy W. Hodgetts, director of the Ontario government fruit branch, and needless to say, the speakers, twelve in number, will be experts in their different lines.

The convention will open at 2 p.m. March 20, and will be followed that evening by a banquet at which it is hoped to have Hon. John S. Martin and Dr. G. C. Creelman as speakers.

An expert in horticulture and landscape garden is being secured, and his address will appeal particularly to members of the London and St. Thomas Horticultural societies.

The second day's program will be concluded in time for all the growers to inspect the "Better Live Stock" train, which will be in the city on that day. There will be 14 cars of specially fine stock in the city, brought here under the auspices of the Ontario government.

Among prominent officials in the fruit-growing world who have signified their intention of attending the gathering are Paul Fisher, president of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, and P. W. Hodgetts, director of the Ontario government fruit branch, and P. W. Hodgetts, director of the Ontario government fruit branch, and P. W. Hodgetts, director of the Ontario government fruit branch.

APPOINTMENTS PREDICTED.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Quebec, March 3.—Notwithstanding the reluctance of the Holy See to appoint new bishops and additional auxiliaries, well-informed religious authorities claim that between now and May the arch dioceses of Quebec and Montreal will be affected by ecclesiastical appointments of that nature.

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## PHYSICIANS MARVEL AT RECOVERY OF BOY

Leslie Saunders, 10, Now in Excellent Condition, Though Horribly Burned.

CASE THOUGHT HOPELESS

Lad Suffering From Shock When Brought to Victoria Hospital.



OLGA YOSIPOVITCH.

One of the most remarkable recoveries of a physician at Victoria Hospital can recall is the case of Leslie Saunders, a ten-year-old boy who was brought to the hospital three years ago, horribly burned about the body. Today the boy is in almost perfect health, the wounds having responded wonderfully to various treatments.

When he was brought to the hospital three years ago, physicians considered his case hopeless. The shock of the gasoline burns about his body and arms had left him in a weakened condition and practically no hope was entertained for his recovery. When he first entered the hospital the efforts of his physicians were centered on combating the tremendous shock to his nervous system which he had sustained.

When it was seen he could survive the agonies which follow a severe burn, efforts were made to heal his wounds. A burned portion of his left arm was the last wound to heal. The boy's condition is now considered excellent, and it is expected he will be able to leave the institution shortly.

## FRANCE IS ANXIOUS TO ADJUST TROUBLES

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may be, are factors which both you and I are bound to take into consideration. In my opinion, it is the state of opinion which have vitiated our relations in the past and have also induced our two governments to indulge in altercations regarding the symptoms of the malady without endeavoring with clarity and good sense to investigate the causes.

As a speaker, however, the report of the expert committees on German reparations would draw France and Great Britain together. As to the inter-allied debts, which should be considered in conjunction with the problem of reparations, if co-operation could be reached on these, he asked, "Are there really Englishmen who suppose that France would be capable of making fratricidal preparations against their country? Our military and naval establishments are exclusively designed to defend us against attempted revenge."

The French policy toward the little entente also has been of the same peaceful character, and was founded on France's anxiety "to keep in contact with all nations who are interested in the local territory of the treaties out of which the new constitution of Europe has arisen."

He was "infinitely to be desired," he agreed, "that the questions of inter-allied debts and reparations should be settled at the same time."

Whereas the fire?

One nurse hastily arose from her bed and surrounded with smoke rushed to the stairs where she was confronted by a fireman.

"Where's the fire?" she exclaimed. "Is it all over?"

"Right where your standing, and it's at least a goodly number of people. An interne at the hospital who was one of the first to be on the scene met a nurse running frantically down the corridor in her night attire. He stopped her and told her to hold the fire extinguisher for a minute.

"But I'm in my nightgown," she hesitated.

"Never mind," the interne replied. "Turn this extinguisher upside down."

Several nurses, on hearing the fire alarm sound, lingered in their beds longer than they would have had they known fire was threatening the building. They told friends afterwards that they thought the gong was the rising bell.

CITIZENS TO INQUIRE ABOUT WATER RATES

Matters concerning the water rates charged by the public utilities commission will offer the main subject for discussion at the meeting of that body on Thursday.

It is understood that several citizens have complained about their rates being higher and that one or two deputations will wait on the commission to seek an explanation of a change. It is also understood that Mayor Wenige will be on hand to aid the deputations.

LOEW'S PRIZEWINNERS.

The winners in the Valentine-Navaro popularity contest, held by the management of Loew's Theatre, are announced as follows: Ten dollars in gold, E. M. Southcott, 57½ Craig street; complimentary tickets, J. A. Young, 321 King street; eight complimentary tickets, Daisy McDonald, 471 Waterloo street; five complimentary tickets, Mary Turner, 750 Adelaide street.

MRS. MAY O'TOOLE ENTERS ACTION TO GET ALIMONY

Mrs. May O'Toole, through her solicitor, A. R. Douglas, has issued a supreme court writ for alimony against her husband, O. R. O'Toole of this city.

Mrs. O'Toole, in the writ, has asked for interim alimony of \$12 a week, to be paid weekly till trial of action.

## DRAKE FAILS TO SEE NEED FOR PROPOSAL

Would Not Place Street Cleaning Charges in General Rate.

Ald. Gordon Drake can't understand the attitude of City Engineer Near and the members of the board of works, who have recommended the proposal to place street cleaning charges in the general rate.

"I can't understand the idea," he stated, adding that he would support the mayor in his opposition to this departure. "Leave these charges as a special rate. I have fought against this change for years. It is too drastic, in view of the fact that we have gone so far with the roads. People who live on paved streets may think that this is a good plan to have those on other streets contribute toward their cleaning."

Ald. Drake also discourages the practice of placing in the general rate the cost of gravel roads. These should be petitioned for and paid for on a frontage basis, he insists.

Nurses' Residence

DAMAGED BY FLAMES

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not the fire department quickly extinguished the blaze with the utmost efficiency.

Nurse Escapes.

In their excitement to leave the burning building nurses who had been sleeping in the threatened quarters snatched up whatever possessions they could lay their hands on. A shout of laughter was heard from the group of spectators standing on the street in front of the burning building.

A nurse who had been sleeping in the front door carried in pyjamas and carrying a pillow in one hand and a tennis racket in the other. She asked one of the firemen if he would go back to her room and save her fur coat. For a time the nurses feared their jewelry and other valuables had been lost, but they were pacified, however, when Chief Aiken assured them their rooms had not been damaged.

The fire was completely extinguished at 10 o'clock.

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## DENIAL BY SOVIET VIEWED AS SNARE BY WASHINGTON

U. S. Officials Regard Tchitcherlin's Statement as Propaganda.

TO MISLEAD PUBLIC?

"Red" Connection Established, Says American Defence Society.

Associated Press Despatch.

Washington, D.C., March 2.—The United States government does not accept literally Foreign Minister Tchitcherlin's statement that the Russian Soviet Government revolutionary documents never were sent to the court or that there is no connection between the Workers' party of America and the Russian Government.

At the state department it was made clear that American officials regard Tchitcherlin's denial as being in itself a form of propaganda in that it was an attempt to mislead the American public into believing there is a real difference between the Soviet Government and the Communist International.

The state department regards the Soviet Government as the organ of the Communist party and the Internationale as the party's organ for international Communist propaganda.

This government reiterated its position that Communist propaganda in the United States must cease and that good faith in the discharge of Russia's international obligations must be demonstrated before this country will enter negotiations of any kind.

Chas. Statement False.

The American Defence Society has issued a statement saying Tchitcherlin's denial of connection between the Workers' party of America and the Russian Government is a "barefaced falsification of the facts."

"The assertion of the Soviet commissary is designed deliberately to before the issue before the people in the United States," said the society. "As such, it is on a party with some statements made in this country by friends of Soviet Russia."

"John Spargo, well-known socialist leader and writer, calls the Soviet government and the Third International 'the same evil'."

Both are doing the same evil work. Yet men like Rotenberg, Communist worker in Chicago, have the impudence to hide behind the same screen and to accuse the secretary of state and the department of justice of forgery in the charges made by Secretary Hughes against the Communists of America."

"The fact is that the Workers' party of America is avowedly the legal branch of the Communist party of America, the secret and illegal organization of the same vicious elements of unrest in America."

Letter From Moscow.

"That the Russian reds fully realize this is shown in the following letter from Gregory Zinoviev, chairman of the Third (Communist) International and official of the Moscow Government. The letter was printed in a two-column box on the front page of the Worker of July 7, 1923. The letter reads:

To the Workers' Party of America and to the Communist Party of America: Dear Comrades, we are especially gratified at the militant spirit that has manifested itself in the party since the second convention in December 1922. We are especially gratified at the militant spirit that has manifested itself in the party since the second convention in December 1922. We are especially gratified at the militant spirit that has manifested itself in the party since the second convention in December 1922.

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## Five Million Jobless Germans

Associated Press Despatch.

Berlin, March 3.—In the course of a speech before an audience of German Catholics last night, the minister of labor, Heinrich Brauns, said there were 5,000,000 unemployed persons in Germany and 15,000,000 dependent on public relief.

## GOVERNOR PROGRESSES IN "SAFETY FIRST" PLAN

Byron Dawson Again Takes Precautions To Make the Entrances "Fool-Proof."

"Safety first" has been the motto of Governor Dawson of the county jail since the day he took over office, but he has perfected another scheme which reduces any chance of "surprise visits" to a minimum.

Time was when the door leading from the court house to the jail proper and the governor's office was always open. A heavy lock was put on the door last summer, and to gain entrance to the jail it is now necessary to ring a bell.

There was, however, an ordinary lock on the door leading from the outside into the matron's quarters. Another door led from her apartments into the jail, and this was not deemed safe by the governor, who came to the conclusion that if at any time a jail delivery was contemplated this would be a fairly easy means of access to the prison. Consequently, this second door has been bricked up and the matron must ring the bell the same as any visitor, before she can get in or out of the county bastille.

New "Snow Story" Is the Best Yet

Stairways Built on Drift Is Tale Heard by Engineer.

"Snow stories" are all the rage on county circles these days. County Engineer Charles Talbot counts the day lost that he does not hear a real "whopper."

The latest is that there was such a large snowdrift on Mead's Hill, one mile west of Lucan, that it was necessary to build a stairway on the side of the drift and toss the snow to three different men before it finally reached the top. The snow was sixteen feet deep, residents of Lucan claim.

DROWNED LAD'S MOTHER NOW IN VICTORIA HOSPITAL

Mrs. Christina Challis, the unfortunate mother of a child who was drowned in the Thames recently, charged with insanity by her husband Saturday last, has been taken to Victoria Hospital for treatment.

As soon as his worship heard of the charge, he communicated with the police and the coroner and had the woman removed from the local jail. She will be kept under surveillance for some days.

TECH. ELECTRIC BULBS AND FUSES COST \$450

Electric light bulbs and fuses will cost the Technical School \$450 this year, according to the estimate submitted by the Principal, H. B. Beal. The explanation of such a large sum is in the fact that the lights at the Tech. are much more numerous than in any other similar institution in the city, owing to the night classes which are conducted there for about eight months of the year.

ALDERMAN AND M. O. H. HAVE BEEN VACCINATED

Inquiry from a curious party at the city hall today elicited the fact that Alderman A. M. O'Hara and the local board of health were willing to take their own medicine—take what they prescribed for others—vaccination.

Both W. S. Dwyer, city medical officer of health, and Ald. Dr. L. H. Douglass have had their dose just since the smallpox epidemic asserted itself, it is duly recorded.

WILLIAM A. MUNNINGS.

William A. Munnings, a veteran of the 18th Battalion, died this morning at Byron Sanatorium. He was 30 years of age, and had been a resident of Goderich. He has recently worked in London as a commercial traveller.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Munnings, Goderich, two brothers, Armond of this city, and Edgar of Toronto, and one sister, Miss Mabel of Toronto.

The remains will be forwarded from the funeral home of Mr. J. H. Munnings tomorrow. Interment will take place on Wednesday.

MISS ADA MARY HOBBS.

Miss Ada Mary Hobbs died yesterday at her home, 641 Markham street, Toronto. She was the daughter of the late Richard H. Hobbs and Mary Ann Hobbs of this city. She is survived by two brothers, Dr. A. T. Hobbs, now of Toronto, and formerly of London, Oliver Hobbs of New York, and one sister, Miss Carrie, of Toronto.

PLANNING CLEAN-UP.

City Treasurer James Bell and Tax Collector Charles Turner are planning a clean-up of all outstanding city taxes. Although the collection compares quite favorably with past years, there are still some delinquents to receive prompt attention. In one particular instance today the mayor advised speedy action.

BUILDING IS ACTIVE.

March is going to be another record-breaker in the building trades, according to figures issued at the city building inspector's office. Permits have been issued since Saturday for work estimated at \$4,000.

## FORMER LONDONER'S WORLD PEACE PLAN NEW SENSATION

Dr. H. Lyons Hunt, Now of Paris, Advocates International Island.

AN EMINENT SURGEON

Suggestion Printed in "American News," European Publication.

Will a former Londoner prove to be the author of the first workable plan for world peace?

This question looms large in important circles reached by The Advertiser today that Dr. H. Lyons Hunt, now living in Paris, France, has formulated a peace plan which German authorities regard as one of the best yet conceived.

Dr. Hunt is the son of the late Edward M. Hunt, one time well-known local merchant. At an early age he left the city, and has since become an eminent American surgeon. Recently he was called to perform an operation in Paris, France, and while there completed his plan for world peace.

The text of the plan is contained in the American News, the only American publication printed in Central Europe. The newspaper is published in Hamburg and Berlin, and apparently views Dr. Hunt's plan as one of the most sensational developments in connection with recent attempts to formulate a workable system for the maintenance of world peace.

Dr. Hunt's plan suggests the internationalization of an island by various world governments. The island to be occupied by an international commission, an international army and navy, a commission of army and navy commanders, postal commission, cable commission, anti-war propaganda commission, international language commission and an international mint.

At the age of 18, Dr. Hunt left London for the United States, and within fifteen years became a nationally-known surgeon. In his private life he says he has devoted many years to the study of world peace.

Young Dr. Hunt was an extremely clever lad. A. E. Cooper, local wholesale diamond merchant, who knew the family, said: "He established quite a reputation as a member here twenty years ago he left for the United States. His mother is still living over there and he has several relatives in Bradford."

The Advertiser has received a copy of the American News which printed the text of Dr. Hunt's plan. It was forwarded by C. R. Mathieu, private secretary to the former Londoner, from the Hotel Plaza-Athene, Paris.

TIME SHORT TO ACT IN L. S. R. FRANCHISE

City Has Five Days To Make Decision—Douglass Proposes Action.

The time is growing short. In five days, on March 8, to be precise, the street railway franchise, to all intents and purposes, expires. Until 1930 unless the city council hands over a formal notice that the people are going to take the road over March, 1925.

While he does not think that anything further will be done, Ald. Douglass, chairman of the finance committee, stated that he would ask Mayor Wenige at tonight's session if he proposed any action. This is the last opportunity for the city to act unless a special session was staged during the week.

Ald. Douglass entertains the view, however, that the franchise, with many others, that the company will come to the city with a more favorable purchase price before the close of this year or at least before March, 1925.

HERBERT UREN GIVES ADDRESS TO ROTARIANS

London Youth Who Was Awarded Prize in Contest Repeats Speech.

Newspaper reports of the Wosca oratorical finals were supplemented for the members of the Rotary Club today when Herbert Uren, the local high school student, who was awarded second place in the last contest, delivered the same address given on that occasion. It is a development of the two principles of independence and obedience, and the meaning between the two, demonstrated in the democracy of the British Empire.

The