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OFFICERS BRINGING 'SLIM' WILLIAMS TO LONDON Final Public School Estimates Placed At \$630,000

WILLIAMS IS ON WAY TO LONDON FOR TRIAL

Bank Bandit Will Again Face Jury on Murder Charge.

TWO OFFICERS SENT Officials and Counsels Expected To Arrive in the City Tomorrow.

Henry Jack "Slim" Williams left Kingston at noon today on the C. N. R. International Limited for London and will arrive here tonight at 9 o'clock.

Unless Crown Prosecutor T. J. Rigney, K.C., of Kingston changes his plans, Williams will again stand trial on Monday for the murder of Sidney Murrell and Williams were guilty of the Melbourne shooting.

Williams was taken back to Kingston Penitentiary after the murder trial last October when the jury could not agree as to whether Sidney Murrell and Williams were guilty of the Melbourne shooting.

County Constable Ed. Guest accompanied by another county constable left London at 7 o'clock last night, arriving in Kingston at 2:25 this morning.

Williams, it is said, is in no better health than he was last fall. The young Australian bank bandit looked pale and sick at the time of the last trial and had to be given special food.

Murrell and Topping are both pronounced as being fit for their trial.

Mr. Rigney and D. A. G. Swanson, who will defend Topping, will arrive in London tomorrow and will put the finishing touches on their cases.

Courthouse officials stated today that as far as they knew Mr. Justice Riddell would preside at the assizes, which open at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon. Justice Riddell has been scheduled for the court, and if any last-minute changes have been made as to who will preside, London officials have not been notified.

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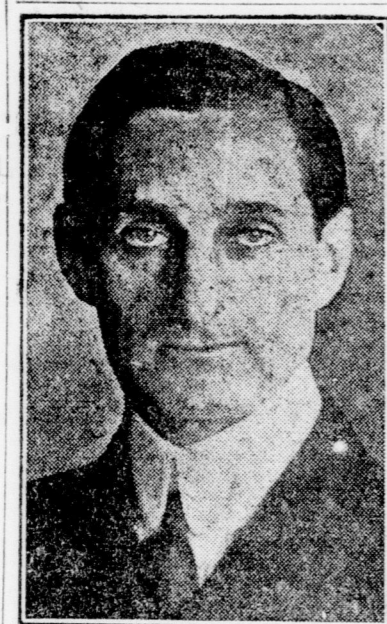
"The mayor's remarks sound like sour grapes," he stated. "I did not wait for the hand-shaking and farewell salutations. I remained until the questions were threshed out and until measures were passed which I could not conscientiously support."

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ADVERTISER NOW GIVES 300,000 SPECIAL VOTES



W. G. McADDOO, noted New York corporation lawyer, who admits receiving \$150,000 for services from Doherty interests in connection with naval oil leases, which are being probed by a special U. S. senate committee.

VETERANS PROTEST LOSS OF POSITIONS

Action of British Government Causing Consternation Among the Returned Men.

Associated Press Despatch. London, Feb. 2.—The dismissal of a large number of temporary clerks in the government departments, referred to yesterday, has caused consternation in the ranks of the association of ex-service men.

The members of the association contend that they are the principal sufferers by this economy movement on the part of the government, and they complain bitterly that such action is contrary to the expressed solicitude of Premier MacDonald for the ex-service men, particularly as the ex-service men are being displaced while many who did not serve in the army are being retained, the latter including old pensioned civil servants and women.

The association of ex-service men has asked Premier MacDonald to receive a deputation in order that the case for its members may be presented to him.

It is stated that the drastic cuts in question are due to measures instituted by former Premier Baldwin, and are in no way attributable to Premier MacDonald.

PERSEVERANCE WINS BATTLE WITH DEATH

Miss Viola McNaughton Returns Home, Fully Recovered From Bullet Wounds.

Perseverance and courage proved Victor in the battle with death, waged by Miss Viola McNaughton for the past three months, following her accidental shooting at 318 York street, where Miss Geraldine Durston was shot by Clarence Topping and later died at Victoria Hospital.

Miss Viola McNaughton, completely recovered, with no other trace of her long convalescence except a slight weakness, left Victoria Hospital for her home in Watford today.

Months ago, while lying in a critical condition in Victoria Hospital, she told her physicians she was not going to die in spite of the most discouraging medical reports.

Her strength of will is remarkable in this crisis, as the word from Victoria Hospital when Miss McNaughton hovered between life and death, "Only her extraordinary courage gives her a fighting chance," one doctor said.

The right of a mayor to keep order was decided. The case was that of a councillor against the mayor. The former was quarrelling, and did not stop when ordered by the mayor, who then called a police constable. The councillor accompanied the officer out of the room and then sued for \$1,000 for "technical imprisonment." But the jury returned a verdict against the councillor, who was compelled to pay the costs.

RECOGNITION OF SOVIET CAUSES STIR IN BRITAIN

Note to Moscow Government Calls Forth Wide Variety of Opinions.

LIBERALS APPROVE Morning Post Declares MacDonald Has Made a Leap in the Dark.

Associated Press Despatch. London, Feb. 2.—Great Britain's recognition note to Russia evokes long familiar expressions of newspaper opinion for and against that step.

The Liberal press generally approves of the communication to Moscow, the Westminster Gazette receding that "all the nations of Europe will soon be tumbling over one another to enter into like compacts."

The Times regards the note as "a most curious document ever issued by the British foreign office," and pointing out what it considers its peculiarities and inconsistencies, says it can be regarded as "a compromise between the government's new knowledge and the old commitments."

Although Great Britain unconditionally recognizes Russia, the note points out that this action will, according to the accepted principles of international law, automatically bring into force all the treaties concluded between the two countries except those of a complete treaty."

All extra votes earned during this period will count toward the grand prize of \$2,000 or any of the other prizes.

In addition to this grand prize a special prize of \$100 will be given in each of the three districts to the person sending in the highest number of subscriptions for his territory. In the district winning the grand prize the person sending in the second highest number of subscriptions will be awarded first prize.

Readers of The Advertiser are reminded of the special prize, a Ford Please See Page 5, Column 4.

READY TO CHANGE LICENSE ISSUER

Government Authorities Now Believed Prepared To Reconsider Appointment.

It was reported today from a reliable source at the provincial capital that the government authorities stand ready to re-consider the recent local appointment of the issuer of motor licenses.

Supporting this report is the further report that in view of possible developments in the near future, but a certain portion of the auto plates were forwarded here for immediate use.

The further complaint has been registered with the authorities that it is against the regulations of the highways department to have the office of the issuer of licenses in connection with or adjacent to a garage.

It is charged that the local appointee has opened an office of this nature.

MAYOR ACKNOWLEDGES HIS VIEWS DIFFERENT

Explains His Line of Reasoning on Secondary School Problem.

Mayor Wenige acknowledges today that his line of economic reasoning is quite different from that expounded last night by Principal Miller, apropos of the secondary school problem.



C. D. SULMAN, mayor of Chatham, who was elected chairman of the Maple City police commission at the inaugural meeting of that body yesterday afternoon. Mayor Sulman seeks greater co-operation between the city and county authorities.

ESTIMATE OF SCHOOLS IS \$630,000

Board of Education Final Figures Below Tentative Costs.

SEE CREDIT BALANCE

Final estimates for number one and number two committees of the board of education, dealing with the public schools of the city only, will be \$35,000 less than the tentative estimates presented last November, according to information received by The Advertiser this morning.

In the tentative estimates \$665,000 was set aside as being the needs of the public schools, including interest and sinking fund charges, salaries and all current and maintenance accounts. This amount has been pared down to \$630,000, which will bring the total estimates under the million-dollar mark.

The total estimates for 1924, as estimated at that time, November, were \$1,000,000, but with surpluses in the public schools and technical school sections, together with a paring down of figures, the final amount needed will fall short of the seven figures.

As announced in The Advertiser last December, the final estimates, while being high, will not reach the outside figure set when being tentatively drawn up.

Credit balances are looked for by Chief Inspector Greer and Principal H. B. Beal in their respective divisions, and while an overdraft is likely in the collegiate accounts, due to the large expenditures on repairs and renewals, it is possible that a surplus may remain when the final expenditures of 1923 are made known.

Groundhog Sees No Shadow So Spring Is Surely Nearing

Fuzzy-Wuzzy Animals Rejoice As Sun Hides and Dark Days Fade.

BEARS ARE CAVORTING

Spring, beautiful spring! It is coming with all haste, according to Mr. Groundhog. Today is the day which legend says the groundhog comes out of his winter quarters, sniffs around for a while, and if he sees his shadow, returns immediately to his home for another six weeks. This morning, however, he looked everywhere for his shadow and did not see any.

That means, says the fable, that spring will arrive very shortly. The cold, dreary, winter days are at an end. All the fuzzy-wuzzy animals are rejoicing.

The only persons who could possibly see shadows today were spiritualists. A real, honest-to-goodness shadow comes out of his winter quarters in Petrograd. And so Johnny Groundhog, peering out of his front door or a sign, wearily ordered the "missus" to come out with him and see what a benevolent weatherman had brought.

Officials of the Springbank zoo said the bears were up bright and early this morning, but their gay antics could not be taken as a symbol of spring, because they have been all winter hibernating, so far as the Springbank bears are concerned, is an unknown thing. Even in the coldest weather, they have cavorted frivolously on the ice, and behaved for all the world like their kin up in light."

CITY DIVER CONTINUES HIS SEARCH FOR BODY

Attempts To Recover Remains of Jack Challis Futile.

FIREMEN ASSISTING

Many Fear the Body Has Been Washed Down Stream.

Search for the body of Jack Challis continued this morning, when Thomas James donned his diver's suit again and made a number of descents at places in the river thought to be likely spots. The firemen had cut several stretches in the ice over night and early in the morning the diver was able to move about with greater freedom. A large crowd on the bank watched the proceedings.

In the afternoon he kept on with his work. With the strong current running and the experience of former years, it is a general belief that the body has been washed down the river, and that it will not be found before spring. It is suggested that had a net been strung across the river at the time of the accident lower down the stream that this would have been an effectual way of recovering the body.

The ice seems softer than it was yesterday, and there is less difficulty in cutting it. The fire department have worked strenuously on ice ever since the time of the drowning.

WESTERN ARRANGES DEBATE WITH "AGGIES"

Guelph Members Will Come Here For First Time.

Another intercollegiate debate between Western University and O. A. C. will take place on Feb. 9, when Guelph plays hockey at Western, according to an announcement made today by J. A. Waring, Arts '24, president of the Literary Society of the local university. This time Guelph will debate at the University of Western Ontario, establishing a precedent thereby, in that an outside college will debate at Western for the first time.

Mr. Waring is just in receipt of a letter from the secretary of the college at Guelph accepting terms and conditions for the new debate. According to the agreement this time, Western chooses the subject for the debate, and the Guelph men have the privilege of asking either the negative or the affirmative side.

DR. J. M'NEIL IS AGAIN CHAIRMAN OF STAFF

Victoria Medical Staff Meets Last Night—Dr. G. Ramsay Secretary.

At a meeting of the medical staff of Victoria Hospital last night, Dr. J. McNeil was re-elected chairman and Dr. George Ramsay secretary.

The hospital advisory board, which consults the hospital trust on technical matters, and which previously consisted of the chiefs of the different services at the hospital, will now include as an ex-officio member the secretary of the hospital staff and two additional members. Dr. C. H. Reason and Dr. C. A. Harris were the new members elected last night.

City Engineer Near does not believe that the present squabble about the street railway's payment of its share of the Richmond street pavement is more than a "tempest in a teapot." Neither does he expect that it will seriously interfere with the city's paving program for 1924.

He anticipates another co-operative conference next week between the councillors and Charlie Currie, president of the railway, who will be in London for the annual session of that corporation.

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FIRE CHIEF JOHN AITKEN, who strongly recommends the installation of a modern electric alarm system in the central fire station at an estimated expenditure of \$15,000. Such an innovation was recommended in the Brittain report.

WILSON CONTINUES TO GROW WEAKER

Physicians Are Surprised To Find That He Lived Through the Night.

Associated Press Despatch. Washington, Feb. 2.—Steadily losing ground, Woodrow Wilson continued to grow weaker this morning, having lasted through a night which his physicians feared would bring the end, but they cannot predict how long his remarkable vitality will hold out. Although he has taken no nourishment in almost 24 hours and is disinclined even to take sips of water, Mr. Wilson's pulse, respiration and temperature, early today were practically normal, but Dr. Grayson said his life was simply ebbing away. At no time has the former president been unconscious. At no time have such heroic measures as application of oxygen been resorted to, and opiates have not been given as he has been in no pain. Some stimulants have been given in small doses.

At no time has Mr. Wilson been delirious, but he seems at all times to be conscious of what is going on in his chamber, although he is too weak to carry on a conversation. He does whisper a "yes" or a "no" in reply to questions as to what may be done to make him more comfortable.

The cause of the fire is undetermined.

WELFARE INSTITUTE SUGGESTED AS NAME

Rev. Quintin Warner Would Eliminate Word "Charity" From New Scheme.

The London Welfare Institute is a name suggested by Rev. Quintin Warner for the proposed amalgamation of the "charity" relief and charitable organizations, which is the inauguration of a "confidential exchange" or "clearing house." He would do away entirely with the words "charity," "charitable," etc., in an effort to eliminate the impression that a person seeking aid of this nature is receiving charity.

As judge of the juvenile court, Mr. Warner would also have the influence of the council and others interested in the "exchange" movement, consider the court, which is actually the only body legally empowered to deal with those families with children.

R. G. MAY HONORED BY C. N. B. AND B. SHOP WORKERS

A pleasant affair took place at the bridge and building shops of the Canadian National Railways on Thursday, Jan. 31, when R. G. May, an old employee, was presented with a handsome club bag by his fellow workmen, on the occasion of his retiring on pension. J. Grigg, foreman, on making the presentation gave a short address, which was responded to very feelingly by Mr. May.

GOES TO MONTREAL.

Dr. W. J. Stevenson, who commenced his practice again several weeks ago after undergoing a serious operation in St. Joseph's Hospital, left for Montreal last night on professional business at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Dr. Stevenson will return to this city on Sunday.

DRAKE SAYS INSPECTOR SHOULD BE GIVEN CHANCE

WILD BEASTS ROAR AS FIRE BREAKS OUT IN CIRCUS

Ringling Brothers Winter Headquarters Scene of \$100,000 Conflagration.

CAUSE IS UNKNOWN

Keepers Throw Blankets Over Elephants' Heads To Allay Fears.

Associated Press Despatch. Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 2.—Fire which destroyed the paint and blacksmith shop, a huge structure in the center of the group of buildings at the winter headquarters of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey circus early this forenoon, created a wild panic among the animals in the menagerie and kept city firemen and the keepers in the animal houses busy for more than an hour before the fire was controlled. The fire was confined to the building where it started. An early estimate fixed the damage at \$100,000.

As the flames shot up accompanied by dense clouds of smoke, which penetrated the animals' barns, the roars of the lions, tigers and other caged beasts were mingled with the shouts and cries of the keepers, who attempted to allay their fears. In the elephant house, about 50 feet from the burning structure, the great beasts were following in terror. Keepers seized blankets and threw them over the elephants' heads and succeeded in preventing them from breaking their chains.

Several scores of horses in the barns were liberated by the firemen when it was feared the barns in which they were quartered would become a prey to the flames.

The fire rushed madly about the big enclosure, but were finally quiet and when the fire was controlled were captured and returned to the barns.

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NEAR DISCOUNTS ROW OVER L. S. R. PAYMENT

Squabble Called "Tempest in a Teapot" by the City Engineer.

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Tavish Is Here

A good Scot whom you will like. Read his letters to the people at home, on the editorial page.