RISH EXECUTE GENERAL O'CONNO

FIGHT FOR STREET CARS OR SUFFER IN SILENCE

This Is the Alternative Expressed by New City Council-Will Face Situation in Special Meeting Called for Early Next Week.

'BUS OR CAR MUST GO' THINKS R. G. IVEY

ccurts? is the question heard on all sides following Monday's election, and many and varied are the conclu-

Those who would brand such action

from the street railway company.
"And what happened." Sir Adam
thundered from local platforms. "We

are those who conscientiously believe

Ontario, the citizens would receive

"To Highest Court."

in the land, the supreme court," sup-

where the friends of the company lob-

bied for and secured the increased

whether it is a street car or a motor

Encourage Competition.

that the company, once faced with

considered but lightly.

sistently broken its agreement,"

this stage in the game?"
Should the new council finally

deem it expedient to carry the struggle to the courts and a verdict

scheduled for consideration at special council meeting early

HEAR REV. J. REYCRAFT

LORNE AVENUE MOTHERS

Pastor of First Methodist Churc

Speaks on Relationship of Parents to Children,

Addressing the Lorne Avenue

Mothers' Club on Thursday even-

ing on the responsibilities of mothers

towards their children, Rev. J. F.

Reycraft of the First Methodist

Church, specially urged upon par-

ents the importance of being close

companions to their children keep-

ing step with the boys and girls in

Mrs. W. Rider presided,

treasurer reporting that the pro-

ceeds of a recent rummage sale

amounted to \$31. Five dollars was

voted to purchase materials to

ociation. Arrangements were made

Pleasing program features were

a solo by Miss Crittle; reading, Mrs.

make up for the Child Welfare As-

fare."

What is the present situation in | vice that rivals the company for its London's street railway tangle? infrequency.
What are the chances for success. What is the effect of Monday's vote refusing purchase of the road? What does essay to test bylaw 916 in the is going to happen?

These are questions heard these days wherever one goes. To obtain possible answers The Advertiser this morning sought opinions from members of the new council, street railway officials and representatives of the various "schools" of transporta
Beck obtained three court judgments tion theory. While few of these gentlemen wished to be quoted definitely at the present stage of affairs, their answers provide an outline of the possible courses open to develop-

One thing is clear. Something is going to happen. A special meetis going to happen. A special meeting of the city council early next week are to consider the whole affair.

Another thing is clear—that street railway officials intend to continue a chase findings of an arbitration.

railway officials intend to continue a chase bitter battle, as witness Richard board. Ivey's statement to The Advertiser given below.

In general London's aldermen-elect express determination that the street railway company shall in 1923 im-prove its service substantially and in be as at the Ontario Legislature, rdance with the provisions of by

How the corporation can be compelled to accomplish this is the leading question and will be given first consideration when the new mayor councillors gather informally Wednesday next.

there are several members of the newly-elected council, who adhere to their belief that such action would be thas confronted the citizens. Despite the opinion expressed to has confronted the clast 25 years or more

"We're giving the citizens the best service we can-a better service than that called for by Mr. Bunnell," said The Advertiser. "We are not making money, nor have we made money for some years. This talk of the council going to the highest court to force the company to live up to its agreement sounds empty. I don't think the people knew what

the agreement is.' Regarding the possibility of the purchase of the system being again presented to the people next year Mr. Ivey was in a non-committal at-

"That's up to the council. We have nothing to do with that. If nothing is done, the franchise will automatically renew itself for five years."
"But" he added, "the council allows busses to compete with us on the same streets, and the thing has resolved itself into more than petition. Busses travel side by side with street cars, and then draw up just a second or two before a street car. intent on taking the company's patrons away if they can. If the council continues to allow busses to increase in number, and to compete as they have been doing, it will mean r a bus system or a street rail.

Mr. Ivey stated that the company would continue the same service as now being given. On occasion when traffic warranted it, extra ser-vice would be given. He also took that the five-cent fare in this city is on to comment upon the fact absolutely rock-bottom fare, while the majority of other Ontario cities

were paying six cents or more.

Two Alternatives.

According to opinions of various members of the new council expressed to The Advertiser this morning the to The Advertiser this morning, the city has but two reasonable alternatives once the franchise auto-matically extends March 8, 1925: First, to fight the battle for better ts; sec-ituation service the special council meeting earl service through the high courts; sec-ondly, to allow the present situation to remain, with deplorable service and a fleet of busses, operating at ap-

POLICE USE FAKED NAMES, GET LIQUOR

Forced to Make Imaginary Entries to Gain Confiscation of Whiskey Shipment.

In order to gain a confiscation order for 100 bottles of whiskey seized at the Grand Trunk station during July and August by a squad of city police under Inspector Thomas Lucas, it was necessary for Provincial Officer T. Y. Stratton, acting license inspector, and city police authorities to enter the names of Robert Thomson and James White, both fictitious, as consignees on the police court blotter today.

As these two mythical men did not appear to answer charges of transporting liquor intended for sale within the province, contrary to section 70 of the Ontario temperance act the confiscation order was signed. It given Wednesday afternoon next. was charged White was transporting 80 bottles in three club bags, and that Thomson had twenty bottles in C. Allen, and piano selection, George draw the big aerial truck at the cen-

Automobile Slips on Richmond Street North-Tumbles Into Deep Mill Race.

OCCUPANTS UNINJURED

Ilderton Residents Miraculously Escape Death as Machine Is Smashed.

The slippery condition of the road on Richmond street north was the cause of a serious automobile wreck in front of St. Luke's Church, Broughdale, at 1 o'clock this mornnever collected a cent. You can't do anything with them. I defy you." On the other hand, however, there ing when a five-passenger machine driven by Fred Robb of Ilderton, and in which Mr. and Mrs. D. Carmichael. that if the entire controversy was bundled into the Supreme Court of E. Wood, Miss Grieves and Miss Campbell of Ilderton were riding. tumbled into the mill race just south of Bernard street, after skidding on the road and backing down the incline at that point. All the passengers miraculously escaped injury.

findings of an arbitration The car was proceeding northward. The high crown of the roadway was coated with sice, and this, "We'll take it to the highest court coupled with the fact that there plemented Mayor Wilson, "and there were no safety chains on the wheels of the machine, caused it to skid to the city will get justice. It will not one side. On reaching the brink of the incline, the car backed into the gully, struck a cement culvert, and turned a complete somersault, land. ing top down in the creek, and pin-

Those officials who would conclude the fight by legal procedure, now argue that "if the city would get justice in the courts with respect to one clause of the agreement, why should it not "work both ways?" Would it ning the six occupants underneath. Residents of the locality, hearing the screams of the imprisoned people, hastened to the scene of the accident and were successful in turning the auto over and releasing its

The women were suffering from shock, otherwise all had come through the wreck unharmed, which voice determination that in any there shall be improved transthey voice determination that in any

portation facilities, if even more drastic action must be contemplated. There is still another point of view among certain members of the countemplated in, and the windshield was smashed in a contemplate in the millrace. Suitable city hall on the Federal Square, the cost not exceeding \$350,-

"Encourage competition," they say. The victims were taken into the home of W. J. Hodgins nearby, where they were attended to. They re-"Allow the busses, at at present, rightof-way on the city streets, and while a ride, while at the same time, increasing business in this respect should only end to awaken the street railis very treacherous for motorists, especially at night, because if a street way company to the cold fact that car and two autos meet there, the machine nearest the slope of the the average person is going to ride the first vehicle that comes in sight, nill-race is almost certain to forced over the brink.

Residents of the vicinity are agitating for a fence or some other pro-tection to be erected here before The point they advance is this:

serious competition, will eventually come to the city to give assurance "that it will be good," and that the street railway corporation will have SPARE EQUIPMENT any recourse through the terms of bylaw 916 and would therefore be in any position to halt the operation

of the busses on city streets is to be Sees Need for Additional Fire Protection in Matter "How can a company that has conofficial said this morning, "expect to secure satisfaction from the city at of Trucks.

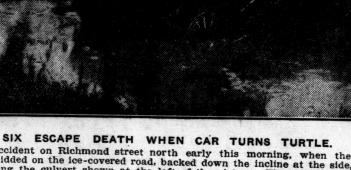
More spare equipment is needed by the London Fire Department. Fire Chief John Aitken is convinced. struggle to the courts and a verdict is forthcoming adjudging by-law 916 is forthcoming adjudging by-law 916 will then be nothing, it is claimed, to prevent the city undertaking just what steps may seem advisable and for the best interests of the community, under the circumstances, and if no agreement exists, then no company exists, as far as the city is concerned. There then could be no franchise. Windsor, with a smaller population than London, has much more equipment, he pointed out. At present the local department has but one service truck while the border city has three Only two spare horses-and one of them has been on the department 22 years—are available here.

Discussing the question of opening No. 5 fire hall in the north end, the chief stated that it would in all probability be re-opened as many of the electors favored the move, as indicated by the way they voted in the recent elections. It was his personal opinion, however, that the north end hall was unnecessary. Since its closing on June 9, the city had saved \$10,-000, and there had only been three fires in the north part of London since that time.

When the hall was in operation the motor trucks from the central station could always beat the horse-drawn vehicles of the north end outpost, to the corner of St. James and Richmond streets. The only section of the city obtaining added protection from the operation of No. 5 hall was within a radius of a few blocks of it. The north end hall had served its work and study, and retaining the purpose when the entire equipment

confidence and comradship of sons of the department was horse-drawn the chief stated, because in those days it required from ten to fourteen minutes for the horses from the central hall to make the trip to the north part of the city. Since the horse-drawn equipment

has been gradually replaced by motor trucks, cities in both Canada for the annual trea in honor of the and the United States have been reprincipal and teachers, which will be ducing the number of their fire given Wednesday afternoon next.



Scene of the auto accident on Richmond street north early this morning, when the machine driven by Fred Robb of Ilderton skidded on the ice-covered road, backed down the incline at the side, and turned turtle in the millrace, after striking the culvert shown at the left of the picture. The tire marks made by the machine

SEES \$350,000 FOR CITY HALL PURPOSE

City Treasurer Estimates the Amount Available for Construction of Federal Square Building.

Would the price of materials an labor permit the construction of a suitable city hall on the Federal

City Treasurer James Bell roughly councillors accept Monday's vote on People living in the vicinity declare the city hall bylaw as encouragement that this particular part of the road from the citizens as a body to proceed with the undertaking next year It is possible, the city treasurer points out, that the sale of the Spencer Block would yield approximately \$100,000. "There is not a doubt in the world," he points out but the value of the present city hall location would increase tremend-ously once the council should determine to build across on the Federal Square."

Mr. Bell calls attention to the additional factor that there is considerable city property, adjoining the Federal Square and the armories, and on King street, that could be dis-posed of at a satisfactory figure. He estimates roughly that these sums, together with such moneys as have in past years been voted for that urpose by the citizens, would total in the neighborhood of \$350,000. While he does not attempt to voice an opinion as to the probable cost of a new civic administration build is being secured upon this proposi-tion, and the same will be submitted at an early date to the

RAKE UNDERWORLD FOR HAMMER MURDERESS

Mexicali, Lower California, Dec. 8 The underworld of Lower California was raked in an all-night woman hunt, which failed to give up Clara Phillips, escaped "hammer murderess," and pursuit in that direction was abandoned today.

Red-coated Mexican police and American plainclothesmen poked into forbidding corners of this cosmopolitan city's worst dives in relentless search for the "Tiger Woman," who broke jail more than forty-two hours

All night, in impromptu review, negroes, Mexicans, Chinese, white girls from American cities, college criminals, the flotsam of a continent, the chase was abandoned. Preferring shot a Free State soldier lying on to credit reports that Clara Phillips one of the beds, in reprisal for the never left Los Angeles, authorities executions of Rory O'Connor and will continue the search there.

LANDSLIDE DESTROYS MANY ITALIAN HOMES

Special to The Advertiser.

Modena, Italy, Dec. 8.—Six hundred persons fled today from the little town of Plandegatti, where a hundred house already to the state of the state hundred houses already have col-lapsed in a landslide, and complete destruction is threatened.

The town has been deserted and its inhabitants are homeless.

BABY DIES FROM BURNS RECEIVED WHILE PLAYING

Peterboro, Dec. 8 .- Myrtle Carew, Eimly Township, died this morning of at least three governments dependas result of burns received last evening while playing near the stove computed Friday this figure as what The father was sick in bed at the will be available, should the 1923 time, and the mother was out doing some chores at the barn. When she returned to the house after an abclothing was in flames.

19 BLOCKS IN HEART OF CITY WIPED OUT

Raging Fire Causes Loss of 15 Million Dollars in Astoria, Oregon.

Special to The Advertiser. Astoria, Oregon, Dec. 7.-Nineteen city blocks were wiped out, with a loss of \$15,000,000, in a fire here today. The blaze was still eating into the heart of the city at 7:30 a.m. The blaze broke out in a pool hall during the early morning and spread rapidly from block to block. Tongues of flame shot high into the air as building after building fell in the path of the blaze. Norris D. Staples, president of the Bank of Commerce, dropped dead of heart failure while helping fight the

Two men, at first reported dead, were later accounted for. The fire swept over 27 blocks. The flames

had eaten under the pavement on Commercial street, burning the piling on which the city had been built, and firemen were unable to cope with the development.

Patients were removed from St. Mary's Hospital, all the windows of which were shattered by explosions of dynamite or gasoline tanks.

The fire started shortly after 3 Session of First Caucus of o'clock this morning and spread with such fury that it soon was beyond control. Whether there were casualties was

not learned from the meagre dispatches to Portland. Nor was the origin of the fire disclosed. Astoria had a population of 14,020 at the 1920 census. Its seagoing commerce prin-cipally is in lumber.

REBELS TAKE REVENGE. London, Dec. 8.—The Dublin cor-respondent of The Evening Standard day's session of the first caucaus of reports that a party of men today entered the Mercer's Hospital and

Will Experiment On Manufacture Of Coal Briquettes at Edmonton held over today. In the course of the day the question of the alleged at.

Special to The Advertiser. Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 8.-Coal briquettes from local mine slack will ies in the course of the next week. An experimental plant has been set

and has been in preparation for sor All kinds of slack from the Edbe made in the university laborator- other parts of the province, will be Dr. C. W. Gordon when making the monton mines and from mines tried out in the plant and various kinds of binder will also be tested, including bituminous sands, from the up for the purpose, and is now prac- Athabasca region.

halls. Cincinatti has closed litteen halls, Chief Aitken asserted.

Incidentally the chief believes that a tractor should be purchased to draw the big aerial truck at the central station.

Incidentally the chief believes that a few days' time.

The work is being directed by Professor E. Stansfield, for the advisory scientific research council, cially practicable.

Incidentally the the work will be purely experitify any professor and the purely experitify any professor in that the work will be purely experitify any professor in the purple of t tically completed, and it is expected that it will be ready for operation in that the work will be purely experi-Mr. Craig explained, that would jus-

The Turkish answer did not seriwas anticipated the Turks w open certain points in the Dardanelles argument until a settlement became ossible on other issues. The conference is expected to adjourn Dec. 23 The Turks asked that warships not vet fully understood. It will be the

ALLIED PREMIERS

Bonar Law Acts as Host at

Conference About

Germany.

By ED. L. KEEN.

Special Cable to The Advertiser

is referred to as the most decisive since

Instead of a great conglomeration

elegates, with their unwieldy staffs, four

men will gather around a table at 10

Andrew Bonar Law, prime minister of

Britain, is host to Premiers Poincare,

Mussolini and Theunis, of France, Italy

and Belgium respectively. Tomorrow

night he will entertain them at dinner

The program, it is semi-officially said,

1. A moratorium for Germany, or

2. Adjustment of debts in view of the

American attitude, which is expected

to be stated by the United States ob-

server.
3. An international loan, which is con-

4. Reform of Germany's budget and

Such a program sounds as though all

the shafts of the conference were to be directed toward Germany.

less he comes through successfully with his plans, he may be defeated at home.

Mussolini must score at London to hold the advantage he enjoys over a superior

number of political enemies at Rome Even Bonar Law's position, with Lloyd George ready to make hot opposition in the House of Commons, is not im-

MAKING PROGRESS

Manitoba Government

Ends Without Friction.

(Canadian Press.)

Winnipeg, Dec. 8.-While there

vas some questioning as to some of

the actions and decisions of the

Bracken Government, the information

given in justification of them was

the farmer party ended without any-

thing like friction developing, accord-

ing to statements by members last

night. It is probable that the Legis-

lature will be convened the second

The matter of fixing the date was

held over today. In the course of the

tempt to offer Attorney General R. W. Craig a bribe of \$50,000 to let up

in the enforcement of the Manitoba

temperance act was raised. Mr. Crais

allegations, had described as a re

spectable member of the community, did not bribe or attempt to bribe

tify any prosecution of any person or persons. Nothing had been said

which might not have been said

fully explained the circumstances.

week in January.

REPORT BRACKEN

But Poincare is said to feel that un

ered impossible at present.

condition France holds the Rhine.

Tersailles.

Downing street.

will be a discussion of:

London, Dec. 8.-Premiers of the

PRESENTS SUGGESTIONS. Near East conference today counter suggestions concerning control of the Straits of the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus. The Turks ask: **CONFER IN LONDON**

ubject of further conversations.

Allies Before Giving

Reply.

Counter Suggestions of Con-

trol of Straits Presented

at Conference.

By HENRY WOOD.

Special cable to The Advertiser.

to consult the allies before replying.

Lausanne, Dec. 8.-The Turks to-

attacks from land or sea threatening with Republican leanings, because of the security of the Straits, of Constantinople, or of the Sea of Marmora.

Second—Limitation of naval forces courts building on the banks of the bound for the Black Sea, so that Liffy against overwhelming odds unthey will not constitute a danger to the zone extending between the two straits to the Black Sea. Turkey expresses the view that these forces might be composed of light warships, employed for the protection of in-ternational commerce.

Third-Interdiction upon the main-Allies came to London today for a contenance of warships in the Black Sea. near the Gorsham Hotel. ference about Germany, with the fate Fourth-Liberty of passage for

The Turkish position on the question of the Straits was presented by smet Pasha, who gave a historical declaring Turkey had never acted to international treaties

concerning that waterway. Attacks Certain Points. Ismet mentioned certain points the interallied proposals which considered particularly harmful nclusion of the Sea of Marmora in Collins and General Ennis. he definition of the straits, because preparations for defense of the shores of this sea was necessary for the defense of Anatolia and Thrace and yet would not affect the liberty of passage for vessels. Another point made was that it was needle have a demilitarized zone around th Bosphorus. It was sufficient. no fortifications, either land or naval,

His third point was in connection with the allied suggestion that in the demilitarized zones there should thought, on the contrary, that such movement should be permitted, be-cause the zones in question connect

the two parts of the country.

Again, he contended that in order Again, he contended that in order machine gun jammed, it was recall-to defend the shores of the Sea of ed. Later, when General Ennis was Marmora by a fleet Turkey would have to keep arsenals and other naval equipment in Constantinople and the straits. He thought also machine gun belt. that the limits by the demilitarized zones were too great and contended that the islands in the straits should be recognized as under Turkish As to the Gallipoli peninsula,

thought a minimum means of de-fense ought to be assured to preserve it against surprise attacks.

WILL MAKE GREAT EFFORT TO WIN U. S. GOVERNMENT

Georges Clemenceau Will Deliver Final Appeal To Official Washington Today.

Special to The Advertiser. Washington, Dec. 8.-Georges Cle nenceau today will make his suprem nenceau today will make his supreme effort to win the American government to the side of France. In his final appeal before official Washington here this afternoon, when he addresses the lecturers' conference of the International Lyceum and Chatauqua Association, the Tiger is expected to deliver one of the most important addresses of his American tour.

Many prominent government offi-cials will be in the audience, and cials will be in the audience, Clemenceau, with his customary frankness, will tell them what he thinks the United States should do to save Europe.

HEAR FRENCH TRAWLER LOST OFF GRAND BANKS

Halifax, Dec. 8.-A wireless fro Harvey, agent for the department of marine and fisheries, reads as fol "August LeBlonde sunk on seventh, at 2 a.m., latitude north, longitude 49.15 west."

The August LeBlonde, thought to a steam trawler out of Fecant, France, was reported yesterday in distress off the Grand Banks.

Lord Curzon Will Consult the Take Life of O'Connor and Mellows in Reprisal for Hale's Death.

PASHA OUTLINES PLAN TWO OTHERS ALSO SHOT

Find Master Spy Who Caused Death of Michael Collins.

By GEORGE MacDONAGH.

Special Cable to The Advertiser. Dublin, Dec. 8 .- Rory O'Conner and lay accepted the freedom of the Liam Mellows, Irish rebel generals, Dardanelles, with minor reservations, taken prisoners after the insurrecand the meeting was adjourned until tion against the Free State was put this afternoon to permit Lord Curzon down in Dublin, were executed at Mountjoy prison today, it was ofously clash with the allied plan. It ficially announced. Two other inuld keep surgent officers were executed at the same time-Joseph McKelvey and Richard Barrett.

The Free State government announced the rebel leaders were exebe maintained in the Black Sea. The cuted as a reprisal for the assassina-exact meaning of this demand is not tion of Hales, a deputy, yesterday. The Republicans published a manifesto today declaring that "As long as there is a man in Ireland, it is Lausanne, Dec. 8.—(Canadian Press war to the death" against the Free Cable.) — Turkey presented to the State. The manifesto calls Govern nor-General Healy, "a lifelong enemy

The executions created nearly as much excitement as was occasioned by that of Erskine Childers, for First-Guarantees against surprise O'Connor and Mellow were h courts building on the banks of the

Liam Mellows, leading a little rebel band in guerilla fighting on Sackville street, was finally cornered called upon to surrender but refused merchantmen in time of peace and of war. State trooper wounded him and he was captured.

There was a suggestion current that the executions may be in the nature of reprisals for the assassination of Hales, Free State deputy, yester A master spy of Irish insurgency,

ernment today as the man responsible for the death in ambush of Michael This spy, posing as a chaffeur and

machine gunner in the national army yesterday stole an armored car and handed it over to the rebels Use Armored Car.

The armored car was used in a rebel assault at Ballymakera, County he Cork, where 100 Free State troops surrendered to an overwhelming in surgent force after one had been killed and fifteen wounded. Free State government announced that the man who handed over the car to the de Valeraites was in charge of an armored car accompany ing Michael Collins when the famous Free State chieftain was slain. At that time this man claimed his machine gun jammed, it was recall

machine gun belt. EXECUTED AT 9:20 O'CLOCK. Canadian Press Cable.

Dublin, Dec. 3.-The prisoners were ied by a military court-martial dur ing the night, were found guilty and sentenced to death. The death sentence was carried out at 9:20 o'clock this morning. Three priests were present. The prisoners, blindfolded. were marched to the place of execuion. O'Connor had to be assisted to

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS. Today—Strong winds and gales, shift-ing to westward; turning colder tonight th snow flurries -Strong northwest winds. Saturday

this morning over the Great Lakes, causing snow and rain over Ontario, while over the Western and Maritim Temperatures

The highest and lowest temperatures



High. Low Victoria .. Calgary .. - 6 -14 Pt. Arthur Toronto .. Kingston. Ottawa .. Montreal. Quebec ... St. John ..

Halifax ..

— Below a
F. Point.. LOCAL TEMPERATURES The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock

24 nours previous to 8 o'clock night were: Highest, 30; lowest, The official temperatures for 12 hours previous to 8 a m. were: Highest, 37; lowest, 27. Barometric Readings Thursday—8 p.m., 29.09. Today—8 a.m., 28.80.