

# HOPE U.S. WILL SEND MISSION TO THE HAGUE

European Powers To Send Invitation To Americans.  
RUSSIANS STILL PUZZLE  
Attitude of Soviet Delegates Appears To Be Unchanged.

THE HAGUE, June 20.—France's unexpectedly prompt and hearty agreement to meet the Russians on June 26 clears up the last possible misapprehension regarding the purely technical character of the conference, and, in the meantime, the question whether the United States would not do well to reconsider its refusal to take part in the negotiations.

There is reason to believe that the invitations of the powers will be promptly renewed in case the United States shows the slightest favorable inclination to accept. The fact is that the limitations placed on the conference are such that they seem automatically to eliminate practically all the American objections as expressed in the formal refusal of the American secretary of state. The American position was this:

"While reluctant to abstain from any opportunity for helpfulness to the conference at The Hague seems merely a continuation of the Geneva meeting under another name and destined under the Russian attitude changes to meet the same difficulties. We proposed a joint inquiry into the Russian economic situation and possible remedies as being an indispensable prelude to granting credits, but we found the invitation to The Hague lacking in clarity."

To these arguments the answer must now be made that The Hague meeting obviously affords an opportunity for helpfulness, for it is much more than a continuation of the Geneva meeting, and any concrete study looking to the elimination of difficulties found to subsist between Russia and the western powers is bound to be helpful. Besides, the disarmament of Europe will be impossible until the Russian problem is settled.

It cannot be too strongly repeated that although The Hague is the offspring of Geneva, it bears absolutely no resemblance to it. As to the Russian attitude the only way to find out if it can be changed is to try, and in any case the conditions of the conference are now as clear as they can possibly be made. They are:

The Hague is a conference, not of diplomats, but of experts.

Its purpose is to study the difficulties between Russia and the western powers with a view to arrive at concrete solutions.

# CLEAR COURT AT DELORME TRIAL

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testify that Delorme dictated the following statement to him:

"I would suggest that the hanging take place in an arena. Never mind the price. All methods that are reasonable and humane should be employed in the hanging of the murderer or murderers."

"Add us to revenge the blood of my brother. All detectives. All work in union. Every one must work under the direction of Chief of Police Belanger and Chief LePage with their detectives who work so indefatigably."

"The diabolical murderers must stop. The question is not religion. The question is not to stir up trouble between the provinces and English and French. Down with fanatics. Down with badness. Down with disparagement of public reputations."

# THINK VALERA MAN WILL WIN

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constabulary in holding up Cardinal Logue on three occasions. The bishop declares they deem it their duty to "lay before the holy father and the civilized world a fair outline of the barbarities heaped upon the beloved head of the Irish church."

The hierarchy declares that the effect of partition has been to ruin Ireland, and that the British government is now backing its "Turkey in Ireland."

The persecution of the minorities in the south has caused a vigorous condemnation by the bishops, who urge that the primary duty of a stable government will be to crush the lawless element.

# HON. W. C. KENNEDY IS WEDDING GUEST

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and orange blossoms. She carried a shower of Sweetheart roses.

Miss Amy Newton, sister of the groom, as bridesmaid, wore a chic frock of corn colored taffeta, a black picture hat wreathed with corn colored flowers and carried a sheaf of American beauty roses.

Elizabeth Strathroy, little niece of the bride, and Donna Williams, Toronto, niece of the groom, were winsome flower girls in fluffy frocks and hats. Mr. Robert Diprose, assistant manager of the Standard Bank, Montreal, was best man.

Following the service in the church, a reception was held in the spacious home of Judge and Mrs. Ross in Kitchissippi avenue, with its broad verandas and beautiful lawns and gardens. Peonies and roses in profusion were used for decoration, with palms and ferns.

After their honeymoon the young couple will take up their residence in Strathroy.

# Three Hundred Public School Pupils To Write Entrance Examination

Public school pupils to the number of 312 will write their examinations for entrance to the Central Collegiate Institute, commencing June 28 and continuing until June 30.

It is reported further from the school inspector's office that 523 pupils have been passed for entrance upon the recommendation of their principals. They will not be compelled to write upon the various subjects set down by the department.

# RETAIL GROCERS PLAN ASSOCIATION

Western Ontario Merchants Meet at Tecumseh House to Further Scheme.

More than 60 grocers from the surrounding towns and cities are meeting in the Tecumseh Hotel this afternoon for the purpose of reorganizing what is known as the Western Ontario Retail Grocers' Association.

This is the first convention that the retail grocers of Western Ontario have had in over twenty years when a meeting was held in Hamilton. At that time the association was a strong one, and was well represented by the grocers in this part of the province, but through affiliation with a similar organization the Western Ontario grocers gradually became disorganized and the annual conventions ceased.

This afternoon the grocers are endeavoring to unite all the grocers, wholesale and retail, into one compact body in order to better buying condition for the individual merchant, and to give every grocer the benefits derived from a large organization.

All the grocers in the city are attending. Harry Rabinovich acting as chairman.

Addresses are to be given by Edward Adams and A. M. Smith, wholesale grocers, and also by a representative from Perrin's and McCormick's candy and biscuit factories.

# MAKE FINANCIAL HYDRO STATEMENT

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7.8c commercial. Successive reductions have brought the rate to 7.8c and 7.8c, respectively. The industrial power rate has dropped from \$3.42 to \$1.81. Consumers have profited by these reductions to an amount of \$7,443.71.

Since the load has mounted from 177 to 410.5 horsepower, the price of delivered energy has decreased from \$32 to \$30, despite increased generating costs at Niagara Falls.

The population of the town is 2,964.

Revenue in 1921 was \$26,875.09; expenditure, including a renewal charge of \$2,008, was \$24,622.33, leaving a surplus on the year's operations of \$2,252.76. The assets are \$91,117.46; liabilities, \$32,084.37, leaving in reserves and surplus funds \$59,033.09.

Record of Norwich.

Rates in Norwich have been reduced by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission from 6.8 cents per kilowatt hour and 6.5c for commercial (on an average), to 3.1 and 4.6c, respectively. The industrial power rate has dropped from \$30.95 to \$25.70 per horsepower. By reason of these reductions over a period of ten years, the consumers have saved \$19,213.89. The load has increased from 31 to 253.9 horsepower.

Last year the revenue was \$22,514.67; the expenditure, including a renewal charge of \$2,970, was \$20,543.67, leaving a surplus of \$1,970.99. This surplus is equivalent to \$8.22 per horsepower on the town's load last year.

The assets are \$40,065.89; the liabilities are \$12,246.45; leaving \$27,819.44 in reserves and surplus. The accumulated surplus alone is within \$300 of the entire balance of liability.

Village of Beachville.

Beachville began operations in 1912 with a load of 35 horsepower, which has since increased to 251.9 horsepower. The rate for delivered energy has declined from \$3.89 to \$30 despite the increased generating costs at Niagara Falls. Although the population is under 600, and the village is 9 1/2 miles from Niagara Falls, the rates to consumers average only 6.8c per kilowatt hour for domestic lighting, and 4.6c for commercial. This is a rate considerably less than the present rate in Toronto, and the present rate in many American cities served by private corporations.

Last year the revenue was \$9,893.36. The expenditure, including a contribution to renewal funds, was \$9,943.19, indicating a loss for the year of \$49.83. That the loss is not serious is shown by the balance sheet. The Beachville system has assets of \$24,902.54, and a total liability of \$2,549.60. The accumulated surplus is greater than the value of the plant. The sum of the renewals reserve and the village's equity in the co-operative hydro-electric reserve is greater than the balance of liability.

# WOODMEN OF WORLD HOLD BANQUET AT PORT STANLEY

100 Delegates Expected From Winnipeg, Toronto and Other Points.

Members of the Woodman of the World from all over the Dominion will attend a meeting of that organization at Port Stanley Wednesday night.

More than 100 delegates from Winnipeg, Toronto and other points in Canada are expected to be present. Tuesday night initiation services were conducted by the London branch of the W. O. W., and five new members were taken into the lodge. The speakers of the evening praised highly the splendid work of the drill corps during the initiation ceremony.

# STANDARD DRUG STORES REDEEM FREE COUPONS.

The Palmolive Soap coupons which entitle each home to a free cake of Palmolive Soap are redeemable at any Standard Drug Store.

This remarkable offer, which offers free soap without any condition except the presentation of the coupon from the Tuesday edition of The London Advertiser, is made by the Palmolive Company of Canada, Limited.

The Standard Drug Stores will promptly give the full size cake to all who present the coupon.

# CENTENNIAL METHODIST CHURCH HOLDING PICNIC

Party Motors To Port Stanley in Autos Loaned by Church Members.

Members of Centennial Methodist Church, about 80 in number, motored to Port Stanley Wednesday afternoon for the annual church picnic.

The party left the city about 2 o'clock in the afternoon in sixteen automobiles, lent by church and choir members.

The sports program is in the hands of Mr. Bert Weir, the organist, and Mr. William Torney, while the judges are Rev. A. E. M. Thomson, Alfred Arthur, J. A. Page, and L. H. Martyn.

A very capable refreshment committee is headed by Miss Hilda Rowell, and the picnicers left the city confident they were to enjoy the most successful annual picnic yet held.

# KIWANIS SPLIT OVER QUESTION ABOUT DOCTORS

Will Bar Graduates of Non-Accredited Schools From Membership.

# LATE FOR INVOCATION

President Delivers Straight Talk to Tardy Convention Delegates.

Toronto, June 21.—The first real division of the floor of the International Kiwanis convention meeting here came this morning on a resolution which would bar from membership of those people whose work prevents them from spending their whole time in study. Western University will offer at a meeting of the Trades and Labor Council Wednesday night, a short course of study of the International Organization of the Government of Canada.

There exists at present a Labor Education Association of Ontario, but since the coming of Albert Mansbridge, who spoke recently in the college institute on the advantages of working people by the Workers' Educational Association, feeling has been expressed that such an organization in London would be of inestimable value, and it is felt by the executive of Western University that the course of study they offer is a step in this direction.

If the offer is accepted by the Trades and Labor Council a professor will be brought from Toronto to conduct the course, which would deal with Canada from the point of view of its trades and industries, means of transportation, political institutions, its position as a part of the British Empire, and its relations, past, present and prospective, to foreign countries.

Although the course offered is a short one there is every possibility of extending it if so desired, as the subject is wide in its scope and one which permits of much discussion.

Sandwich Priest Dies While Praying in Church

Rev. Father Semande, C.S.B., Succumbs During Early Morning Invocation.

Windsor, Ont., June 21.—Kneeling in prayer at Assumption Church at Sandwich, shortly after 7:30 o'clock this morning, Rev. Father Semande, C.S.B., assistant pastor at the church, was heard by members of the congregation to utter a groan, and was seen to fall over—dead.

Death was due to heart disease. He was carried into the parish house, where life was found to be extinct.

Father Semande had been ailing for about two months. Yesterday, according to Rev. Father E. Burns, C.S.B., pastor of the church, he complained of two slight attacks of heart trouble, but nothing serious was anticipated. Father Semande arose as usual early this morning to say his 7 o'clock mass. He appeared to be in good spirits, and at the conclusion of the mass went to the back of the church to make his thanksgiving.

Ron in Lisleville, near here, 67 years ago. Father Semande was educated at Assumption College, and ordained priest at Assumption Church 40 years ago. He was one of the oldest members of the community of St. Basil.

# ASK CAUCUS ON POSTS.

TORONTO, June 20.—Warning the delegates that Kiwanis must be kept free from political influences, that the best men should be selected for leadership in the organization, and that an effort should be made to draw together city and country in a more friendly and understanding spirit, Harry E. Karr, international president of Kiwanis clubs, delivered a keynote address at the convention in Massey Hall here today that was notable for its constructive tone and its practical suggestions.

One of the new ideas advanced by the president was the adoption of the caucus method of choosing candidates for the international offices. On this matter he said:

"I desire now to speak upon the subject that in previous conventions has been the source of a great deal of criticism, and by that I mean the self-constituted caucus that have come into being at each convention in an effort to select candidates for the various offices."

"An organization such as ours must at all times be absolutely free from what might be called political influence if it is going to accomplish good and maintain its high standard of ideals. That it is necessary that something be done looking towards a plan whereby self-constituted caucuses in some manner suggest candidates for the various offices, and some means used to get the consensus of opinion as to who are the best men for the respective offices, certainly is apparent to everyone."

Not to Restrict Nominations.

"Kiwanis in the future is going to stand or fall just as it is today, and the best men selected for leadership in Kiwanis must be of the highest type, men not only of judgment and ability, but men with ideals and vision. Such men cannot be selected in a haphazard way, nor can they be selected in the turmoil of a convention, and unless some machinery is set up by which candidates for office can be suggested we are not going to get the best men or best results."

"I therefore suggest that the convention adopt a caucus plan for selecting candidates. I am going to submit at the first business meeting of the convention a resolution carrying out this plan, and will ask the resolutions committee to report same in its first report to the convention so that if we are going to have a legally constituted caucus for the selection of candidates, we may know at once whether it is agreeable to the convention body."

"I do not want this idea to get abroad, nor is it my purpose even if the caucus form of selecting candidates is authorized, that such a selection by the caucus will in any manner prevent candidates from being nominated by the delegates. The caucus idea is solely for the purpose of being a medium of selecting what is felt to be the best men for the various offices, and I believe that if the caucus idea is adopted it will once for all do away with the criticisms that have heretofore been made that candidates were selected by a small group of men."

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# EXPECT 500 AT BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S OUTING

London B. Y. P. U. Holding Annual Picnic At Springbank Park.

The annual picnic of the London Baptist Young People's Union is being held at Springbank Wednesday afternoon and evening. All the young people's unions of the Baptist churches in the city are combining in the picnic, and it is expected that about 500 young people will be present.

The picnicers are to gather for supper north of the loop, where the sports and races will be run off. It is anticipated that in the evening there will be an open air meeting for young people.

Miss Phyllis Kennedy, president of the city union, is at the head of the picnic committee.

MORE THAN 5,000 people are expected to attend the Carlisle Old Boys' Re-union to be staged at Falkirk, Thursday. All the old boys from the Carlisle district, which is near Ailsa Craig, are invited to attend and participate in the sports program, which is to be concluded by a bumper supper served on the picnic grounds.

# AYERS IS GIVEN 12-YEAR TERM

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was escorted in for sentence. Questioned if he had anything to say before sentence should be passed upon him, the prisoner conferred a few moments with his attorneys and replied in a firm, steady voice: "No, sir."

He received the sentence seemingly with remarkable calm. There were many in the courtroom who expected that he would make some statement; with reference to the robbery.

Judge Taylor, explaining that although from the evidence adduced he had concluded that Ayers was not the instigator of the deed, he could not allow that to influence him greatly as an example had to be set for those who might consider that the looting of banks was "easy money."

Attorney Meredith executed an eloquent appeal for the prisoner. He agreed with his honor that the robbery was a serious crime, but asked that the sentence be imposed to consider the fact that it was the first offence for the convicted man, who had previously an excellent record, had gained nothing from the robbery, and was in a good way to reform.

Met Stronger Will.

"Ayers," he said, "had no doubt been induced to enter the dangerous enterprise by a will stronger than his own."

Removed immediately to the cells Ayers conversed a few minutes with his brother Frank. Observing the crown witness, Mrs. Olive Myrtle Koehler, who "squealed" on the four men standing in the corridor of the court, the latter questioned her. "Now are you satisfied?" Mrs. Koehler made no reply.

More than an hour elapsed while the judge considered the request from the defence for a postponement of the trial in the case of Ayers and John, Crown Attorney Wilson maintained a vigorous objection to such a ruling.

It has not yet been decided whether the other prisoners will appear in September or December.

In his plea to the bench, Crown Attorney Wilson admitted that Ayers had a clear record, but held that the records of crime in Lambton county had no such parallel as the Wyoming job. The people of the county had come to hope, he stated, that the time would come when such a robbery would be an impossibility, and asked "that punishment be made sufficiently severe to fit the crime."

Attorney Meredith pointed out that it was "not the wish of the people of Lambton, but a matter of justice." He suggested, further, that a feeling detrimental to the prisoners had been created in the county by published in the newspapers prior to and during the trial.

Following these addresses by Mr. Meredith, counsel for the defence, and Crown Attorney F. W. Wilson, the case was finally placed in the hands of the jury at 5 o'clock last night.

After the jurors had been out for several minutes they were recalled at the request of Attorney Meredith, while His Honor Judge Taylor, presiding, corrected an omission in the charge respecting the refusal of Mrs. Bessie Hunt, a crown witness, to define more closely her identification of Ayers.

"Once aroused the jealousy of a woman," declared Attorney Meredith, in his appeal to the jury, "and you must look for trouble. Seldom, if ever, will a man come forward and injure another just for spite. Not so with a woman influenced by jealousy or slight. Gentlemen of the jury never injure a woman."

Cites Time Lapse.

Telling the jurors that identification evidence must be based on opportunity for observation and emphasizing the time that had elapsed between the opportunity and the identification, Mr. Meredith observed, "a case is no stronger than the evidence upon which it is based." Proceeding to attempt to demolish the credibility of the "daddy who squealed," defence counsel asked, "did you ever hear such nonsense in a court of justice as the story told by Mrs. Olive Myrtle Koehler? If her story is correct these men should be in an asylum," he commented.

Counsel presumed that it was McMillen that the woman wanted to "get" and that she had wanted the other men into it to fill out the story. If the latter had been concerned in the robbery and had told Mrs. Koehler, they deserved all that was coming to them, he said. There was no doubt, however, he added, that McMillen had had immoral relations with Mrs. Koehler.

Touching upon the threat to shoot Mrs. Koehler, he asked that if it were so that McMillen had "double-crossed" his companions then why had they not threatened to shoot him?

During his address to the jury town attorney Wilson held that the evidence submitted by the defence has shown that Ayers was not in London at the time of the robbery.

"We have shown that he was in Wyoming," he said, "or why should disinterested witnesses come forward to say that he was?"

He cited as another peculiar incident the fact that Ayers was arrested in McMillen's car, showing that they were seemingly close friends.

Admitting that the "alibi" furnished had possibilities, he questioned whether the jurors could believe the evidence of the defense witnesses, "the two loose ends from California," as he termed them.

"They stuck by these boys wonderfully," he concluded, "only it was at night only."

Judge Taylor, in his charge to the jury, said it appeared peculiar to him that no witness could identify more than one or two of the accused men, although they had been shown photographs of four men, and remarked on the difficulties of positive identification after a period of seven months. On that, however, the jury must be entirely guided by its own beliefs. He had been unable to find any ruling that should be adopted as to the identification of prisoners, but at the same time he could not rule out the evidence submitted. The jury must take it at its face value.

The inference from the evidence of Robert Wilson was that Mrs. Koehler knew of the inside story before Christmas and she did not go down to Port Stanley until the New Year.

# PARK OWNERS HALT PAVEMENT

Petition Against Improvement Holds Up West London Belt.

# Ald. Douglass Annoyed Over Action of Property Owners.

Because owners of property abutting on Dundas street, between the bridge and Wharncliffe have petitioned against a pavement on this thoroughfare, a complete belt of pavement through London West and back to the city proper has been made possible for this year.

The majority for this pavement belt for London West was assured when the city council decided Monday to construct sheet asphalt pavements on Wharncliffe road from Dundas to Oxford streets, and on Oxford street, from Wharncliffe road to the River Thames.

These pavements will be constructed this year, provided that city gas and water mains are all permanently laid in time for gangs to get to work, and that the London Street Railway Company agrees to pave its track allowance on Wharncliffe road.

Ald. H. H. Douglass, who represents West London on the city council, and who is sponsoring the pavement improvements inaugurated in his district this year, does not take kindly to the action of property owners on Dundas street from the bridge to Wharncliffe road who petitioned against the pavement.

He contends that this is a much-used thoroughfare, being the main route to Tecumseh Park and Mount Pleasant Cemetery. However, the owners of the park have petitioned against this pavement, and rather than force it upon the ratepayers, this strip of the pavement belt was held up.

"It is a shame not to pave Dundas street from the bridge to Wharncliffe road," said Ald. Douglass. "There is not much use doing the other pavements if this one is going to spoil the belt."

That ball park is a good-paying proposition," commented Ald. O. I. Cunningham. "I do not see why the owners should petition against such an improvement as this pavement."

Other pavements in London for which bylaws have also been passed this week include: Hamilton road, from Egerton to St. Julien streets; Princess avenue, from Quebec to Charlotte streets; Talbot street, from Oxford street to Cambridge Creek, and Dundas street, from Ashland avenue east to the city limits.

These pavements will be completed by day labor under the direction of City Engineer H. A. Brazier, who hopes to construct them all this year. Some of the above improvements were petitioned against, but as the petitions were not sufficiently signed they will be proceeded with this season.

No bylaws were prepared for pavements where the majority of the owners petitioned against such improvements.

# HOUSE OF LORDS DEFEATS CABINET

London, June 21.—The government was defeated in the House of Lords today when Lord Islington's motion, condemning the Palestine mandate, was adopted by a vote of 60 to 29, although the Earl of Balfour, acting foreign minister, made a strong speech defending the government's policy and the mandate.

Cable—Sir Joseph Cook, Australian high commissioner in London, speaking today before the Sheffield Institute of Mining Engineers, said the problem of the age was the development of power. He praised the way in which Great Britain was dealing with the problem, and said the dominions still looked to the mother country for a lead in all scientific bypaths of further development.

GEN. MORRISON IMPROVING.

Ottawa, June 21.—That General Sir E. W. B. Morrison was getting along nicely and that all danger was now past, was the bulletin issued today by Dr. Ardner, the family physician.

# ARRIVAL OF LEATHER GOODS FROM ENGLAND

One of the finest shipments of leather goods seen in many a day has just arrived in London, Ont., from Ellis & Co., England. It contains ladies' purses, gents' purses and tobacco pouches. They are really worth seeing, and are on display at John A. Nash, Jeweler's Store, 182 Dundas St., "Where you will eventually buy."

More than a hundred members of Victoria Mothers' Club rallied for the annual picnic held at Springbank Park Tuesday afternoon, at which Principal E. H. McKone and Mrs. McKone and several of the teachers of the staff were also present. Mrs. A. Cross, late president, and Mrs. W. Westcott, were general conveners and to them a generous share of credit was due for the satisfactory arrangements.

Mrs. Westcott, Mrs. C. Spearin and Mrs. W. Yorkick had charge of the amusing program of sports, entered into with much enthusiasm by the mothers. In the candle race, the prize-winners were Mrs. Bryant and Mrs. Hancock. Mrs. W. Roughly carried off the honors in a "Time" race, and Mrs. Foster managed to thread a needle before all other competitors. Mrs. C. Carrothers coming second in the hop, step and jump event. Mrs. Baskett and Mrs. Bryant led Mrs. C. Austin and Mrs. F. R. Hardie demonstrated the greatest skill and taste in doll dressing, and Mrs. G. Wenige and Mrs. Hancock came first in the endurance tests of the soda biscuit contest. Much mirth was provoked by the snow-shoeing race, in which the winners were Mrs. Austin and Mrs. Bryant.

Mrs. Bryant figured as a "Mysterious Lady," who was detected by Mrs. Hill.

The club embraced the opportunity of presenting Mrs. Cross with a handsome cup and saucer, paying the month's dues, and taking a vote on the most popular lady at the picnic. Mrs. Cross carried off the honors.

ST. GEORGE'S CLUB PICNIC.

St. George's Mothers' Club enjoyed a happy outing at Springbank Park Tuesday afternoon, thus bringing the season to a close. The members of the new executive were on duty with the retiring officers, and a number of the teachers of the school joined the picnic in time for the tempting picnic tea.

# Allege Baseball Guessing Contests Hurtful To Morals

WINNIPEG, June 21.—That baseball guessing contests, which are being carried on through the medium of labor and sporting papers on a large scale in Winnipeg at the present time, are linked closely with powerful liquor interests and influences which would destroy Sabbath observance legislation was the charge preferred at the Manitoba Methodist conference here yesterday.

It was also declared that the extent to which the "gambling spirit" had been developed by these contests was ruining the finest instincts in men, causing them to neglect their debts, allow insurance policies to lapse and comforts of their home to be neglected.

It was urged that all such gambings be made illegal.

# COOK POINTS AGE TO USE OF POWER

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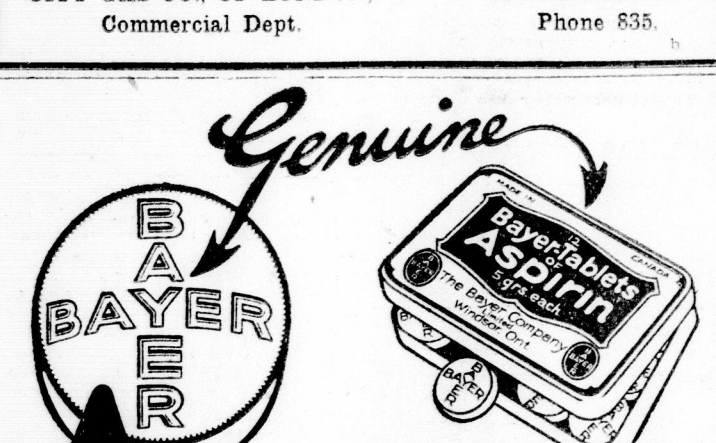
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