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DISEASE SECURES FREEDOM FOR MAN STABBING DOCTOR

Magistrate Refuses to Send
Him to Prison.

SENTENCE IS SUSPENDED

Soldiers Who Assaulted Victoria Hospital Surgeon
Get Another Chance.

Hughes Hughes, the colored soldier, who confessed to using a knife on Dr. Shields, hospital surgeon at Victoria Hospital, when the latter attempted to search him on Saturday afternoon last, is on suspended sentence when he appeared before Magistrate Graydon today.

Hughes was allowed to go, not because the magistrate did not believe his offence justified a term, but because of the fact that the soldier was suffering from a severe type of tuberculosis. The doctor thought that it would be better not to commit Hughes to the reformatory, where he would spread the disease, but to give him another chance. Hughes promised to conduct himself in a proper manner in the future and let whiskey alone.

Pte. Theodore Daigle, who was in company with Hughes at the time of the disturbance at Victoria Hospital, was also allowed to go on suspended sentence on his plea of guilty to disorderly conduct.

Hughes and Daigle were allowed out on leave for three hours last Saturday afternoon. They bought a bottle of whiskey from one of the many "bootleggers" who operate in the city and became intoxicated. When an altercation arose on their return to the hospital, Drs. Shields and Ferguson attempted to secure the whiskey from the men.

Hughes then pulled a large pocket-knife and cut Dr. Shields several times across the face.

CITY BREVITIES

ON C. A. S. C. STRENGTH.—Lieut. Daniel E. Lawlor has reported for duty here, and has been assigned to the strength of the Canadian Army Service Corps Details.

M. O. OF PERMANENT FORCE.—Capt. J. R. LaTouche of A. M. C. Training Depot No. 1 has been detailed for duty as medical officer for the families of the permanent force.

TRAFFIC EARNINGS.—Grand Trunk traffic earnings from the 1st of December totalled \$1,355,105. For the corresponding period in 1916 they were only \$1,184,862, or an increase of \$190,243 for this year.

MEETS WEDNESDAY.—Next week the Red Cross will meet on Wednesday instead of on Tuesday, which is New Year's Day. The Red Cross Council will meet as usual on Wednesday at 10:30 o'clock.

FAREWELL SERMON.—Rev. Dr. D. L. McCrae, who is retiring from the active duties of the ministry, will preach his farewell sermon at the Methodist Presbyterian Church Sunday evening. Appropriate music will be furnished by the choir.

NO MORE TILL JANUARY 4.—Owing to the fact that some repairs are required at the St. Thomas barracks, the volunteer company of the 1st Depot Battalion will not be moved there until January 4, it was announced at headquarters Friday.

WHERE SHING IS TO BE DONE.—The proper place for shingling horses in the London area to be shod at Barn No. 4, Queen's Park Camp, according to camp orders. The work is to be done there under the supervision of the Canadian Army Veterinary Corps, but the horses of the 63rd Battery are excepted from this ruling.

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SOME STRAY SHOTS FROM CAMPAIGN ON FOR CIVIC HONORS

Dr. R. W. Shaw was the first speaker Thursday night at the East End hall. Perhaps this is a fore-runner of the election result when one remembers the old adage that "the first shall be last and the last shall be first."

Is the move to abolish the board of control one to get rid of a number of prominent men from the city hall?

Objection is taken to the fact that Mr. Somerville qualified just seven minutes before the time for so doing.

As has been said before, "the first may be last and the last may be first." Perhaps fear of this old adage explains the attempt to throw dust in the eyes of the electors.

Certain candidates seem to believe that the Technical School is a "whirlwind" and it might have been better for the ratepayers if they had not delayed their discovery until election time.

Some of the majority candidates do not seem to think the city needs a financier for mayor. Yet the poorest household in the city to the financier is keeping going. Is the city any different?

One hears but little of the fuel situation during the contest. Yet it is a burning question.

London has thirteen different spending bodies. Is it any wonder the tax rate is high when they vie with each other to get the most out of the ratepayers?

C. B. Edwards spoke on "How to Secure the Best Men to Govern the City." On suggestion is to get the poor ones to stay at home.

Mr. Somerville "will cut out all foolish expenditures." Down with the tax rate.

C. R. Somerville is the big interest candidate for mayor, according to Controller Shaw. "Consistency, thou art a jewel." Did not a member of the audience at Thursday night's meeting accuse Mr. Shaw of supporting the big interests' candidate in the Federal contest, and he did not deny it. Seemingly he has big interests and big interests.

If there is anyone who has not some hidden motive for trying to keep Dr. Shaw out of the majority chair, please step forward.

"Are you going to stay by me," asked Mayor Stevenson of his night's audience. Some had the temerity to answer "No."

The Federal Government owes not a little to London for legislative ideas. Mayor Stevenson suggests that the Board Government got the idea of selling Victory Bonds to the people from the city's scheme of selling debentures at home. He graciously admits that he got his idea from the British.

The fuel controller will take the utilities commission's idea of abolishing the claims of the needy are looked after by coal dealers who have supplied them. Are there some who would condemn some of London's municipal government methods.

A ratepayer asked today: "Is Controller Shaw flatterer or kidding himself when he thinks that everyone is trying to keep him out of the majority chair?"

He suggested that he would find out Tuesday that there were even more who would not want him wielding the gavel.

"You cannot compare a gum and popcorn business with an iron business for experience. This is one of Controller Shaw's starry arguments as to why he should be elected over Mr. Somerville.

"I think Mr. Somerville is easy," declared Controller Shaw last night. Perhaps, but the doctor does not stop there. He seems to hold the same idea of the electorate. Tuesday is night.

Dr. Shaw waved a couple of copies of his paper before his audience last night. The large articles on the front page, he said, were bottled for him by the controller. He left the impression that he believed the headlines in question were the work of the controller. The fact that they are not is the one point in the opposition's campaign that has not been explained by recounting some unfair motive.

Mr. Somerville's opponents have been somewhat perturbed because the candidate has chosen to follow their lead in conducting his campaign. Why, is he not here?

demanded Controller Shaw of his partially packed meeting last night. Seemingly he has a corner on municipal campaign methods, and all must fall in line.

"I am a dangerous man," declared Controller Shaw last night. No one disagreed.

"Be patriotic. If you are not you are a friend of the Kaiser," declared Controller Shaw. Where did we ever hear that before?

"The tax rate this year was 33 not 34 mills, as the papers state," said Controller Shaw. "Why did the papers print this?" he asked.

Here are the figures: Mills. School and municipal council..... 29
Discounts..... 1
Soldier insurance..... 3
War tax..... 1

Total..... 34

The Labor candidates for the school board declare that other schools should have the same facilities as the Lord Roberts School. It has a swimming pool, but they have pointed out, though much was spent in building it, it is not being used. This is not a startling fact in London.

Last year's council authorized the utilities commission to pay \$25,000 for the Hunt's mill. It is a wonder that the commissioners have not been excused because they purchased it for \$10,000 less.

Voting For a "Kicker"

Good, Provided He Kicks to Some Purpose.

"Give me a kicker every time in public life, and I'll vote for him. He'll stick up for the people's interests. So said a well-known citizen the other day in discussing with a group of friends the coming municipal elections.

Let a man be known as a "kicker" among the hangers-on and heelers of the city hall, and it is a sure sign he has buckled some profiteering schemes and pet grafts of those same gentry.

Controller Shaw is considered a "kicker" by some, but he kicks the grafters in the interests of the people who have trusted him with their confidence. London will be sure that some more grafters will be calling the fearless candidate a "kicker" if they make him Mayor Shaw on Tuesday next.

OLEO IS POPULAR.

SARNIA, Dec. 28.—Oleomargarine is almost as popular as butter. This is due to the great difference in price, but the advent of oleo has considerably lessened the chance for butter taking another jump in price. One concern in this city is receiving his oleo by the ton, having received a ton shipment yesterday.

POCOCK'S RECORD INSURES RETURN TO BOARD AGAIN

Chairman of Commission Certain To Go Back.

HAS AN ENVIABLE RECORD

Achievements for the People's Cause Bring Support of Public.

Philip Pocock, chairman of the utilities commission, who is seeking reelection, will have no fears when polling day comes, if a man's record stands for anything, and it is quite certain that it does.

For eight years Mr. Pocock has been a member of the commission. He was elected with such men as Adam T. McMahon, John H. Chapman, William Wyatt and others, and has shown during this tenure of office, a business ability, straightforwardness, and enthusiasm for the work that has caused the public to respond in a most remarkable degree. His decision on every occasion was assured the moment he consented to allow his name to go on the ballot paper. This year will be no different. The public admires honest, businesslike administration of its utilities, and Mr. Pocock has given this without fear, favor or affection, looking only to the good of the citizen.

The hydro enterprise, the pride of London, is one of the outstanding features of the city. It has a name that is Dominion wide, and to its success Mr. Pocock has in a great measure contributed. He has given it a great deal of attention, with the result that huge surpluses have been made, and the ratepayers annually with an annual reduction in the power rate to the consumers.

Electric power in Ontario is due to the efficient businesslike administration of the hydro enterprise. Mr. Pocock has been expending in the hydro and waterworks, and not a single charge of mismanagement has been made, nor a hint of wrongdoing made.

The public knows when expended by Mr. Pocock. The surplus in the hydro department was \$75,000 and the city's share of the surplus was \$15,000. A 15 per cent reduction was made in the price of power at the beginning of the year.

The water supply was well enhanced at the beginning of the year. Mr. Pocock refused to pay an exorbitant price for water, but started investigating his own source. The result was that he and the staff secured a three million gallon supply of the purest water, at a very low rate, provided means for future development, and solved the water problem for many years.

The sewerage system is another of the greatest advantages that London has secured in recent years. Mr. Pocock has been instrumental in obtaining a supply. It does not cost the city a cent of money, but it will reap the benefit. It meant a cheap supply of fuel for the city, and the bringing to London of an industry, that Controller Moore says, will be greater than the city's first year's income.

Natural gas was one of the real reasons for coming to London, and Mr. Pocock secured this advantage at no cost to the citizens.

The administration of the parks is another matter to which Mr. Pocock has given much attention. London never had such beautiful play spots as it has now. Mr. Pocock has been instrumental in securing a commissioner, at a cost much lower than almost any city in the North American continent.

The water supply has been increased from 3,000,000 to 9,000,000 gallons, and the operating expense has been reduced only from \$54,000 to \$69,000. That's efficiency plus.

Mr. Pocock has been in charge of the expenditure of about \$1,000,000 on hydro and waterworks. Not a cent was wasted. That's business efficiency.

Trades and Labor Council has endorsed Mr. Pocock. It believes in getting a dollar's worth for every dollar sent to the Trades Council knows Pocock and his methods, and it is behind him to a man.

The income of the utilities was \$25,000 when he took hold. It is now \$60,000, and growing daily. That's the way it did it. The Pocock way is the people's way.

Let Pocock handle your utilities, and save the citizens thousands annually. The people can trust him. Keep the man in office who has made good with a vengeance.

Experiments are dangerous. Don't experiment with the utilities, but keep them in safe hands. Pocock's election means safety and prosperity.

If the contractor is not satisfied with Mr. Pocock, the only reason is that his pockets have been hit. The money is in the pocket, and that is that really counts.

There is a Big Man, who has done a Big job, in a Big way. The city will keep him where it can do the work that is necessary.—Adv't.

Hide Prices Drop But Leather Will Not Show Effects

Tanners Hold Out No Hope of Cheaper Goods Now.

Following the drop in the price of hides registered on the local market yesterday, The Advertiser made inquiries as to the possibility of a decrease in leather values to discover that the drop of hide prices will have little or no bearing on leather.

Owing to the poor quality of hides on the market at the present time the drop recorded yesterday does not represent a decline in the price of all grades of hides, according to the tanners. At this season of the year the grade of skins and hides is usually poor, and the present period has been no exception to the rule.

W. F. D. Jarvis, vice-president and general manager of the C. S. Hyman Company, stated today that a decline in leather prices is extremely improbable. The demand of shoes for the soldiers and war conditions have sent the value of skins up over 75 per cent since the outbreak of hostilities. A reaction is expected, but when it occurs it will be gradual, and the demand is good, and the decrease of hide prices at this time is a natural occurrence.

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CONVICTED BURGAR SLASHES TOOKED UP HEAD WITH A POKER; MAKES HIS ESCAPE

George Mareello, Alias Stanton, Who Pleaded Guilty to Eight Robberies, Makes Sensational and Successful Dash For Freedom From County Jail, Where He Was Awaiting Sentence.

The most sensational escape from custody since the time "Texas" Burdell fought his way to liberty from the county jail 14 years ago, was staged at the jail this morning when George Mareello, alias Stanton, pleaded guilty to eight robberies, and was sentenced to two years in the Ontario Reformatory, one of two years and another of twelve months for burglary.

Has Plain Clothes. The escaped prisoner is 20 years of age, of dark complexion, height 5 feet 7 inches, and weighs 150 pounds. He was dressed in a dark brown suit, with a light pink stripe in the goods. That Mareello is a desperate character, is proven by the fact that he has been in the Ontario Reformatory, one of two years and another of twelve months for burglary.

Being a criminal of such a resourceful type, the police think that although Mareello took a post-mortem course, he would quickly secure these necessary articles. Surrounding and border towns have been notified. A police dragnet is supposed to stand guard at the door to prevent just such a dash for liberty as that made by Mareello this morning.

Third Escape of Year. The escape of Mareello today makes the third prisoner who has got away from the jail this year. George Benson and Sidney Sayre both escaped, but they were caught and returned to their terms in other institutions.

Sheriff Smith is endeavoring to ascertain the facts in connection with Mareello's escape, suspended Turnkey William McLeod, in order to make it impossible for him to escape again.

Whether McLeod will be reinstated will depend upon the investigation to be made by the inspector of prisons at an early date.

Considered Dangerous. Mareello is regarded as a dangerous man, and it is the opinion that if he could get a gun he would not hesitate a moment to use it. He has been sentenced by Magistrate Graydon today. He pleaded guilty to eight robberies, and was sentenced to two years in the Ontario Reformatory, one of two years and another of twelve months for burglary.

Board of Education. JOHN SHORE BARNARD, merchant, one of London's leading businessmen for many years. Was elected to the board of education eight months ago to succeed the late Dr. Teasdale, and has been a member of the school management committee since that year. Prominent in church work and keenly interested in welfare movements. A member of the Canadian Club and vice-president of the Baconian Club.

JAMES GRAY, merchant, has lived practically all his life in London, but through he has been prominently before the public in connection with his movements for the public good, this is the first time he has stood as a candidate for public office. He was born in Toronto, but shortly after his family removed to London, when his father, a mercantile man, in the Royal Canadian Rifles, was transferred to this city with his unit. In 1874, James Gray entered the firm of Andrew Chisholm & Co., on Dundas street, next door to his own present store, to learn the drygoods business. He has been engaged in the drygoods business ever since, building up a large and flourishing business for himself.

EDWIN SMITH, traveler and director of H. B. Smith, Limited, son of the late H. B. Smith, president of the London Street Railway, was born, educated and lived all his life in London. Well known here, he is making his first appearance as a candidate in the election. He is president of St. George's Society, and is prominent in Masonic circles, an officer of St. John's Lodge, 20th; principal St. George's Lodge, No. 2, Royal Arch Masons.

MITCHELL ALBERT ROSS THOMAS, dentist, born and educated in London. A graduate of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons in London University, and has practiced his profession here for several years. Has always taken an interest in public affairs.

THOMAS COLERIDGE, barrister, member of the firm of Cronyn, Betts & Coleridge. He was born in Grey County, and studied law at the University of Toronto, graduating from the Mount Forest High School, after which he taught school for a time before taking up the study of law. After he graduated from Osgoode Hall, he started in law practice in London, and has been in the profession professionally for a number of years.

WHITE-POOK. HARROW, Dec. 28.—The marriage of Florence Beatrice, youngest daughter of George Pook, and Bernard Garfield White, was solemnized at Christ Church rectory on Tuesday evening by Rev. W. Connor. They were unattended, and at once returned to the home of the bride, where they are remaining for a time before making their home on the fourth concession.

LABOR COUNCIL'S CANDIDATE FOR UTILITIES BOARD

WILBUR NELSON MANNING, manufacturer, has been elected to the board of education after two years of service on the board, had a number of years of experience in a couple of years during the time C. M. R. Graham was mayor. Has been in the piano and organ manufacturing business in London for fifteen years, and previous to that time in Clinton. During his career he has taken an active part in men's organizations, church work and in welfare movements.

HERBERT JOHN COLLIER, born 1885 in London, England. Resided in Canada, he spent the last three years, and a now general secretary of the London Trades and Labor Council, has been elected to the board of education. He is also an active worker in the labor movement, and the betterment of civic administration.

CHESTER SCOVENE, born 1887, London, Ont. Member of the Cigar-makers' Union. He has been elected as vice-president of that organization, and has been on all important committees. He is a delegate to the trades and labor council and a worker for all that stands for the betterment of the working people. He is also a member of the Independent Labor party.

CHARLES HENRY THORNE, born 1882 in London, Ont. He is a member of the Cigar-makers' Union, and has worked on important committees.

CONCEDED PLACE ON UTILITIES COMMISSION ON HIS FIRST ATTEMPT

JARED VINING, barrister, who is one of the three candidates for the utilities commission term of 1918-19, is being generally conceded a place on the board when the votes are counted on Tuesday evening next. This is the first time Mr. Vining has run for public office in London, but he is one of the best known lawyers of the city. Although born in West Nisour Township, he is practically a native Londoner, for he was educated here and at Toronto University and Osgoode Hall. He has practiced here for some years.

Mr. Vining has taken an active part in municipal affairs for years, being keenly interested in the advancement of the city and of all welfare work. He is a keen bowler and for some years has been secretary of the London Bowling Club. A past president of the Canadian Club and prominent in fraternal circles, both Masonic and I. O. O. F., he has a host of friends who are willing to insure his election to the commission.

SMITH-WALKER. Dec. 28.—A quiet wedding was solemnized on Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Walker, Adelaide Township, when their daughter, Margaret Ellen, was united to Roy Wilbert Smith of Lobo, Rev. A. Shaver of Strathroy officiating. The young couple will reside on the thirteenth concession of Lobo.

NEW YEAR'S RALLY OF PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Special Services Being Held On Tuesday Morning.

Following the plan of Sunday school associations in other Canadian cities, such as Montreal and Ottawa, the Presbyterian Sunday School Association of this city has arranged to have a gathering of all the Sunday schools in the city on New Year's morning at 10:30 o'clock. This gathering, which will take place in the First Presbyterian Church, is for the purpose of impressing on the young people of the city the importance of beginning the New Year well.

The meeting will be addressed by Capt. N. H. McGilivray of St. Thomas, and a short explanation of the offering for prisoners of war in Germany will be made by the Rev. Hugh McFarlane, formerly assistant minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, but who is now in the Army Medical Corps. Rev. D. C. MacGregor will lead in prayer.

Rev. Mr. Knox, in the chair, will have the pleasure of reading greetings which will have come over the wires from similar gatherings in other Canadian cities. It might also be noted that the gathering here on New Year's Day will likewise send out its greetings. An interesting musical program has also been arranged.

The Sunday schools which will be present at the First Presbyterian Church on that day are St. Andrew's, First Presbyterian, King Street, Knox, Chelsea Green, Hamilton Road, Knollwood Park, New St. James's, St. George's and St. Paul's. These will be seated in blocks, reservations being made for them.

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ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

REVENUE

Residential Lighting—Earnings..... \$36,454.36

Commercial Lighting—Earnings..... 47,562.29

Commercial Power Earnings—Mercantile..... \$160,867.19

Less refund L. & P. S. Ry. overcharge 1915 and 1916..... 3,729.00

Miscellaneous Earnings from operations..... 1,862.82

Appliances and Supplies..... 5,596.21

Installation Work..... 7,816.19

Municipal Power Earnings—Waterworks..... \$18,792.25

Add Undercharge 1915 and 1916..... 4,050.00

Municipal Building Lighting—Earnings..... 3,774.12

Municipal Power Earnings—Buildings..... 2,202.01

Municipal Street Lighting—Earnings..... 32,057.31

Less Refund City of London overcharge 1915 and 1916..... 448.00

Collection Discounts Recharged..... \$60,427.69

Rentals of Meters, etc..... \$1,286.06

Interest..... 1,195.02

\$369,550.34

EXPENSE

Operation and Maintenance Accounts..... \$25,932.29

Distribution System Merchandise..... 12,924.61

Well Drilling and Testing..... 1,785.73

Miscellaneous Equipment (Artisan)..... 897.00

Wells..... 5,404.58

General Expenses..... 12,329.23

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