

SAY HICKS' DEFECTION WILL HELP LIBERALS

POLITICAL BOMBSHELL
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AMONG LOCAL LIBERALS

Leaders Believe Disintegration of U. F. O. Will Help Liberal Cause—Conservatives Also Are Sanguine of Success in Provincial Contest—Liberal Organization Meeting Tonight.

LABOR MEN LAUD DR. HUGH STEVENSON

The political bombshell hurled into the ranks of the provincial government by Andrew Hicks, M.L.A. for South Huron, yesterday has had the effect of invigorating the Liberal party in London. The result of the Progressive-Labor disintegration will be to strengthen the local party as it has never been strengthened before, say prominent Liberal officials. "When the time comes we shall have our candidate ready," Andrew Robson, president of the Liberal Club, announced today.

Others added that no convention would be called until organization had been thorough and complete. Thus, when the day arrives that organization, thoroughly representative of the Liberals of London, will be able to choose a candidate who will receive the unanimous support of the party.

Edward Grange, in charge of publicity, thought the flare-up at Queen's Park this week augured well for Liberals in Ontario. It demonstrated that even Toronto politicians were anxious to get back to the two-party system. One of the peculiar features of the family quarrel in the ranks is that those in revolt are practically all former Conservatives. Hicks, Casselman, and others prominent in precipitating an election by their rebellion were followers of Sir William Hearst before the U. F. O. became the political organization it is today.

Liberal Chances Good.

"The chances of Liberalism carrying London this election were never stronger," Mr. Grange said. "We are organizing by wards, and the city will be thoroughly and democratically looked over when we put our candidate in the field. A strong central committee is being formed and divisional chairmen appointed. The general feeling in Conservative quarters is that Sir Adam Beck will again be awarded the leadership."

INTERIM SUPPLY BILL
COMES BEFORE SENATE

Casgrain Seeks Information Concerning Peat Fuel Testing Plant at Alfred.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, April 12.—In the Senate yesterday the interim supply bill, granting to the government one-sixth of the total estimates, was introduced. It is expected to be introduced through the remaining stages tomorrow.

Senator Casgrain asked for information regarding the government peat fuel testing plant at Alfred, Ont. He had been informed, he said, that some \$900,000 had been expended on the plant; that 15 tons of peat fuel had been produced, and that none had been sold. This meant that the \$900,000 was expended without value to the people of Canada, he declared.

Senator McKeown, referring to the briquetting tests at Blenheim, Sask., said he had been informed by one of the engineers there that it was hoped to market the lignite briquettes at \$11 a ton.

Senator Harmer was informed that the government had paid a total of \$614,859.23 in rentals for a peat fuel plant in 15 Ottawa buildings during the calendar year 1922. This had been for a total floor space of 395,799 square feet.

For maintenance of these offices the government paid \$240,314.02 during the period, and in taxes \$23,876.32. Fifteen parcels, in addition to the Parliament Hill, were owned by the government in Ottawa, Senator Harmer was informed.

FREE STATE CAPTURES
PROMINENT REBELS

Countess Marciewicz and Mary MacSweeney Among Four Taken Today.

Special to The Advertiser. London, April 12.—The Countess Marciewicz, Count Plunkett, Miss Mary MacSweeney and Liam Lynch's brother, four of the most prominent remaining rebels, were captured today by Free State troops in Tipperary, according to the Exchange Telegraph despatch from Clonmel via Dublin.

HAMILTON GIRL MARRIES
A. E. DU MOULIN BLISS

Canadian Press Despatch. Hamilton, April 12.—A very pretty wedding of much interest in society was solemnized this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Church of the Ascension, when Dorothy Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Henderson, Freeman Place, was united in marriage to Alder Eardley Du Moulin Bliss, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Alder Bliss of Ottawa and grandson of the late Bishop Du Moulin of Niagara.

The ceremony was performed by the uncle of the groom, Right Rev. Bishop Du Moulin of Cleveland, assisted by Ven. Canon Hennrich, and by Rev. T. W. Murphy, of All Saints' Church, Toronto, of the bride.

of the local party. Rumor still persists, in spite of denials, that E. R. Dennis is also likely to carry the Conservative nomination. The belief is that should Sir Adam reject the honor it will naturally fall on the shoulders of the president of the Western Ontario Liberal-Conservative Association.

An organization meeting of Liberals will be held tonight at Hyman Hall. Nothing spectacular will come of the gathering, it being called for purposes of organization only.

Labor Backs Stevenson.

The London Labor party officially presents "the obvious effort by the Conservative faction to discredit Dr. Stevenson, M.L.A., in the eyes of his followers."

Members of the local executive stated to The Advertiser today that as far as they were concerned the local representative in the provincial house was quite acceptable to them. There was apparent no such dissatisfaction as recently credited by the Free Press to "prominent" members of the local party.

"We are quite satisfied with Dr. Stevenson," is the report from Labor headquarters. "You can take that as final. The local member for London is honest. He cannot be bought, and that is a great deal to be said."

It was further explained that the local Labor party been at all disaffected with Dr. Stevenson, the latter would not be in the Toronto house at this moment. He would have long since resigned, assert members of the executive.

Apocryphal of the latest development at Queen's Park, Mayor Wenig, already mentioned at the approaching election, related to The Advertiser that "he was not very much surprised to note a break in the U. F. O. ranks."

"We are to come sooner or later," stated his worship. "It couldn't last long. It was in the air. I noticed it when I was in Toronto the last time."

TROTSKY FORMING PLAN
TO GET FOREIGNERS' AID

Marks Acceptance by Bolshevik Leaders of Some Measures of Capitalism.

Special Cable to The Advertiser. Moscow, April 12.—Leon Trotsky, writing in the Pravda, discusses means whereby Russian industry can be turned over, in part, to private foreign capital. The article is revolutionary, marking a further step towards acceptance by Bolshevik leaders of at least some of the measures of capitalism.

It bears an authoritative stamp, for it is headed, "Approved by the Central Executive of the Communist Party."

Trotsky says one of the essential problems to consider in connection with Russian industry is, "Work on details as to what enterprises can be turned over to foreign capital, to whom they can be leased, on what basis, etc., so as to be certain of assisting the country's general economic development."

"Experience of past years shows the use of foreign private capital is easily compatible with Russia's general economic policy," he says.

LEVIS, QUEBEC, TO VOTE
ON PROHIBITION BYLAW

Special to The Advertiser. Quebec, April 12.—The Levis city council last evening decided by a vote of four to three, with Mayor Demers casting his decisive vote also, that a vote on repeal of the present prohibition bylaw will take place on the 15th of May next. The city council, however, unanimously adopted the resolution suggested to the liquor commission, that even if the Quebec liquor law was put in force within the limits of the municipality, no taverns would be operated.

JEWISH IMMIGRATION
TO JERUSALEM GROWS

Associated Press Despatch. Jerusalem, April 12.—According to government figures just made public, eleven hundred Jewish immigrants arrived in Palestine during the month of March. The record of March shows an increase of about 500 over that of March, 1922. The average of Jewish immigrants for this year is 1,000 monthly as compared with 600 last year.

DEFEAT ROSEMAN BILL
REGARDING BIRTH CONTROL

Special to The Advertiser. Buffalo, April 12.—The Roseman bill, designed to permit dissemination of birth control information by physicians, was killed by unanimous vote when the assembled codes committee today refused in executive session to report the measure. The bill was largely supported at a public hearing yesterday afternoon.



Above are shown the members of the London South Collegiate Glee Club and orchestra, conducted by E. W. G. Quantz, supervisor of music in preparation for the grand coming out party. Those in the picture are (reading left to right):

Fourth row—D. Gracey, M. Woods, S. Tanks, M. Owen, L. Prust, M. Sidley, H. Wyatt, I. Love, W. Moulton, E. Wheeler, M. Smith, S. Cape, D. Hillis, F. Dobbyn, A. McAlpine, L. Sutcliffe, E. Nelson, B. Martin, B. McCamus, E. Floyd.

Third row—M. Armitage, H. Brown, E. Sutcliffe, I. Pinneegan, M. Brock, M. K. Macpherson, Mrs. E. A. Miller, S. Tanks, M. Owen, L. Prust, M. Sidley, H. Wyatt, I. Love, W. Moulton, E. Wheeler, M. Smith, S. Cape, D. Hillis, F. Dobbyn, A. McAlpine, L. Sutcliffe, E. Nelson, B. Martin, B. McCamus, E. Floyd.

Second row—G. Williams, E. House, H. Griffin, L. Spettigue, M. Brock, R. Johnson, K. Seabrook, S. Holston, F. Harley, F. Stewart, M. Thompson, T. George, V. Mantle, L. Pickles, M. George.

First row—E. Wilmer, C. Lindsay, R. Lewis, W. Gerry, S. Quantz, H. Smith.

QUEBEC CABINET
ORDERS RELEASE
OF "AXE" EDITOR

Signature of Lieutenant-Governor Today Will Make Roberts Free Man.

DECIDED YESTERDAY

Cabinet Draws Up Order-in-Council for Liberation of Prisoner.

Quebec, April 12.—An order-in-council providing for the liberation of John H. Roberts from the Quebec jail, where he is serving a sentence of one year imposed upon him by the Quebec Legislature, was drawn up by the provincial cabinet yesterday, and when it is sanctioned by the lieutenant-governor today Roberts will be a free man.

John H. Roberts was arrested last fall and brought to Quebec, charged with violating the privileges of the Quebec Legislature by publishing an article in his newspaper, the Axe, repeating alleged rumors that the government was not pushing the Blanche Gagneau murder case.

SAYS RUHR OCCUPATION
HINDERS WORLD TRADE

Associated Press Despatch. London, April 12.—William L. Hichens, chairman of Cammell Laird's great iron works, acknowledged that the French occupation of the Ruhr has stimulated the British iron and steel trade says he regards the improvement from this cause as purely temporary.

Mr. Hichens says he believes the industries of the whole world would have been better off in the long run if the French had not embarked on the adventure.

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Lick Observatory Accepts
Proof of Einstein Theory

Corroborates Result of Observations Made in Australia by Prof. C. A. Chant and Other Canadian Scientists.

Associated Press Despatch. San Jose, Cal., April 12.—Dr. Albert Einstein's theory of relativity has been so proved by experiments made by the Lick Observatory expedition, which photographed the eclipse of the sun in Australia last year, that no further experiments will be made. Dr. W. W. Campbell, director of the observatory, announced last night.

Dr. Campbell's report corroborated the result of observations made in Australia by a party of Canadian scientists headed by Prof. C. A. Chant of the University of Toronto. On April 5 Professor Chant reported that analysis of the photographic measurements and the calculations made by the Canadian scientists provided evidence distinctly favorable to the Einstein theory.

The average deflection on three sets of plates measured, the observatory director said, was one and seventy-five hundredths of a second of arc. The measurements covered a minimum of 62 and a maximum of 83 star images on each pair of photographic plates.

TAMMANY HALL MAN
IS KILLED BY TAXICAB

Thomas F. Smith Dies in New York From Fractured Skull.

Special to The Advertiser. New York, April 12.—Thomas F. Smith, 28 years secretary of Tammany Hall, was fatally injured by a taxicab here last night, and died three hours later from a fractured skull and other hurts.

William B. Neilligan, 28, driver of the taxi, is under arrest pending investigation. Smith was regarded as one of the most powerful men in the famous Democratic organization.

He was born in New York, worked as a telegrapher and reporter, and in 1922 became affiliated with Tammany Hall through the influence of Richard Crocker.

WILL PAY LIFE PENALTY
FOR SLAYING FOREIGNER

Kenora, Ont., April 12.—Kyro Wiksyk was found guilty of the murder of Wasyli Podlyky at the assizes here last night before Mr. Justice Masten, and was sentenced to be hanged on June 13. Mike Kosham, a partner in the crime, pleaded guilty to manslaughter. He made a confession to the police, and gave evidence at the trial of Wiksyk yesterday.

The crime for which Wiksyk was sentenced, occurred nearly four years ago, on August 24, 1919, when Podlyky was found foully murdered on the Canadian Pacific Railway track between here and Keewatin. His purse, containing a large sum of money, was gone.

Police found absolutely no trace of the murderers, but gradually suspicion fastened upon these two men, who were afterwards sentenced to Stony Mountain penitentiary for a hold-up near Port Arthur. Their movements were traced, and two months ago Kosham confessed.

SANTA FE FREIGHT
IS PLUNDERED BY
MASKED BANDITS

Escape With Liquor Cargo Said To Be Worth \$30,000.

FOURTEEN IN BAND
Sheriff With Posse Starts Hunt for Armed Men.

Special to The Advertiser. Peoria, Ill., April 12.—Fourteen armed and masked bandits held up a Santa Fe freight train near here for nearly two hours at midnight and escaped with more than \$30,000 worth of liquor and alcohol.

Four of the robbers boarded the train as it pulled out of Peoria, according to reports to Sheriff Naulhaus, and forced the engineer and train crew to stop at Candall Crossing, where the other ten waited with trucks.

While the confederates kept the trainmen lined up, the cars containing liquor were broken into and the loot leisurely loaded on the trucks. Firing a volley reminiscent of "Wild West" days, in the air the bandits drove away.

Posses led by Naulhaus are in pursuit.

WILL NOT ALLOW INCREASE
IN RATES OF NEWSPRINT

Associated Press Despatch. Washington, April 12.—Proposed increases in rates of newspaper paper from points in Canada and New England to Nashville, Tenn., amounting to 10 cents per one hundred pounds, were held unjustified today by the Interstate Commerce Commission. New England railroads had joined the Canadian lines in proposing the higher schedules, which were suspended by the commission to await investigation.

TODAY IN PARLIAMENT.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, April 12.—In the Commons—Estimates of the department of national defence will come up in the House of Commons, followed by those of the postoffice department. In the Senate—Interim supply bill is expected to be put through all stages.

Trying To Break
Dancing Record

Cleveland Girl Completes 46 Hours' Continuous Fox Trotting.

Special to The Advertiser. Cleveland, April 12.—Miss Helene Mayer, having completed her forty-sixth hour of continuous dancing, declared after a second olive oil massage today she felt 100 per cent stronger and could dance 19 more hours. The record of 59 hours and 2 minutes set by Alma Cummings in New York appeared in Jeopardy.

Two other girls, Misses Madeline Gottschalk and Gertrude Walker, quit early today. Every seven hours Helene Mayer takes a three-minute rest and in that time she changes her shoes and stockings and is rubbed with witch hazel and olive oil.

SIGN EMIGRATION PACT
WITH BRITAIN TODAY

Financing Is Shared Alike by Canada and the Imperial Government.

By HENRY SOMERVILLE. Special Cable to The Advertiser. London, April 12.—The agreement on the emigration scheme between Britain and Canada will be signed today by Lucien Picaud in the absence of The Hon. Larkin, who is still in Paris.

The scheme is modelled in practically all its details with agreements already made with Ontario, Imperial Government, and the scheme provides especially for child emigrants, women and agricultural workers, to be distributed throughout the Dominion.

SEVEN CANADIAN APPEALS
ARE BEFORE PRIVY COUNCIL

Associated Press Despatch. London, April 12.—Seven Canadian appeals are on the list to be dealt with by the privy council this term. They include three appeals by the Montreal Tramways Company, two of which are against the city of Montreal and the other the village of North Montreal. The remaining appeals are in cases relating to commercial matters.

There are no judgments in Canadian cases for delivery at this sitting of the privy council.

Among those who have been invited and whom officials believe are certain to attend are: Thomas J. Wilson, Chicago, whose rise to fortune in the meat packing business has eclipsed that of even Ogden Armour; Palestine, sons of N. A. Agre, novel, paleontologist; J. Andrew Brown of Cuba; Miss M. Creighton, Carlisle, England; Mrs. Helen Roy, Paris; and Mrs. C. M. Wortman, Buenos Aires; K. Hemstead, Telaro, Peru; Dr. Velland, National Epileptic Hospital, London, England.

Two little girls, born in London, will come from far-off Japan during the festival. They are the daughters of a local missionary, who has received a furlough for the coming summer.

Those of the London Old Boys' Association who are conducting the big carnival are J. H. Saunders, president; James S. Bell, treasurer; Edwin Smith, secretary; Sir Adam Beck, Frank White, M. P., H. A. Stevenson, M. D., M. L. A., honorary vice-presidents; Hon. C. S. Hyman, George Wenig, Col. T. S. Hobbs, Philip Pocock, honorary vice-presidents; James Gray, T. W. McFarland, Col. C. M. R. Graham, E. S. Little, H. J. Childs (chairman of reception and entertainment), S. Baker (printing and badges), J. H. Saunders (attractions), W. H. Abbott (band), John Altken (railway), E. B. Hamilton (decorations).

LONDON EN FETE
FOR THE OLD BOYS
EARLY IN AUGUST

First Meeting Tonight of Local Association To Plan Big Home Coming.

BIGGER AND BETTER

Goal Will Be To Make This Year's Celebration Finest Ever Held.

After nine years, in which London was too actively engaged in helping to win the war and combating its aftermaths to think of celebrating the London Old Boys' Reunion again will be staged in this city the first week of August.

The last Old Boys' Reunion was in August, 1914. In spite of the cloud which hung over the city at that crucial period, it was a distinct success. But every indication points to the ensuing event being even more successful. More than 7,000 invitations to sons and daughters of London scattered in all parts of the globe have been issued.

This evening the first meeting of the London Old Boys' Association in many years will be held at the council rooms in the city hall at 8 o'clock. There tentative plans will be discussed and preparations made to insure an Old Boys' Week that shall be bigger and better than ever.

Few Londoners know their city was the first on the continent to make a permanent institution of an Old Boys' Reunion. Twenty-six years ago students taught by the late Nicholas Wilson of this city, living in Toronto, decided to congregate in London to do honor to their old schoolmaster. They made a presentation, discussed old times, and enjoyed themselves to such an extent that they decided to hold the event again the following year. That was how the London Old Boys' Association started. Since then practically every city in North America has followed London's suit, and reunions of this nature have become general throughout the continent.

To Plan Carnival.

Edwin Smith, secretary of the Old Boys' Association, sent invitations to all the clubs and athletic organizations of the city to send representatives to the meeting this evening. Those delegated to attend will form a general association to look after the August carnival.

Sports will comprise one of the main items of the program. It has been suggested that a great day athletic meet be arranged and as many of the noted athletes in the country as can be secured, be asked to participate. Both the day and professional events will be staged. On Wednesday night in the first week of August it has been proposed to hold a number of benefit balls in the Armories. The entertainment will be varied and lavish. Slide-shows will be erected in either the market square or Queen's Park. Special baseball and trap games will be played, and a frolic will reign in London for one whole week.

In 1914 the population of the city was swollen by the addition of the former citizens during the carnival. This year a larger number is anticipated. The list of Old Boys is only after seeing how many there are. Some are world-famous; some millionaires; some are living in remote regions. Many are in China, Peru, and other distant sections of the globe.

Howard Hartley of the London Horticultural Society has arranged to make August 1-8 one of beauty and fragrance. Ten thousand asters will be grown for decoration of the city. Citizens are urged to plant as many flowers as possible to bloom the first week of August. The parks will be spots of charm and beauty. Flag and bunting will envelope city homes in welcome to thousands of returned sons and daughters.

Many Invited.

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