

THE WEATHER:
FAIR, MODERATE WINDS.
TOMORROW—COOLER.

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UNIVERSITY GETS NEW PROBLEM

Aitken Welcomes Probe and Mayor Promises Fireworks

MYSTERIOUS CIGAR BOX IN MCGARRY OFFICE WAS CYNOSURE OF ALL EYES

Chas. Matthews, Jr., in Evidence
Before Public Accounts Com-
mittee, Tells of Rumors.

HEARD CASH ACCEPTED

Peter Smith Denies He Ever
Received \$15,000 Bribe
From Col. Mason.

Special to The Advertiser
by a Staff Correspondent.
Toronto, April 7.—Two points of
outstanding significance in connection
with the "toll gate" issue were
brought to light in Kingston peni-
tentiary yesterday, during the exami-
nation of Peter Smith and Charles A.
Matthews, Jun., by a sub-com-
mittee of the public accounts com-
mittee of the legislature.

The first was the testimony of
Matthews, that he had been told by
an unnamed person whom he identi-
fied as "part of the government" that
certain sums of money had "come" to
Hon. T. W. McGarry during the lat-
ter's term as provincial treasurer.

The second was the statement by
Peter Smith that the late Col. Cooper
Mason, general manager of the Home
Bank, had offered him the sum of
\$15,000 as a rebate on the McGarry
loan, but that he (Smith) had refused
to accept it when he learned that it
was intended as a personal bribe and
not as a rebate to the province.

Smith absolutely denied that he
had ever received the \$15,000 in ques-
tion, explaining that it had been only
in the hope of avoiding the expense
and publicity of a second trial. He
explained that the sum of \$7,000 in
large legal bills which had been de-
posited in his Stratford bank account
at the same time that the check was
drawn from the Home Bank was in
payment for certain personal bonds
of his, which he had sold to the bond
department of the bank.

Object to Rumors.
The examination of Matthews,
which consumed the greater part of
the sub-committee's session in
Kingston yesterday, was interspersed
with frequent arguments as to what
should be admissible as evidence.
Conservative members of the com-
mittee objected to the admission of
rumors which Matthews might have
heard from other persons.

The former deputy treasurer stated
that he had no personal knowledge of
Mr. McGarry's having received
money, although he had heard of such
a thing—not in connection with Home
Bank transactions, he explained. He
told of having heard of a mysterious
cigar box in McGarry's office and of
a sum of money—"some thousands of
dollars"—which had been left there.
He himself had not seen the money
and could not swear as to its having
been there.

Messrs. Raney and Sinclair, the
Progressive and Liberal leaders, vig-
orously demanded that Matthews give
the name of the person who had
told him of the cigar box, but the
majority of the committee voted
otherwise and adjourned the one time.
Please See Page 3, Column 1.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Tuesday—Moderate winds; fair.
Wednesday—Fair and not
quite so warm.
Pressure is high
to the south of
the great lakes
and over Mani-
toba and rela-
tively low over
the southwest
states. The weather has been fine
throughout the dominion, rather cool
in Quebec and the maritime provinces
and comparatively mild in Ontario and
the western provinces.

Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures
previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Stations. High Low Weather
Victoria 52 40 Clear
Calgary 52 29 Fair
Winnipeg 60 32 Clear
Port Arthur 54 36 Clear
S. S. Marie 54 32 Cloudy
Toronto 59 29 Clear
Kingston 54 32 Fair
Ottawa 52 30 Fair
Montreal 48 35 Cloudy
Quebec 42 30 Cloudy
St. John 38 28 Clear
Halifax 34 25 Clear

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures
recorded in London during the 24 hours
previous to 8 o'clock last night were:
Highest, 56; lowest, 22.
The official temperatures for the 12
hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest, 48; lowest, 27.
Sun rises at 5:50 a.m. and sets at
6:51 p.m.
Barometric Readings.
Monday—8 a.m., 29.51.
Tuesday—8 a.m., 29.44.



PETER SMITH.

former provincial treasurer, who de-
clared to the sub-committee of the
public accounts committee sent to
Portsmouth penitentiary to take his
evidence, that he had never accepted
the \$15,000 bribe offered to him by
Col. Mason.

RADEK HEADED FOR OBLIVION

All-Powerful Communist Leader
Is Going Way of Other
Idols.

GETS GRAVE WARNING

Associated Press Despatch.
Moscow, April 7.—Karl Radek,
who has exercised an influence in
the Bolshevik world second only to
the influence of Trotsky, appears to
be destined to follow the former
soviet war minister into political
oblivion.

The all-powerful central controlling
committee of the communist party
passed resolutions yesterday roundly
condemning Radek's attempts to
create factional strife within the Ger-
man communist party, and he is
warned that if he continues to op-
pose the present central committee
of the German communist party he
will be dismissed from membership
in the Russian communist party.

BOY BURGLAR IS ON BAIL TO APPEAR NEXT MONDAY

No formal charge has yet been
made against a 14-year-old South
London boy, who admitted yester-
day, after being placed under arrest
by Detective George E. Walsh, that
he had entered and robbed at least
seven South London homes within
the past three weeks.
The boy was brought to juvenile
court. Police were unable to proceed
with the case, and asked for a week's
adjournment. Meanwhile, the boy has
been bailed in the sum of \$100 in his
father's custody. He will appear be-
fore Juvenile Judge Warner next
Monday morning.



THEY HEAD THE ARMY OF WELFARE WORKERS FOR LONDON.
James Gray (left) is president of
the sixth annual Welfare drive,
which begins April 27 and ends May
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WHEABLE GAINING SUPPORT

Vice-Chairman Cairncross Says
Matter Settled So Far As
He Is Concerned.

HOPED FOR GREER

Deputation to Toronto Yester-
day Wanted Greer To Be
Left Here.

It is almost a foregone conclusion
that Inspector Geoffrey A. Wheable,
B.A., M.C., will be appointed inspec-
tor-administrator of the London
school system.

Success did not attend the efforts
of the board of education yesterday
when it went to Toronto yesterday
for consultation and to secure the per-
mission of the department to have
V. Kenneth Greer, M.A., continue in
his position here.

As a result Trustee A. Roy Cairn-
cross, vice-chairman of the board,
now favors Mr. Wheable for the post,
as does Trustee Rev. R. D. Mess,
M.M., making practically certain Mr.
Wheable's appointment to the admini-
stration.

"We have had one race," a Mr.
Cairncross, succinctly put it to the
Advertiser this morning. "Mr. Hoag
was first and Mr. Wheable second. I
do not think it would be fair to
have another race."

Dr. P. W. Merchant, director of
education for the department, whom
the deputation saw yesterday noon,
held out no encouragement whatever
to the possibility of Mr. Greer being
permitted by the department to re-
linquish the chief inspectorship of
public and separate schools for the
province and remain in London. Mr.
Greer stated this morning that he
was an official of the department
after May 1 and that therefore he
could not at this juncture consider
any request by the board to remain
here.

No Other, Says Cairncross.
"No other name is to be laid before
Please See Page 6, Column 2.

NINE INDIANS ARE HELD ON ABDUCTION CHARGE

Associated Press Despatch.
Bombay, India, April 7.—The nine
men charged with attempting, last
January, to abduct the Nautch girl,
Mumtaz Begum, former favorite of
the Maharajah of Indore, were com-
mitted by the magistrate today at
the conclusion of the preliminary
hearing for trial in the Bombay high
court.

It is understood the defense is cir-
culating a petition to be submitted to
the viceroy, asking that the case be
transferred to another jurisdiction
on the ground that it would be im-
possible to obtain a fair trial before a
Bombay jury.

FIRE CAUSES \$225,000 LOSS TO 75-YEAR-OLD HOTEL

Associated Press Despatch.
New London, Conn., April 7.—Fire
which started in the fifth floor of the
Crocker house, a 75-year-old struc-
ture, swept through the two upper
stories, causing damage estimated at
\$225,000. There were 82 guests in
the hotel when the fire broke out,
and all reached the street safely.



CAR IS STOLEN.
J. S. Hays reported to the police
last night that a small coupe, owned
by him, had been stolen shortly after
8 o'clock from the market square.
The motor car bears license number
ST-589.



HOW LO NODON WELCOMED HER HEROES IN 1885.

When the 350 officers and men of
the 1th Fusiliers returned to London
in July, 1885, after their trip to the
Northwest, London built several
arches of welcome. Here is the arch
that spanned Richmond street at the
corner of York. It reached from the
present Advertiser building, which
can be seen on the left, to the Grigg
house on the right. There were
other arches at King street and at the

MOTIVE SOUGHT AS TWO SLAIN

Belleville Citizens Are Shot to
Death While Talking in
Drug Store.

MESSANGER HELD

Canadian Press Despatch.
Belleville, April 7.—The motive
which prompted the shooting to
death of Clayton McWilliams and
John Cameron McGie in a local drug
store last night, and in connection
with which Arthur Moon, messenger
for the Canadian Bank of Commerce,
is held by the police, is still some-
what of a mystery.

Moon was formally arraigned in
police court this morning on two
separate charges of murder, and was
remanded for a week. The inquest
opened last evening before Coroner
Boyce, was adjourned until next
Monday. In court this morning Moon
made no plea, and the proceedings
were of the briefest nature.

SARSFIELD SMIDDY TO SETTLE IN CANADA

Son of Irish Free State Min-
ister at New York En Route
To Canada.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, April 6.—Sarsfield V.
Smiddy, 19-year-old son of Timothy
A. Smiddy, Irish Free State minister
to the United States, arrived aboard
the liner Caronia here today en route
to Canada. He intends to settle in
the dominion, and will leave this city
within the next few days.

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CHIEF WELCOMES PROBE AS CHANCE AT FAIR PLAY

Aitken Says Evidence Under
Oath Will Let Him Defend
Himself.

NO DATE SET YET

Wenige Thinks He "Gave Them
a Jolt Last Night."

Startling evidence of fire depart-
ment conditions is promised for hear-
ing during the probe ordered by the
city council last night, which will be
opened next month by County Judge
Macbeth.

The mayor declared that his lone
hand is filled with trump cards, and
he hasn't shown half of them yet.
Fire Chief Aitken and the aldermen
who support him are equally confi-
dent that evidence at the investiga-
tion will prove "interference" in the
council's dealings with the chief.

No date has yet been set for the
probe, and County Judge Macbeth
refused to discuss the matter today.
It is likely that the matter will be
gone on with as early as possible, as
both factions in the council are
anxious to clear the air.

"Gave Them a Jolt."
"I guess I gave them a jolt last
night," spoke the mayor this morn-
ing. "There was lots of evidence
there, and they could have settled it
if they wanted to deal fairly. I'll
say this much that I've got much
more to tell when the time is right."
He consulted his notebook and
pointed to an undecipherable piece of
resistance, the meaning of which he
refused to discuss.

"I'll be glad to see an investiga-
tion," declared Chief Aitken. "The
evidence will be given under oath,
then, and it may make a difference.
Chance for Fair Play.

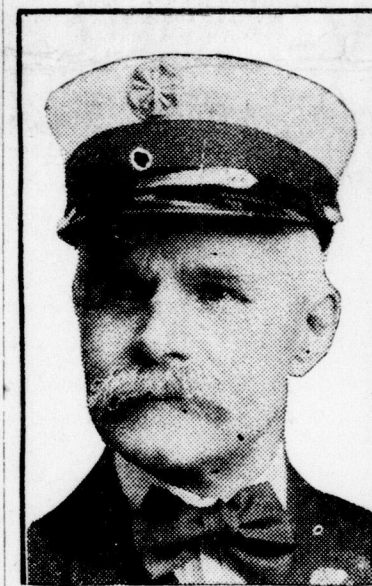
"I'll get a chance to defend myself.
That's more than I've been given so
far. We can find out now the people
are who are carrying tales." Definite
information regarding a
date for the probe could not be given
today, the mayor treating that mat-
ter in an off-hand way. "Better ask
the curbstone aldermen, Douglass and
Bottrell, for that information. They
can't talk for me, but they'll probably
have lots to say."

"I'm inclined to think that the in-
vestigation may be a long way off,"
declared Ald. Edwin Smith. "The
council did not authorize the solicitor
to go ahead with arrangements, nor
did they name any date. If they
really want an investigation, I would
say that their resolution should have
been worded in more definite terms.
There should have been a definite
order to the solicitor to open pro-
ceedings."

OLDEST G. A. R. CHAPLAIN IN U. S. DIES AT AGE OF 95

Associated Press Despatch.
Minneapolis, April 7.—The Rev.
James Harvey Clark, 95, veteran
Presbyterian minister, said to have
been the oldest G. A. R. chaplain in
the United States, and the oldest
graduate of Princeton university,
died today.

At the beginning of the civil war
he gave up his first pastorate at Bur-
lington, Iowa, to join the 7th Iowa
Infantry and became known as the
"fighting parson."
After the war he held pastorates in
New Jersey, North and South Dakota
and Minnesota, and retired in 1900.
Eight children, twenty grandchild-
ren and sixteen great grandchildren
survive.



FIRE CHIEF AITKEN,
who says the city council's probe of
his department will give him his first
chance to defend himself.

PRINCE LEAVES FOR GOLD COAST

British Heir Gets Great Recep-
tion From Natives of
West Africa.

Associated Press Despatch.
Freetown, Sierra Leone, West
Africa, April 7.—The Prince of Wales
embarked this morning after farewell
ceremonies ashore, and the Republic
sailed at 12:10 o'clock for Takaradi,
on the Gold Coast.

This port has been developed re-
cently and the Republic will be the
first large ship to enter the new
harbor.
The British heir arrived in Freetown
yesterday on his South African
tour, and was the guest of the gov-
ernor last night. He was loudly ac-
claimed by the natives of the prov-
ince, who called him "King Pickin,"
meaning the "king's babe son."

Fire Ends Career of Auto Just Polished For Sale

E. C. Knott, Delaware Avenue, Had Removed Car From Stor-
age Only Yesterday—Loss of Almost \$1,000
Blamed to Short Circuit.

Only a few hours after E. C. Knott,
100 Delaware avenue, had taken his
motor car from its place of winter
storage yesterday, cleaned and pol-
ished it preparatory to making a
sale, it was completely destroyed by
fire.
Mr. Knott left the car parked in a
laneway near his home. Shortly be-
fore 3 o'clock this morning he was

WATCHFUL WAITING IS MOTTO

Majority of Aldermen Willing
To Let City Solicitor Find
Solution.

LET AGREEMENT STAND

Ald. Smith's Demands For
Action on Street Railway
Issue Halted.

With his name and the mayor
associated in a lonely way with a
resolution to start negotiations for
a new agreement with the street
railway company, Ald. Smith this
morning declared that he had noth-
ing in common with the road. He
wants to see good transportation as-
sured and was actuated by that de-
sire alone in moving last night, un-
successfully, to start work on a new
agreement.

"Will you wait, now that definite
action within two weeks has been
promised from the solicitor?" he was
asked.

"We've been waiting six weeks now,
for years, as a matter of fact, and
have no definite action," Ald. Smith
asserted. "There's no use shelving
the issue. We've got to face it sooner
or later. I have much to suggest re-
garding a new agreement. I may
bring it up in No. 1 committee. If
there's no definite action soon."

Satisfied To Wait.
Ald. Smith last night introduced a
motion to appoint a committee to
meet the street railway. He wanted
Ald. Neeley and Ald. McCormick on
the committee. But the latterly-
named aldermen had no wish to take
up cudgels for the street railway.

"I am satisfied to wait," says Ald.
McCormick. "The matter has been
put into the solicitor's hands, and
I'm ready to wait until he has some-
thing to report."
"There is no reason why we should
be worried over the situation," com-
ments Ald. Neeley. "We've been go-
ing to the street railway for years. If
they want to make any proposals, it
is up to them to bring them in. It is
not our place to go to them now."

McKay Still Confident.
Mayor Wenige, who was the only
supporter gained by Ald. Smith and
Ald. Linnell, does not speak much,
for publication, about the street rail-
way these days. He had no new angle
to offer this morning, except to ven-
ture the opinion that some of the
aldermen did not know what they
were voting on when Ald. McKay
appealed against the ruling of the
chair.

Ald. McKay remains quite confi-
dent that a solution will be brought
in within a fortnight. Until that
time he is not ready to comment on
the question, and declares that the
council has no right to take any
action one way or another until that
time.

TORONTO MAN WINS SUIT AGAINST STOCK BROKERS

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto Ont., April 6.—Judgment
handed down at Osgoode Hall by the
first divisional court today gives
Lionel F. Cullen \$11,612.45 and interest
from January 16, 1920 in his suit
against J. P. Bickell and Company
brokers, for profits on New York
exchange.

WOLF DIES AFTER EATING MATE'S POISONED CARCASS

Canadian Press Despatch.
Port Arthur Ont., April 6.—The re-
maining of a female wolf and its mate
were found by W. Harry West, of
Kaministiquia, near a trap he had
set with poisoned bait, today. Ap-
parently the male had been poisoned
by eating the carcass of the female.
The wolves had been a source of
worry to Mr. West all winter.

WARNING WORRIES WESTERN

Premier Ferguson's Attitude on
Provincial Status Hits Hard
at University.

DELAY ADDS TO BURDEN

Toronto University Appears To
Have Unfair Advantage—
Somerville Explains.

Officials of the University of West-
ern Ontario are not disposed to make
much comment on the announcement
of Premier Ferguson that that insti-
tution must make preparations to as-
sume a greater proportion of its own
financing in future.

The intimation does not come as a
welcome piece of news to Western
at the present moment, when it has
not fully recovered from the ex-
penses of its building program, and
when it has not yet reached the sta-
ge where any endowment fund has
come into existence.

Lieut.-Col. Brown, executive secre-
tary of the university, stated that the
school had three sources of income
at present, and for the year 1924-25
they are approximately as follows:

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| City of London | \$55,000 |
| Student fees | \$55,000 |
| Government grant | \$250,000 |
| Total | \$360,000 |

The expenses of the university for
the current year, which runs from
June, 1924 to June, 1925, are esti-
mated at \$425,000, and in this is in-
cluded an expenditure of \$30,000 on
equipment, which should have been
charged to capital account, but there
being no capital account it must be
taken from current revenue.

Royal Commission Findings.
"According to the findings of the
royal commission," stated Col. Brown,
"we were to receive \$200,000 for the
first two years, and \$250,000 for the
next three. That commission was
made up of Hon. Mr. Justice, Sir J. S.
Willson and T. A. Russell, repre-
senting Toronto university, J. A.
Wallace of McMaster, A. P. Derocoe
for Queens and C. E. Somerville for
Please See Page 6, Column 3.

TWO FARMERS KILLED WHILE BLASTING ROCK

Approach To Investigate Ap-
parent Failure of Fuse When
Explosion Occurs.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Wilemantle Conn., April 6.—Willard
C. Standish, 60, was instantly killed
and Frank Dirich, 45, died later from
injuries through a belated explosion
of dynamite used in rock breaking
at Dirich's farm at North Windham
today. The men had set a charge and
lighted a fuse which had apparently
been ineffective. As they were ap-
proaching the place to investigate
the explosive "let go."

COMING SUGAR CROP IS SET AT 500,000 TONS

Associated Press Despatch.
Brisbane Australia, April 6.—The
sugar of the coming season is esti-
mated at 500,000 tons with a surplus
of 150,000 tons. This is attributed
mainly to the favorable weather,
the building of the north coast railroad
and the influx of a large number of
Italian workmen.

BANDITS SECURE \$40,000 IN DIAMONDS IN NEW YORK

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, April 6.—Jacob Rose, a
diamond merchant, was robbed of be-
tween \$40,000 and \$50,000 worth of
unset diamonds today by hold-up
men, who waylaid him as he was
ascending the stairs of a building at
West 44th street, near Times Square.

The Council

Support Ald. Douglass' move for
fire department probe by council
judge. Laid over action on chief's
status until probe is concluded.
Voted down Kluwan club's day-
light-saving recommendation, 7 to 6.
Opposed by 9 to 3 vote resolution
of Ald. Smith for new agreement
with the London street railway.
Sent back report on building in-
spector appointment to committee to
secure definite recommendation.
Passed standing vote of condolence
to family of ex-Ald. Frank Gibbs,
ex-M.P.