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PREDICTS DAIL WILL RATIFY TREATY

KING TO CHECK HIGH COST OF ICE BREAKER

Liberal Administration May Cancel Meighen Order For "Unnecessary" Craft.

VALUED AT $1,300,000

Similar Vessel Can Be Purchased From France For $800,000 Less.

OTTAWA, Jan. 6.—In the interests of economy a contract let in the dying days of the late Meighen government may be cancelled by the new administration.

A fortnight or so before the election Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, minister of marine and fisheries, closed a contract with the Canadian Vickers of Montreal for the construction of an ice-breaker at a cost of $1,300,000. Owing to uncertainty regarding the change of government, work on the new boat has not yet been commenced.

In the latter days of the campaign Premier W. L. Mackenzie King gave warning that contracts let or appointments made thereafter would, if his party came to power, be subject to revision and cancellation.

It now appears that when the late government let the contract for the ice-breaker there was for sale at Cherbourg, France, the ice-breaker "J. D. Hazen," built in Canada for Russia several years ago.

The vessel is reported to be in first-class shape, and can be bought for $500,000 or $800,000 less than the contract price of the vessel to be built by the Canadian Vickers.

Sure of Cancellation.

Under the circumstances it is almost certain that the Vickers contract will be cancelled and purchase made of the "J. D. Hazen" instead.

The latter vessel was renamed by the Russian government.

There has also been some doubt regarding the attitude of the new Government regarding the recent contract for a floating dry dock granted to the Wallace-Coughlan Company of Vancouver, and the less-recent contract for a dry dock at Victoria.

The former contract, however, was made under the dry dock subsidies act, while upon the latter much money has already been expended. No interference with either of these contracts is therefore anticipated.

It leaked out today that the Meighen government declined last September, the request of the Ontario Legislature to call an inter-provincial conference with a view to giving effect to the decisions of the international labor conference at Washington.

Took Rollo's Resolution.

The legislature acted on a resolution of Hon. Walter Rolo, the Ontario minister of labor, last spring. In June the request for a conference went to Ottawa in formal style.

In September Senator Robertson, the minister of labor, wrote saying that the communication which had been addressed to the secretary of state had just reached him. And the reply from Ottawa was sent to Premier Drury, and was some days in passing on to Mr. Rollo. The latter received the answer shortly before he left for the international labor conference at Geneva, in October, and he left it in the hands of the acting minister, Hon. Mr. Mills. That is the reason it was not given publicity until now. Mr. Rollo is but a short time back from Geneva.

The reasons given by Robertson for not calling an interprovincial conference were that Ontario was the only province making the request, and, in any case, such a conference could not be permitted to determine the relative jurisdictions of the provinces and the Dominion in labor matters.

As matters stand, Canada agreed to a number of important draft conventions accepted by the Washington conference two years ago. Three years were given for action on these conventions, but this country has made no move.

Action Not Obligatory.

Action is not obligatory on Canada's part on one ground only, namely, that certain matters come within the purview of the provinces. These include the eight-hour day. But old age pensions and unemployment insurance, to which Canada agreed, are recognized by Ottawa to be federal matters. Mr. Rollo will probably urge the new federal government to take early action, and expects better treatment from Hon. Mr. Murdock.

"These international conferences are called under the auspices of the League of Nations," Mr. Rollo explained today. "The dominion has four delegates, but the provinces merely have representatives there to advise the dominion delegates. Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba were the only provinces represented at Geneva. To get good results, an interprovincial conference should be called before each international conference is held."

Mr. Rollo said that the Washington conference took steps for the benefit of the industrial workers, but the Geneva conference was mainly concerned with the task of extendeing similar benefits to the agricultural workers. Many nations had passed legislation in accordance with the Washington conventions.

SONS OF ENGLAND INSTALL OFFICERS

Chelsea Lodge, No. 87, of the Sons of England, under the direction of District Deputy Frank Nicholls, assisted by Bro. Chappell of Beresford Lodge, installed the following officers at its annual ceremonial in Sherwood Hall:

Bro. Aldridge, past president; Frank Tilbury, president; Bro. House, vice-president; Bro. French, chaplain; Chas. Hollins, secretary-treasurer; Bro. Hall, first guide; Bro. Powell, second guide; Bro. Lashbrook, third guide; J. Russell, fourth guide; Dr. A. Thompson, physician; W. Garfat, inner guard; Bro. Dilesdale, outer guard; Russell Manness and Bro. House, auditors; Bros. Bartlett, Martin and Garfat, trustees.

The Great Pyramid of Ghizeh is 450 feet high, and rests on a base covering 13 acres.

DEALERS WILL PROTEST NEW GASOLINE TAX

Claim Present Sales Levy Already Keeps Profits At Minimum.

ADDS TO BOOKKEEPING

Garage Owners Assert Proposed Law Will Take Business From Them.

In the hope that something may be done which would make the Drury Government see fit to drop a proposed bill that is expected to be brought before the Ontario Legislature at the next session, and which if passed, would place an additional tax of one cent per gallon on gasoline, the Automotive Dealers' Association of London have asked the secretary of the Ontario Retail Merchants' Association to present the case of the dealers, in an appeal to the provincial government.

Sales Tax Heavy.

There is at present a sales tax on gasoline which in the opinion of the dealers is burdensome enough, since they maintain their present profits are set at a minimum already.

Current prices of gasoline bought from the oil companies average a cost per gallon to the dealer, as the market stands today, of about 33 cents.

This gasoline is retailed at 37 cents per gallon, bringing a profit to the dealers of four cents, considered a fairly low profit for the vending by the garage owners and other dispensers of the product.

Increase Bookkeeping.

The main objection, however, to the designed legislation, from the retailer's viewpoint, arises from the amount of bookkeeping and account work that those selling gasoline would have to do, provided the propected act were enforced.

Wilfrid Hodgins, president of the automotive dealers' organization, whose membership comprises a large number of garage owners who retail gasoline, is of the opinion that if the dealers are required to charge a new tax, the business will eventually pass out of their hands.

CANCEL MONDAY BOARD MEETING

Although scheduled for Monday at 5 p.m., the special meeting of the board of education has been postponed until the following day at 12:15 p.m. Chairman Edwin Smith notified the London Advertiser on Friday afternoon to this effect, explaining that as the entire board would convene on Tuesday as well to organize the advisory vocational committee, it was deemed fitting that the business of both gatherings could be accomplished.

The board will discuss Trustee Rev. A. A. Bice's notice of motion to increase the personnel of No. 3 committee.

REPORTS BIG DROP IN CANADIAN COAL OUTPUT

OTTAWA, Jan. 6.—The output of coal from Canadian mines during the first nine months of 1921 was 10,750,000 tons as compared with slightly over 12 millions tons in the corresponding period of 1920, according to a statement issued today by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

While the production was less than the previous year it was greater than in 1919, when the output for the nine months' period was 14 per cent less. Although the production for the period stated in 1921 was a decrease of 11 per cent from the previous year, it is said that the coal situation in Canada has been comparatively easy on account of industries not making such a demand on the supply.

KILLED WHEN CRUSHED BETWEEN CAR AND POLE

TORONTO, Jan. 7.—Mrs. Bessie Solway, aged 50, of Toronto, was crushed between an electric light pole and a motor car driven by Archibald Mitchell last night, and died a few minutes later. She was attempting to cross the street when struck. Mitchell and his brother, who was also in the car, were arrested

City Railmen Will Vote On Wage Cut

SHOP WORKERS ADMIT AXIETY OVER OUTCOME

More Optimistic Union Members Hope Strike Will Be Averted.

REPORT BALLOT MONDAY

Voice of London Railroad Locals To Be Wired To Winnipeg.

While the more optimistic view as a remote possibility final refusal of their present working agreement, there are many among the local Federated Railroad Shop Crafts Unions who do not appear so confident of the future.

At a crowded mass meeting in the Labor Temple on Friday evening, employees of the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railroads, all members of these various organizations that are affiliated with the A. F. of L., met to consider the request from the corporations to finally accept the 12½ per cent reduction of wages which became effective July 1, last, but the ratification of which by the unions has since been held in abeyance.

After a thorough discussion the local workers went back to their respective unions authorized to take a ballot, the result of which must be wired to headquarters of district No. 4 in Winnipeg, Man., by Monday night.

Rejected in U. S.

The other districts, one, two and three, all on the American side of the boundary, have already voted to reject the present agreement, and their reports, together with the detailed report from No. 4 district, which is comprised wholly of 750,000 Canadian workmen, will be received at a general meeting of delegates in Chicago on Jan. 9.

At this session a definite policy will be outlined to further the case.

Whether a strike will result is problematical.

While the American locals have, by an overwhelming majority, said that the 12½ per cent reduction shall not be accepted, a strike vote, following the report of the Canadian locals, will be necessary in event of any proposal for conciliation being rejected.

The presence in Canada at this moment, among other representative rail leaders, of M. S. Carr Jun. of East St. Louis, general representative of the Brotherhood of Railroad and Steamship Clerks, Baggage and Stationmen, indicates a significant renewed activity among the international unions.

Addressing the federated craftsmen at the Labor Temple on Friday evening, the representative of the American brotherhoods explained the work now being undertaken throughout Canada.

Extend Organization.

As a matter of fact, organization on a large scale is now being attempted among various branches of the railroad workers in the city.

Canadian Pacific employees will gather Tuesday to discuss this move further, while later in the week another general mass meeting will be staged for all classes of railmen.

Appealing for aid for unemployed and destitute workers of all occupations, in Russia, Delegate McClennan of Toronto, also addressed the workers on Friday evening. The local men decided to send delegates to a general meeting to be held next week, where all the unions would be represented and when plans would be formulated for the creation of a special body to assist in this undertaking.

OKUMA, FORMER JAP HEAD, DIES

HONOLULU, Jan. 6. — Marquis Okuma, former premier of Japan, is dead, according to a cable message received by the Nipujiji from Tokio today.

The mikado conferred certain decorations on Okuma posthumously, the cable message said.

Fights for Peace

RT. HON. A. J. BALFOUR.

HEAD of the British arms delegation to the Washington conference in his uniform as lord president of the council of England.

LABOR PARTY TO CHOOSE LEADERS

At the meeting of the executive of the Ontario section of the Canadian Labor party, to be held in the Labor Temple, Toronto, Saturday afternoon, final arrangements will be made for the meeting to be held early in February at Stratford. The object of the general meeting is an election of officers, those acting now being only provisional. The meeting in Toronto will, it is expected, draw up the program for the February meeting, which, among other things, will probably include the indorsation of the Labor party's program as laid down last year in Winnipeg, which includes old age pensions, unemployment, insurance, etc.

The chief question to come up at the meeting to be held at Stratford will be the unemployment situation, and it is expected that some measure will be recommended with a view to bettering the present situation.

London's representatives to the meeting are A. E. Pocock and J. F. Thompson.

BEGIN REGULAR TRAIN SERVICE

SYDNEY, N. S., Jan. 7.—Regular passenger service over the Nova Scotia and eastern section of the Canadian National Railways was resumed last night, with the departure of the express for Halifax.

Freight movements will probably be resumed today after being suspended for several days.

Passengers who arrived early this morning on the first train to reach the city for three days, had a moving tale to tell of their adventures in the snowdrifts of Antigonish.

Some of the more resourceful spirits organized an amateur theatrical company, which put on impromptu sketches and helped to while away the long hours.

WOMEN'S LABOR PARTY IN CITY HAS BROAD AIM

Will Educate Wives and Daughters of Workers in Class Ideals.

INTERESTED IN POLITICS

Plans To Study Closely Problem of Living On Small Income.

The London Women's Labor party is off to a splendid start in the New Year, a sturdy, enthusiastic and steadily-growing young organization, thinking for itself, quite prepared to stand on its own feet and shape its own policy.

"What are our aims?" said Mrs. Fred White, the recently-elected president, when interviewed on Friday by The Advertiser. "In the first place, we want the wives, mothers, sisters, daughters of labormen, and all other women interested to learn exactly what the labor movement stands for. We want them to study it, and to understand labor problems for themselves.

"In the second place, we want fair play for employed women, as well as men.

"We want women whose interests are identified with the labor movement to be informed on municipal, provincial and national affairs, and to understand the various forms of governments.

"We want the members of our women's labor party to take an intelligent interest in international affairs.

Aims Are Broad.

"I have mentioned some of our broad aims. Our homes are all affected by public affairs, but to get down to very practical matters we propose studying how to get the very last cent of value out of a dollar. The laborman's wife is up against the problem of how to run her home on a very small income. That is why I feel that it is supremely important we should make a study of how to spend money to the very best possible advantage. The employed girl, the girl who is looking forward to a home of her own some day, should find this of as great interest as the wife of a laboring man, or any other man with a limited income.

"As we go along, we will find out the requirements of our organization. In the meantime we are starting out with the firm conviction that there is a very definite need for a women's labor party, and just the kind of work we propose taking up. By the time another election comes along, we hope to be a real political force."

Cat Out of Bag.

And so the cat was out of the bag. The women's labor party has political ambitions, is preparing itself to stand by its guns at the polling booth.

The organization came into existence as an election emergency measure in the late federal campaign, in order that the women of labor convictions might give their support to their favorite candidate, Mr. Arthur Mould, in a united way. From the beginning, however, they had no idea of being a temporary committee. The pioneers in the movement had a vision of permanency, of a women's party, built on a strong foundation of ideals, both fine and practical. They were prepared to put heart and soul and ability into the development of their group, and their earnestness and enthusiasm have proved contagious since first steps toward organization were taken early in November.

The first meeting of the New Year took the form of a social gathering in the Labor Temple this week, when a number of new members were received by Mrs. White, the president; Mrs. Palmby, secretary, and Mrs. Finney, treasurer.

E. Inglis Speaks.

E. Inglis, one of the organizers of the International Union of Electrical Workers, who was present as a guest of the occasion, gave this timely advice to the Women's Labor party, on the occasion of its first "Happy New Year" meeting:

"The woman who is content to join an organization, pay her dues when they

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Fears Oppression

BARON KATO.

HEAD of the Japanese delegation to the Washington conference in his uniform as an admiral of the Mikado's navy.

EXPECT SCHOOL BOARD TO STAY

OTTAWA, Jan. 6.—There is no likelihood of a situation such as confronts the boards of education in Toronto and London arising on the Ottawa Collegiate Institute.

In the two cities named the Roman Catholic members of the board have tendered their resignations and the separate school boards have refused to appoint men to replace them.

Roman Catholic members of the Ottawa Collegiate Institute board pointed out this morning that there could be no possible need for such action in Ottawa, where the conditions were quite different. The method of administering higher education in Ottawa is not the same as in either Toronto or London.

NEW BRUNSWICK MAY JOIN "WETS"

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 6.—Premier Foster of New Brunswick, when interrogated today, would not deny that the provincial government has under consideration the sale of alcoholic liquor for revenue purposes along the lines of the Quebec and British Columbia schemes.

It is understood the government is also considering income and land taxes as methods of raising revenue required by the province.

OPPOSE STAY IN ARBUCKLE TRIAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6. — A continuance of at least one day in the second manslaughter trial of Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle, scheduled to start next Monday, will be necessary, it was announced by both sides today on account of another trial which is now progressing.

Gavin McNab, chief defense counsel, announced that he would be ready Tuesday. "We shall oppose any further continuance," he said.

CITY DRUGGISTS TO CONSIDER SUNDAY CLOSING

Frequent Prosecutions Responsible For Decision To Take Concerted Action.

FEELING OF PERSECUTION

Owners Declare Not Profitable Keeping Stores Open On Sabbath.

Early next week, the London Advertiser was informed on Friday evening, representative druggists of the city will convene to discuss the proposals that they close their doors to the public all day Sunday, in lieu of their present arrangements.

While this question has been under consideration for a considerable time past, it remained for the Liggett Drug Company to take the initiative. Although the Liggett stores, seven in number, were closed to the general public on Sunday last, it did not prevent six of their clerks from arrest and conviction for working on the Sabbath Day.

"Six of our men were fined for taking stock on Sunday," explained Manager Woodruff on Friday. "We had already closed our doors for Sunday trade. They will remain shut."

This move, it is explained, followed as a direct result of the number of prosecutions noted within the past few weeks when drug clerks have been arrested and fined for selling packages of gum, bars of chocolate or a small quantity of cough drops, or what not, to customers, contrary to the provisions of the Lord's Day act.

It appears, according to the police, that the mere fact that a customer may only make purchases of necessary medicinal supplies does not render the clerk safe from prosecution.

The claim has been advanced by a number of the druggists, who are contemplating a like move, that it does not pay them to remain open on Sundays if they are to be prosecuted continually, and next week, it is expected, will witness some concentrated action.

AUTO SHOW WILL SET NEW RECORD

All Space in Armories Already Taken Up by Entries.

Four weeks from Monday will see the opening date of the biggest and best motor show that has ever been seen in these parts. The armories will be turned into a huge fairyland, the decorating scheme including pretty lighting effects. Every available inch of the building will be filled with the most beautiful exhibits, and automobiles never before seen in Western Ontario will make their debut on this occasion.

In anticipation of huge crowds at the show, arrangements have been made to have patrols of police and firemen constantly on duty at the exhibition, thus assuring the public every protection.

Show Manager T. C. Kirby, who is very busily engaged in organizing the Montreal Motor Show to be held the first week in March, will arrive in this city on Sunday to assume the active management, and will reside permanently in this city until after closing of the show. Detailed arrangements of organization are well under way, and everything bids fair for a record success.

President Wilfred Hodgins has called a special meeting of the local dealers for Monday afternoon next, for organization purposes. And everything points to a most successful undertaking.

SUPPORTERS OF PACT ASK FOR DIRECT BALLOT

Griffith and Collins Hold Confidence of Majority of Populace.

COSGROVE MAKES PLEA

Converts Speaker With Eloquence Despite De Valera's Resignation Speech.

DUBLIN, Jan. 7.—While all Dublin awaits with keen anxiety and certain misgivings possible uncompromising developments accruing from the abrupt resignation in the Dail Eireann yesterday of Eamon de Valera, "president of the Irish Republic," and exert small effort to conceal fear of internecine trouble, the remainder of the country seems vastly cheered by the attitude of both Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins, who urge a direct vote on the Irish peace treaty, and predict its final ratification before nightfall.

De Valera's resignation was received with manifest concern and irritation by the leading supporters of the peace treaty, who frankly regarded it as a last minute attempt to sidetrack the vote which, as they confidently expected early today, will make the Irish Free State a reality after years of bloodshed and honor.

Cosgrove Restates Stand.

Supporting Griffith and Collins, Michael Cosgrove again reiterated his contention that any consideration of the "president's" impassioned address of resignation must be postponed until after the vote had been taken. It is upon this attitude of the cooler ones of the Dail Eireann, that those desirous of a successful passage of the treaty are pinning their hopes.

That Cosgrove carried with him in his claim the speaker of the Dail, is considered as remarkably significant, and it was also pointed out that de Valera's resignation might have been tendered a month ago, and not at the present time.

Opinions Conflicting.

Conflicting opinions continue to emanate from sundry quarters as to de Valera's possible action.

Following his sudden resignation, it was reported that he declared that he was quite willing to postpone his decision to leave office, providing that a vote on the peace treaty would be taken within 48 hours. He coupled his resignation, however, that whatever happened, he would retire in any event to private life. Almost simultaneously, however, it is said, others who attended the Dail, state that he announced that he would select a new cabinet if he was re-elected chief executive.

From these reports the inference was drawn by those attending the last session of the Dail that if the treaty was rejected de Valera would remain in office and strenuously endeavor to negotiate a new treaty with the British government on the basis of his alternative proposal, but in event that the Dail accepted the treaty he would definitely retire from public life. Several of the members of the Dail confided to the press today that it was their firm belief that the treaty would pass on tonight's vote.

Makes Eloquent Speech.

It was learnt last night that de Valera threatened to resign during a private session of the Dail Eireann Friday morning, at which an eleventh hour attempt was being made by the peace committee to effect an agreement between the opposing factions of the treaty. When the Dail subsequently convened in open session he made an eloquent speech, during which he was moved to such depths of emotion that tears stood in his eyes and his voice occasionally was choked with sobs.

Mr. de Valera made it plain in his speech of resignation that his object was to enable the Dail to choose be-

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The Weather

Lower Lakes.—Mosty Fair; stationary or a little higher temperature.

Temperatures.

A widespread area of high pressure is centered over the Great Lakes, and the weather is fair over the greater portion of the Dominion. It was colder yesterday from Ontario eastward and somewhat milder in the West.

Dawson	..16	2	Pt. Arthur	*20	[illegible]
P. Rupert	..30	36	W. River	..*38	1[illegible]
Victoria	... 36	42	P. Sound	... 2	1[illegible]
Vancouver	..36	40	LONDON	..20	2[illegible]
Kamloops	..10	24	Toronto	24	3[illegible]
Calgary	... 4	30	Kingston	...20	3[illegible]
Battleford	*20	10	Ottawa	 2	1[illegible]
P. Albert	..*20	10	Montreal	... 8	1[illegible]
Med. Hat	..16	38	Quebec	....[illegible]6	1[illegible]
Moosejaw	..14	32	St. John	..16	3[illegible]
Saskatoon	..*8	20	Halifax	28	3[illegible]
Regina	.....*2	27	Ottawa	 2	1[illegible]
Winnipeg	..*10	8			

Forecasts.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay.—Mostly fair; stationary or a little higher temperature.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Moderate winds; fair and cold.

Gulf and North Shore.—West to northwest winds; fair and cold.

Maritime Provinces.—Moderate to fresh west and northwest winds; fair and cold.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London for the 24 hours prior to 8 o'clock last night were Highest, 26; lowest, 20.

Barometer Reading—29.[illegible]8.

Pets May Come and Pets May Go But Cats Remain Forever!

BY DAN CUSHING.

PETS may come and pets may go, but the cat remains forever. In other words, of all London pets, the cat is the greatest.

What a field for controversy.

How the dog lovers will howl! Undoubtedly they will dispute the assertion and especially will this be true of lovers of dogs who are haters of cats. Nevertheless the cat is supreme as a pet. There are more cats as pets than any other animal, and for this reason the cat must be branded as the universally popular pet in the city.

If the question is reviewed with an open mind, without bias or prejudice, the reasons for such an assertion will be found to rest on a fairly strong foundation.

In the first place, if a person starts out to look for a pet, the easiest to get is the cat. In fact there are times when cats are a glut on the pet market, and only recourse to the rain barrel or river tends to keep the supply anywhere near normal.

There is no law against keeping cats, other than that which a hostile neighbor may set up. It is not necessary to spend money to secure a kitfen as a pet. A hint dropped along the street in a neighborly section will bring an abundant supply in no time. In fact, in many cases, a review of a pet cat's history will show that they were wished on their owner.

That is one reason and the principal one for the cat's popularity.

With the dog it is different. One monument to the memory of many dogs is the $4,600 in dog license fees collected by City Treasurer Bell in 1921. This yearly toll spells the immediate demise of many a pup. Then again, puppies are not peddled around, for it usually takes $5 at the least to secure a pup worth while. This first cost and the annual civic levy are real cold-water throwers on the aspirations of many lovers of the dog as a pet.

In gathering data on the pet question, a well versed but independent and unbiased authority was sought—A. J. Morgan of Morgan's Supply House. He's a friend of all pets and all pet owners. He meets practically every pet owner in the city at some time or another and talks to them about their pets. He can tell the pet hobby of nearly everyone in town. And Mr. Morgan, staring the cold hard facts in the face, says that the cat is supreme and the dog comes next.

When asked his opinion on the matter, Mr. Morgan, after some reflection, placed the stamp of leadership on the cat. He hesitated, however, over poultry, but discarded the latter after

"MEOW! MEOW! AREN'T WE CUTE?"

some consideration to the commercial side of the poultry question.

He expressed the opinion that nine-tenths of those who were interested in poultry were seriously concerned with the commercial side of poultry raising, though admittedly when a man spends until 10 and 11 o'clock every night in his chicken run, fondling and liking up his birds, there is something more than pure commercialism behind this attentiveness.

Poultry, he thought, would be found to be a possession of every third home in the city, whereas he estimated that three-quarters of the homes in London possess cats. Dogs, he did not think, were more than a tenth as common as cats. City hall statistics on dog licenses would support this.

With poultry eliminated from the pet class, Mr. Morgan would place canaries in third place. Immediately then the question arises, is a canary a pet?

The same question may be asked about gold fish. Most folks will put gold fish in the ornament class, and Mr. Morgan himself questions the correctness of the term pet as applied to an animal that cannot be handled. So perhaps this would eliminate the canary as well as the gold fish, but for the fact that the sweet singing of the canary adds considerable cheer to many a home.

Of course, there are many other pets. Rabbits are a common pet of the boy, guinea pigs another, while there are some folks who are addicted to snakes as pets.

"The dog is the greatest pet," unhesitatingly declared J. W. McCallum, relief inspector, when asked his opinion on the pet question, this evidencing what a beautiful field the pet question is for controversy.

Mr. McCallum is another kind of an authority than Mr. Morgan. Few know it, outside his intimates, but London's relief inspector is one of the greatest lovers of animals in the city. Not only that, but he is a close student of animals, and especially wild animals, so he is not to be passed over lightly as an authority.

"The dog is the most faithful creature there is to man," said Mr. McCallum. He turned up his nose a little when asked if the dog surpassed the cat, and fired back: "Did you ever see a cat save a child from drowning?" He went on to extol the dog.

A dog, he said, will remain with a man after he is dead. He will fetch him succor, if it is available. Everyone has heard of Alpine climbers being lost and how dogs have searched for them and brought them to safety.

"The dog is more acceptable to educa- [illegible] was another of the inspector's jabs at the laurels of pussy, and added, "cats are designing minks, and just to show his real love for them he opined that if a cat if found outside its own latitude it can be safely concluded that it is hunting for birds and should be shot at sight.

"And did you ever hear of a cat sucking a baby's breath?" was Mr. McCallum's parting shot at the feline kind!