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TOMORROW—MILDER.

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## JUDGE CONDEMNIS INSANITY PLEA

### Abolition of Liquor Prescriptions By Doctors Foreseen

## INSANITY PLEAS ARE ATTACKED

Mr. Justice Lennox States Methods in Murder Trial Are Becoming Farce.

ADDRESSES JURY

Urges Fair-Minded Consideration of Facts in Connection With Cases.

"This thing of insanity in connection with murder trials is becoming a farce," declared Mr. Justice Lennox in the course of his address to the grand jury at the spring assizes this afternoon at the courthouse. "Well-disposed citizens should be careful of this matter." He went on to state that there was too much tendency on the part of the general public to immediately jump to the conclusion that every murderer is insane.

The judge then told the jury of a jurymen who went home to his wife and told her of 13 different points that a defence counsel declared all showed that his client was insane. "Very well, Timothy, if that's the case, you've got nine of them yourself," responded his wife.

Recalls Case. "I remember that when I sat in this chair a year ago I intimated to a learned doctor what I thought of his evidence," said the judge, "and I will do so again if the occasion ever arises."

These flimsy excuses of insanity deposed to by members of the family are a means to defrauding justice. The jurors of our country must find the guilty, guilty, and the innocent, innocent."

His lordship mentioned the Dibble and Topping cases, in which the insanity plea was used in effort to save the young men from the gallows. He pointed out that in the Topping trial, evidence was given showing that the Stratford youth had held up Dibble as a hero because he had shot a girl in a lovers' quarrel.

Gratifying State. It was gratifying to his lordship that there were no criminal cases on the calendar. These sentiments were also expressed by Sheriff Donald Graham, who presided over the court with a pair of white gloves before the address to the grand jury.

"My lord, it is a great pleasure to me to report to you that there are no criminal cases to bring before you," said the sheriff, "and in accordance with an old British custom, I take pleasure in presenting you with a pair of white gloves."

## BRITISH PRESS APPROVES COOLIDGE SUGGESTION

Associated Press Despatch. London, March 15.—Reports from Washington of President Coolidge's readiness to call a new disarmament conference are given sympathetic prominence by many of the London papers, which were already on record as being in hearty concurrence with the idea.

It is well known that the British government would welcome such discussion and the matter, it is understood, is to be dealt with by Foreign Secretary Chamberlain and Premier Herriot in their conversation at Paris today.

## The Weather

### FORECASTS.

Southerly winds, fair today and Tuesday, becoming milder. Pressure is now high along the Atlantic coast and comparatively low west and north of the Great Lakes. The weather is fair throughout the dominion, with a general tendency towards higher temperature.

Temperatures.

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Vancouver	46	42	Rain
Calgary	44	40	Fair
Winnipeg	22	14	Cloudy
Port Arthur	18	14	Fair
S. S. Maria	28	18	Cloudy
Toronto	26	22	Cloudy
Kingston	25	16	Fair
Ottawa	25	6	Cloudy
Montreal	20	12	Cloudy
Quebec	20	12	Cloudy
St. John	20	18	Clear
Halifax	24	16	Clear

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

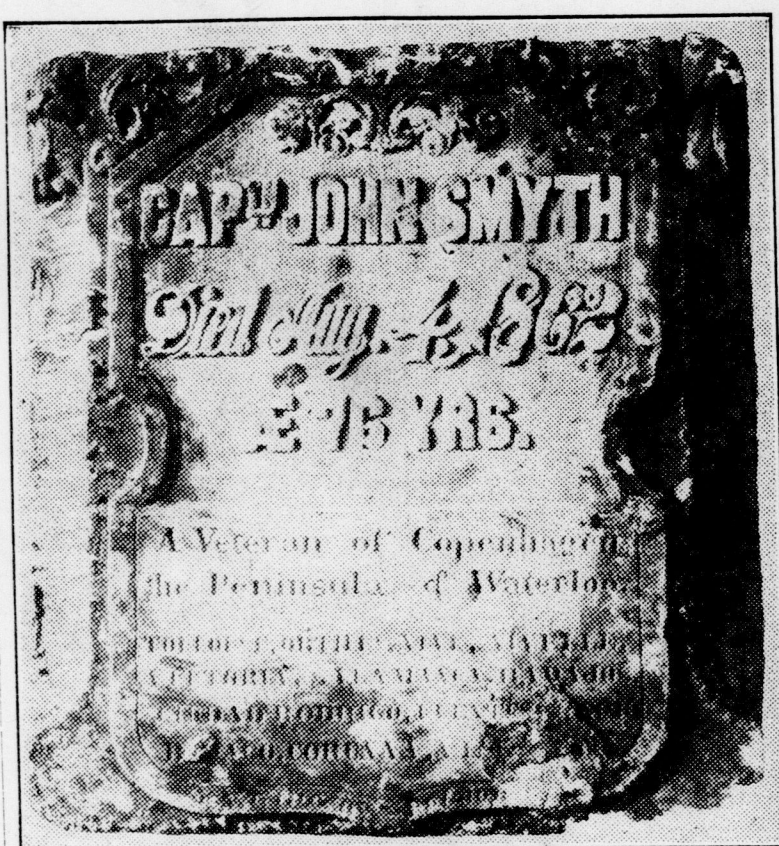
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 30; lowest, 12.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 32; lowest, 23.

Sun rises at 6:20 a.m. and sets at 6:24 p.m.

Barometric Readings.

Sunday—5 p.m., 29.61.  
Today—8 a.m., 29.55.



## MYSTERY TOMBSTONE FOUND IN DUMP.

The discovery of a small tombstone among debris at the Carfrae Crescent dump in London South reveals an interesting and yet mysterious relic. This tombstone probably once stood at the head of the grave of a veteran of the Napoleonic wars, Captain John Smyth. The inscription on it reads: "Capt. John Smyth, died Aug. 4, 1862. Aged 76 years. A veteran of Copenhagen, the Peninsula and Waterloo." Below it are the names of his battles: "THE BATTLE OF WATERLOO, THE BATTLE OF BATAVO, THE BATTLE OF BATAVO, THE BATTLE OF BATAVO."

No explanation for its discovery in that section of the city can be given.

## COOLIDGE ISSUES DEFINITIVE AS SENATE BALKS PLAN

### Dog Mothers Baby Tigers

Associated Press Despatch. Macon, Ga., March 16.—Two baby tigers, born Saturday in the winter quarters of a circus here yesterday, are being mothered by a huge bulldog.

An animal trainer, knowing the custom of a tiger mother to slay its first born, took the animals from their mother and sought a dog.

## GIRL'S DISAPPEARANCE AROUSES COUNTRYSIDE

Isabella Hodgins, 17 and Pretty, of Lucan, Missing Now For a Week.

The entire countryside in the vicinity of Lucan is aroused over the disappearance of Isabella Rebecca Hodgins, pretty 17-year-old daughter of John Walter Hodgins, concession 2, John's Waterloo township. The girl was driven to Lucan by her father last Monday morning and expected that she would return that night from the Lucan high school, where she was studying for her matriculation. Miss Hodgins failed to reach school that morning.

The girl took a train for Sarnia, it is believed, as the depot agent in Lucan remembers selling a ticket to a girl resembling Miss Hodgins in appearance.

It is understood that she was tired of going to school and requested on numerous occasions that she be allowed to stop school, but that her parents were anxious for her to finish her education.

A letter was left by the girl for her mother, neighbors state, but she did not deliver her entire plans.

Mr. Hodgins has no idea of his daughter's whereabouts he declared today.

High Constable Wharton is having all border points watched and has sent out circulars with a description of the girl, who is dark, stoutly built and about 5 feet 5 inches in height.

SEAMAN IS DROWNED. Canadian Press Despatch. Halifax, N. S., March 16.—Carl Nielsen, a young Danish seaman on the trawler Lemberg, was washed overboard and drowned Saturday night, when a huge wave swept the steamer from stem to stern, while she was en route here from the banks with 150,000 pounds of fresh fish. Two other members of the crew had narrow escapes by the wave, which put all light on the boat out of commission.

## COUNCIL'S DEMANDS DEFINITE

Railway Must Revert to Cheaper Fares or Municipal Board To Be Called.

CHANGE APPARENT

Refusal by Company of Paving Plan Promises Clear Action.

The street railway company will be called to task tonight, when the city council meets, and aldermen will demand that the company revert to the legal rate of seven and nine fares for a quarter. A definite move will be made to place a time limit on the street railway to cut fares and live up to its agreement, or the Ontario railway and municipal board will be brought in to operate the road.

Opinion has apparently veered round in favor of forcing the company's hand, and prompt action will likely be ordered when the council's special committee returns empty-handed from a conference with the street railway officials.

Ald. John Ashton, a street railway conductor, will not cast a vote on the street railway question tonight. This much he positively declared to an advertiser man at noon today. He has been taken to task by members of the London Labor party—he declares he will not vote on street railway matters until he is relieved of instructions from the organization. Ald. Ashton's vote has previously been recorded as against the seven and nine fares for a quarter.

Turned Down. The council has given the company a chance with a compromise proposal that the company should cut fares for a year at the five-cent rate of fares provided \$75,000 worth of paving is done this year. The company has turned down that offer, claiming inability to finance the guarantee.

The committee tonight will report no progress with the street railway. The company has said, "We will do what paving we can, but no more than our net profits will permit." That is all the committee can bring back.

Thereupon it is expected that a move will be made to rescind the offer made to the company and have the previous motion enforced. This latter motion informs the company that the seven and nine fares for a quarter must be brought into force immediately, as required by bylaw on March 8, and thereafter.

Failure of the company to operate at the reduced rate of fares will, please see page 3, column 4.

## PANAMA GOVERNMENT EXPELS EXPLORER

Richard A. Marsh Is Charged With Inciting San Blas Indians to Revolt.

Associated Press Despatch. Panama, March 16.—A presidential decree declares Richard A. Marsh, an explorer, is expelled from Panama, and prohibits his return in the future under penalty of arrest.

The decree contends there is proof that Mr. Marsh abused Panama's hospitality and the permit granted him to conduct scientific researches, by aiding the San Blas Indians in an attempt to establish their own republic.

Panama despatches late in February reported a revolt among the San Blas Indians, and unconfirmed reports connected the disturbances with the presence of Mr. Marsh.

KING RECEIVES OFFICIALS. London, March 16.—For the first time since he fell ill, a month ago, King George received several prominent persons in audience at Buckingham palace today. Among them was the secretary of state for India, Lord Bickenhead.

## Aged Man Thrashes Thief

Jean Allard Pursues Montreal Robber and Gives Him a Pair of Black Eyes.

Canadian Press Despatch. Montreal, March 16.—Although he asked Judge Enright to sentence him at once and "have it over with," William Dufresne, aged 34, was remanded on Saturday until Wednesday for sentence. The prisoner, who pleaded guilty to highway robbery, appeared in the dock with both eyes blackened, and his head in bandages—the result of stealing \$125 from the 70-year-old woodman, Jean Baptiste Allard, who, when he had recovered from surprise at the theft, overtook the fleeing Dufresne as the latter was running along Craig street, and before an audience of interested citizens, proceeded to administer a sound drubbing to a man half his age.



DAVID J. PATTERSON.

prominent London merchant, a member of the firm of Cohoon & Patterson, grocers, who died yesterday after a week's illness.

## CHURCH BATTLE OPENS TUESDAY

Legislature Has an Extensive Program to Dispose of This Week.

BEER BILL FOLLOWS

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, March 16.—This week promises to be the busiest of the legislative session. Tomorrow morning the church union battle starts before the private bills committee. It will run for two days at least and probably longer. Tuesday the debate on the budget will be completed with the three leaders speaking. On Thursday it is expected that the beer bill and other Ontario temperance act amendments proposed by the government will be brought down. The redistribution bill is not expected until later. Whether the house adjourns before Easter will depend upon the debate on the beer bill and the terms of the redistribution bill.

## COUNTY HIGHWAYS GET \$1,660,790 IN 5 YEARS

Twenty Per Cent of Cost Is Borne by Middlesex—30 Miles Paved.

The department of highways has spent a total of \$1,660,790.48 on provincial highways in Middlesex county in the last five years, according to figures issued by County Clerk John Stuart today. Of this amount the county of Middlesex pays 20 per cent or \$332,158.

The above cost is for the construction and maintenance of provincial roads in the county. Mr. Stuart stated. At the present time there are 29 miles of paved roads in Middlesex and the department of highways is calling for tenders for the paving of the Longwood road from Delaware to Melbourne, a distance of nine miles.

## MYTHICAL PALESTINE GATE REPLACED BY REAL ONE

Associated Press Despatch. Jerusalem, March 16.—The much-used metaphor, "the Gate to Palestine," and "the Keys to Palestine," are in danger of losing their symbolic meaning, as the public works department has just built a real gate to Palestine, consisting of iron and concrete.

On a picturesque rock which divides Palestine from Syria, a frontier control station for passports and visas has been erected. Travellers to and from Palestine must pass the narrow road and present themselves to the officers there. Nobody is able to leave the country for Syria without passing the control station.

## IMMIGRANT PARTIES ARRIVE AT HALIFAX

Canadian Press Despatch. Halifax, N. S., March 16.—Six transatlantic westbound steamers docked here Saturday night to discharge 690 passengers, 1,062 tons of cargo and over three hundred bags of mail. Of the passengers landed, most of whom were immigrants, two were sent to hospital, five to quarantine, and about 20 were detained by the immigration authorities.

The others embarked for points west. The steamers included the Stockholm from Gothenburg, La Bourdonnais from Bordeaux, the Canada from Liverpool, the Columbia from Glasgow, the Stavanger from Oslo and Bergen, and the Lancastria from Liverpool, via Queenstown. They all reported a stormy passage.

## Animal Law Heads Divine In Shaping Lives of Men And Civilization Stands

Rabbi Brickner Urges Proper Consideration of Christian Teachings to Progress.

SEES NO ADVANCE

Believes Christian of 2,000 Years Ago Equal to Those of Today.

Substitution of the law of God for the law of the jungle was declared to be the only way of reconciling nations, religions and races, by Rabbi Brickner of Toronto, today, speaking to the London Rotary club here.

"For half a million years at least the human race has had the law of the jungle to guide its actions," he said, "and the law of God for only three thousand. It is not easy to change a line of thought and a psychological complex overnight."

"Throughout the ages dislike of the different has been a most elemental thing in human nature. But by effecting this change from one law to another, we can in time and in many generations change the animal man into something resembling the divine."

Not Profit. "Mechanically we have made wonderful progress in the last few hundred years of civilization, but there has been no spiritual progress."

"We are not as far advanced today as Jesus was, or any of the great spiritual teachers of history."

"If we have not made progress in spiritual things it is not because we did not know the law of God, but because there was more profit in developing the mechanical than the spiritual. Now human relations have never been profitable, and there has been practically no development of the mind."

"Our civilization today has given us more luxury, not more civilization. When we come to understand what brotherhood really means then we shall be able to reach a perfect reconciliation of all nations, religions and races. Brotherhood is unity in developing the mechanical than the spiritual. Now human relations have never been profitable, and there has been practically no development of the mind."

Reason of Friends. "The reason why some of us are different is that we are different, not because we are alike. Personality is difference in thought and features, and it is the personality towards which we are attracted in our likes and dislikes."

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## PERS MAY BE TOSSED OUT NEXT

Ferguson Expected to Make Surprise Announcement When Bill Comes Up.

JAIL BOOTLEGGERS

More Stringent Penalties Are Predicted for Illegal Liquor Selling.

Special to The Advertiser. by a Staff Correspondent.

Toronto, March 16.—Four-point-four beer is not the only shock which is in store for dry Ontario, in the O. T. A. amendments which will be brought down in the legislature on Thursday of this week.

While government circles continue to maintain silence as to the nature of the other modifications contemplated, wet members in the Conservative ranks are growing daily more optimistic, and are confidently predicting that "the half of it hasn't been told."

Hon. James Lyons, minister of lands and forests, for example, "tippe" the government's hand" to a certain degree at Welland last week, when he told a Conservative gathering that the amendments "will contain lots more than 4.4 beer."

The belief is growing, that one of the changes to be introduced will be with regard to the method of dispensing liquor for medicinal purposes. Premier Ferguson gave a hint of such a step in the closing hours of the debate on the speech from the throne, when he advised Labor members of the house to "wait and see" what would be forthcoming in that regard. "The modification of bootlegging—probably in the issuing of doctors' prescriptions. One prediction is that 'scripts' may be abolished entirely, while another is that provision will merely be made, whereby applicants will no longer have to pay a \$2 fee for a prescription."

Jail for Bootleggers.

It appears fairly certain that the amendments will also include more stringent penalties for bootlegging—probably in all terms without the option of a fine, and possibly milder penalties for other breaches of the act, such as in the case of a man appearing in a morning paper.

Premier Ferguson again declined today to intimate the nature of the contemplated changes, or to comment upon a forecast of bootlegging, appearing in a morning paper.

"It would spoil your chances for future guessing," he commented. "I don't intend to discuss them with the press, until the bill is brought in."

## SLAYER OF CHILDREN WILL DIE FROM HIS WOUNDS

Associated Press Despatch. Kansas City, Mo., March 16.—M. Lynn Gibson, 34, lies dangerously injured by his own hand in a hospital here, the slayer of his four little children. He killed them—Marjorie, aged 7, and her two brothers, Maurice, Lee, Hazel, 5, and Helen, 1½ years old—with a father's hatchet while they slept in their beds Saturday at his home at Prairie Hill, near North Kansas City.

After the tragedy, Gibson fled to the nearby home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Nell Prather, where he attempted to take his own life with the hatchet and later by slashing his wrists. Physicians said he probably would die.

## ITALIAN METAL WORKERS STRIKE FINALLY SETTLED

Associated Press Despatch.

Milan, Italy, March 16.—The metal workers' strike, which threatened to involve other industries and cause a serious industrial situation, has been settled.

An agreement was reached by the employers and the trade unions on the basis of the workers receiving an extra daily payment of 2½ lire. The workers' demand was for an increase in wages. Orders have been given to end the strike in Lombardy, and provision has been made for the cessation of agitation in other provinces.

## BALFOUR WILL PRESIDE AT UNIVERSITY OPENING

Associated Press Despatch.

London, March 16.—The Earl of Balfour left yesterday for Jerusalem where he is to preside at the opening of the new Jewish university on April 1. He smilingly declined to discuss the report that the Arabs intend to stage a general strike against his visit to the holy land. The Arab attitude is based on the fact that Lord Balfour, as foreign secretary, gave voice to the British policy of support for the Jewish homeland movement.

## Rabbi Compares Divorce With Post Mortem Work

"Divorce is like a post-mortem. The patient is dead anyway. When there is a demand for a divorce that is evidence that something is very far wrong with the marriage. It is a symptom of a serious disease in the marital state." In this was Rabbi Brickner of the Holy Blossom synagogue, Toronto, sums up briefly his views on divorce.

"To me the sacramental theory on which most of the churches oppose divorce is all wrong," he said to The Advertiser. "The idea is that marriage is a holy sacrament, and that for that reason divorce is wrong. Those whom God has joined let no man put asunder. That is their theory."

"Now my belief is different. To suppose that God is acting at every marriage in the person of the priest or the minister or the clerk or whoever acts as the third party to a marriage, is an insult to my notion of what God is."

"If God knows all about the man and the woman, that He is going to unite two incompatible persons in marriage, is it likely? To imagine that it is to destroy the whole idea of the omnipotence and omniscience of God."

"Then there is the question of the children to consider. I believe it is better for the children to live in a happy home than in one where there is continual strife. It is better for the children that they should live in a happy home where their love, even if both the parents have been divorced, than in a home of strife and constant quarrelling."

"From our juvenile court cases we find that it is the home of strife which is the beginning of crime. That alone should give us food for thought."