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BUILDING OF COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE MAY BE COMPLETED 365 DAYS AFTER DISASTROUS FIRE

Efforts Will Be Made To Have "First Sod" Turned April 23—Trustee A. A. Langford Is in Toronto Today Endeavouring To Have Plans Approved by the Minister of Education.

There is a probability that the anniversary of the burning of the collegiate institute on April 23rd, 1920, may be celebrated by the turning of the first sod for the new central high school which according to the plans of the board of education is to form the principal school in a unit system of high schools in the city.

Trustee A. A. Langford, chairman of No. 3 committee, the committee which has control of high school education in the city, is in Toronto today for the purpose of securing the approval of the department of education to the proposed plans for the new building. Efforts to secure a stated appointment with the minister or deputy minister of education not succeeding, Mr. Langford in view of the urgency of the matter, if the work is to be carried out this year, has gone to the Queen City on chance of being able to secure the necessary interview today.

Presupposing the approval of the department of the plans, the next step will be the consideration of the plans by the board itself at its regular meeting on Tuesday next, April 5. In view of the desire of some of the trustees for economy it is possible that some changes or eliminations may be made, but the committee in charge are hopeful in the main the plans will be found acceptable. If the board approves the plans two weeks will be necessary to divert the tenders and award the contract. These matters having presumably been settled without a hitch approximately another two weeks would be occupied by the contractor in getting on to the ground for the preliminary work so that a start on the actual work of building the collegiate may be under way by May 1st.

It is pointed out, however, that once the contracts are let, presumably by about April 20, there will be no reason why the commencement of the new building should not be formally recognized in some manner on the anniversary day of the fire, April 23.

MADE \$13,800 ON TRUCKS SOLD TO ONTARIO GOV'T.

Dundas Dealer Gives Evidence Before Special Committee.

SALES TOTALLED \$117,899

L. C. Parkin Explains Dealings With Minister of Public Works.

Toronto, March 30.—L. C. Parkin, of Dundas, Ont., was the chief witness called before the public accounts committee of the Ontario Legislature this morning. He was asked to explain his dealings with the minister of public works in regard to a contract for eight five-ton chain-driven trucks at \$1,000 apiece and six three-ton worm-driven trucks at \$7,516.50—\$45,099; a total of \$117,899.

Mr. Parkin told how on December 27, 1919, Hon. Mr. Biggs called at his garage at Dundas and spoke regarding the need of the department for the trucks in question. On December 30, there was a conference in the minister's office at the Parliament buildings at 8 o'clock in the morning. At this time, he said, a deputy minister of highways, and George Hogarth, engineer in the department, in the minister's office, and the contract was drawn up.

Parkin said that, so far as he knew, no other person had tendered. Although he made no bid, he said, he had been paid to do so by other parties. He would produce his bank book and check at another session of the committee. On December 30, he said, he was a part of the commission, who also called before the committee.

BLIND BURGLAR IS ARRESTED

Child Springs Harbor, N. Y., March 30.—A curiously-shaped foot-print discovered on a sofa in the home of William T. Lockwood, a resident of Child Springs, N. Y., led to the arrest today of George Hawhurst, who has been blind from birth, confessed, the police say, that he also had robbed the home of Matthew Curley, in both instances relying upon his sense of touch and hearing to guide him in his operations. His last crime comprised a few bottles of grape juice and an alarm clock.

PROF. LEACOCK WILL SPEAK IN INTERESTS OF LIBERTY LEAGUE

Campaign Is in Opposition to Ontario Referendum Committee.

Rev. Provost Macklem of Trinity College Expresses Views.

Toronto, March 30.—The local branch of the Citizens' Liberty League, composed of the Ontario and Toronto referendum committee for education, is today through the medium of a series of meetings to discuss the issue to be presented to the voters of Ontario on April 15, regarding the importation of liquor into the province. On Saturday afternoon, Prof. Stephen Leacock, of McGill University, Montreal, will deliver an address on the subject, "The Case Against the Referendum."

L. F. Hellmuth, K.C., will preside on Monday, April 4, the league secured the armory for a lecture by C. A. Windle of Chicago. Mr. Windle fought the prohibition issue in Scotland for three months during the recent campaign there.

OPPOSED TO PROHIBITION.

Toronto, March 30.—While he has a cordial sympathy for all those who are working in the cause of temperance, Rev. Provost Macklem of Trinity College, stated today that he would oppose the proposed measure as one which was "bad for the province, bad for the morals and temperance itself."

Those who cordial sympathy with all those who are working in the cause of temperance, declared Rev. Provost Macklem, "but I feel that the prohibition law is not the wisest or best measure for the cause of health, and bad for the cause of health, and bad for the cause of health."

GRANTS PERMISSION TO NAME ASSISTANTS

Electoral Officer in Toronto Requires More Help.

Ottawa, March 30.—Authority to appoint additional assistant officers in ridings where there is a congestion of voters seeking to get their names on the list for the forthcoming provincial referendum was given this morning by Justice E. B. Hughes, chief electoral officer, to Judge Emerson Costworth of Toronto. The latter is chief revising officer for Toronto and York County, and had requested Lieut.-Col. Biggar for such authority following the representations of the Ontario referendum committee that unless more officers were appointed, hundreds of voters would be left off the lists.

MACFADDEN, HOTRIM SENT FOR TRIAL ON A CHARGE OF MURDER

Evidence Given at Sabine Inquest Is Repeated.

Toronto, March 30.—Roy Hotrim and William MacFadden were this morning committed for trial on a charge of murder of Cecil Sabine, a druggist in this city.

Hotrim and Jack Conley, Hotrim and MacFadden were sent for trial on a charge of robbery with violence.

On a third charge of attempted robbery of one H. D. Fennell, Hotrim and MacFadden and the Conley brothers were also sent for trial.

The evidence was given at the inquest on the inquest on Sabine's death.

RIOTS BREAK OUT IN ST. THOMAS ISLAND

Lisbon, March 30.—Grave riots have broken out on the island of St. Thomas in the Gulf of Guinea. The police force, which has been sent to the island, has been unable to control the rioters, who have been demanding higher wages have not been granted, have raided provision stores, and twelve persons have been killed in street fighting that ensued.

PRINCE MAY BE CHAIRMAN

King's second son, whom Alexander Carleton, Irish privy councillor, suggests act as chairman of a committee to settle the Irish question.

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A plan to throw more difficulties in the way of hold-up men will be advanced by Ald. F. E. Harley, who is acting mayor today. He will suggest that, owing to the present unrest and the many hold-ups which have occurred in the city, the clearing house be requested to have its members arrange to have the banks open for an hour Saturday evenings for the acceptance of deposits only. Citizens who receive their wages late Saturday or who have large sums of money on hand at the end of the week would be glad of the opportunity to put it in a safe place, he thinks, and the possibility of bandits getting any large sums would be greatly reduced.

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No. 2 committee last night gave its consent, although a large delegation of citizens protested.

BUILDING TOTAL FOR YEAR HITS QUARTER MILLION

Thirty Houses Are Under Construction in London.

MANY CONTEMPLATED

City Experiencing Most Progressive Year, Says Building Inspector.

With building figures certain to reach a quarter of a million by Thursday, there is now not the slightest doubt that London is experiencing one of the most progressive years in its history. Building Inspector Arthur M. Picher declared today.

The significant feature of the record amount of construction which is being done is that it is made up of many small jobs. There have been few large contracts since the beginning of the year that involved more than \$10,000.

Thirty houses are under construction compared to a dozen which had been started by this time last year. Many more are expected as soon as it is certain that the spring weather is here to stay.

A fitting climax to the building activities this month was the board of education's application today for permit to make an addition to the school buildings amounting to \$12,000. This brought the total for March to \$142,500, and the total for the year to \$248,100. Last March the figures were only \$98,500, and the total for the year at that time, \$172,000.

F. G. Heximer took out a permit for a 2-story brick veneer dwelling at Ardmore place, to cost \$6,500, and E. Williams was given a permit for a 1-story frame dwelling on May street, to cost \$5,000.

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One leading man said: "I am of the opinion that the frost may be a blessing in disguise. Had it come a little later on, great damage would have resulted, but only cherries and peaches are sufficiently advanced in growth to be injured at present."

Raspberries, it is thought, will not be injured, and strawberries and small fruits, together with apples and plums, will be perfectly safe, as well as the grapes. Had the warm weather continued, cherries would soon have been in bloom, forming a record for early bloom.

BOLSEHEV Government FIGHTING FOOD SHORTAGE

Viborg, Finland, March 30.—While masses of troops, themselves reported to be disgraced, are held around Petrograd and other cities, ready to quell disorders, the Bolshhevik administration is fighting a desperate battle to overcome the critical food and fuel shortage to tide over April and May, the two most difficult months, until the new soviet policy can be effective. This information is brought to the Finnish borders by refugees and Bolshhevik newspapers.

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MEMBERS OF RELIGIOUS ORDER ARE CRUCIFIED

Albuquerque, N. M., March 30.—Two men were crucified at the Penitente village of Abique in Northern Mexico on Good Friday in observance of Holy Week in rites performed by members of the Hermanos De Luz, Brothers of Light, a religious order, according to B. J. Nordfeldt and Gustave Baumann, artists of Santa Fe, N. M., who arrived here today.

Nordfeldt and Baumann say they were members of a party of two dozen tourists who witnessed the crucifixion and the flagellation ceremonies connected with it.

For more than a half hour, the artists say, the two human sacrifices were tied to huge wooden crosses, at the end of which time they were taken down, bleeding and exhausted. The condition of the men is said to be serious, and their recovery in doubt.

"The Penitentes formed in a long procession," said Mr. Nordfeldt, "and marching to slow weird music, beat themselves with thorn whips soaked in brine water to wound themselves and make their wounds smart. One man carried a large wooden cross under the weight of which he fell exhausted frequently. The procession ended with the erection of two crosses, with members of the order tied to them."

"It is considered an honor among the Penitentes to be selected for crucifixion."

ESCAPED FROM JAIL, VAGRANT HELD HERE WILL BE DEPORTED

Elmer Miller Was Serving 15-Year Term in Jackson.

QUARTET IS REMANDED

Magistrate Tells Prisoner He Is Heading For the Reformatory.

Elmer Miller, who has been held by the police on a charge of vagrancy for some weeks, admitted in police court today that he had escaped from Jackson prison at Jackson, Michigan, where he was serving a 15-year sentence for housebreaking. Miller was arrested at Jackson, Michigan, where he was serving a 15-year sentence for housebreaking. Miller was arrested at Jackson, Michigan, where he was serving a 15-year sentence for housebreaking.

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GERMANS OBJECT TO COAL BEING SOLD BY ALLIES

Claim Deliveries Are Intended For Use in Entente Countries Only.

Belgium Selling Fuel

Berlin Government Complains That Economic Interests Are Affected.

Berlin, March 30.—Protest against the sale by allied governments to neutrals of coal delivered by Germany on the reparations account is made in a note addressed to the reparations commission and the Belgian cabinet by the German Government. It is asserted that Belgium is disposing of German coal in Holland and that coal aggregating several thousand tons has been offered for sale abroad at prices below those Germany is able to quote. As a result, the note declares, German economic interests are being severely injured.

It is declared that such sales are permissible only with the consent of Germany, and that she is entitled to participate in any profits made.

The note argues that coal delivered by Germany under the terms of the peace treaty is only intended to make good the deficiencies in the Entente's own coal production, and not to enable the Entente nations to traffic in the German product.

SCULPTOR IS BURIED WITHIN SIGHT OF HIS MASTERPIECE

Washington, March 30.—Within sight of the confederate monument, his last and his greatest work, the body of Sir Moses Jacobson, sculptor and architect, was buried today in Arlington. The confederate monument, which was designed by Jacobson, was completed in 1900. Jacobson died in 1919, and his body was buried in Arlington.

POPE IS DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER IRISH AFFAIRS

Rome, March 30.—Deep concern over deplorable conditions in Ireland, expressed by Pope Benedict yesterday during his interview with Archbishop Dairi J. Mannix of Melbourne, Australia, who came to this city from England, where he was in close touch with the Irish situation. Archbishop Cerretti, papal under-secretary of state, acted as interpreter during the audience, which lasted an hour and was marked by the utmost cordiality.

MURRAY WILL CEASE POLITICAL ACTIVITY DUE TO ILL-HEALTH

Nova Scotia Premier Will Still Retain Position.

PROBABLE SUCCESSORS

Several Suggested to Lead Government Party.

Halifax, March 30.—Premier Murray of Nova Scotia contemplates retiring from active leadership of the government in the Provincial Legislature, owing to ill-health, according to the Herald this morning. He will retain the premiership, but will no longer take any active part in the House, the newspaper says it learns from a gentleman closely in touch with the inner circles of the local government.

Among the names suggested for the leadership of the government are: Lieut.-Col. J. L. Ralston, of Halifax, who was defeated in the last provincial election; D. A. Cameron, of Cape Breton, also defeated in the last provincial election; and Hon. E. H. Armstrong, commissioner of works and mines; Hon. J. C. Terry, of Montreal, and Hon. R. M. McGregor, of New Glasgow.

PLANS 24-CYLINDER ENGINE TO OPERATE RACING MOTORBOAT

Detroit, March 30.—A new 24-cylinder engine is being designed by Edsel Ford to drive a powerboat he plans to enter in the gold cup and Harmsworth trophy races here this summer. The American Power Boat Association recently raised the piston displacement limit from 2,150 to 3,400 in order that the Ford boat might enter.

GREATER PENALTIES UPON GERMANY ARE BEING CONSIDERED

British Officials Hold Conference and Discuss Action.

Paris, March 30.—A London dispatch to the Petit Parisien says that Prime Minister Lloyd George, Sir L. Montagu, and Sir George Curzon, secretary of state for war, and Field Marshal Wilson held a conference last evening.

The dispatch asserts that it is believed in London that the question discussed at the conference was the extension of military penalties upon Germany as a result of her refusal to pay the 12,000,000,000 marks in reparations before May 1, as demanded by the reparations commission.

WRATHY CITIZENS USE HALF DAY FROM WORK TO FIND NAMES ALREADY DEAD ON VOTERS' LIST

Man, Wife and Two Daughters, Bearing Cards From the Temperance Forces, Find Names in Black and White—Enough To Drive Man To Drink, Declares Citizen With Much Heat—313 People Register Up To Date.

Sixty-seven names were added to the city voters' list this morning by the court of revision sitting in each of the wards for the purpose of adding names to the list to be used in the Canada temperance act referendum, to be held during April. Up to noon today a total of 313 successful applicants had appeared before the board.

This morning's session proved the busiest since the opening of the courts on Monday. While the names were added as on Tuesday afternoon, the offices were crowded during the greater part of the morning by people asking for information, the majority of whom were indignant.

Scores upon scores of citizens appeared before the courts to register because they had received cards from the temperance forces informing them that their names were on the lists. In almost every instance the applicants discovered that, on applying, their names were included in the lists prepared in 1919.

According to one of the officials, everyone in his ward must have received a notification of more than 100 card-bearers appeared before him during the morning. Many of the people had come a long distance, and several had lost time from their work. In one instance a man, his wife and two daughters, all bearing cards, had appeared before the official in charge. They knew that they had voted in 1919, and so they could not understand why their names had been removed. After a diligent search the official in charge revealed the fact that the names were not on the list. When this information was handed out, the man grew excited, wrathful, for he and both of his daughters had lost a whole half day from work, and he wanted to drive a man to drink, he said.

To show that these cases were not the only ones the revising officer showed the reporter a score of cards which applicants had thrown away in disgust. Then to prove that there were no favored ones the official said that both he and his wife had received cards this morning.

For the benefit of all those wishing to ascertain whether their names are on the list, the temperance committee has volunteered to give the required information to persons calling 90. By calling this number applicants will have the revising officers much work and avoid much confusion.

To accommodate workers who have difficulty in getting away at other times, the court of revision for the referendum at 683 Hamilton road will be open Friday night from 7 until 9 o'clock. The announcement was made today by F. B. Lavender who is in charge of the registration.

On March 1 this morning, 20 names were added to the voters' list, making a total of 122 names. In the courts of revision. In Ward 2, 5 names were added, making a grand total of 127 names.

Ward 4, where E. W. M. Plock is in charge, was again the most successful. During the morning, 25 names were added to the list, making a total of 129.

Ward 3 up to date has had the least number of voters added to the list, but this morning business picked up for the revision officer, John G. Gunter. 14 names were added this morning. A total number of 45 has been added since the court opened on Monday last. A woman called on Mr. Gunter this morning and asked him to add the name of a man who had received a card from the referendum headquarters, but whose name was not on the list, and addressed as "Miss" in stead of "Mrs." Mr. Gunter explained to the woman that even though the name was not on the list, it was in charge, two names were added to the list, making a total of 131 names.

BULLET IS EXTRACTED FROM CONVICT'S BRAIN

Ossining, N.Y., March 30.—Recovering today from an operation for removal of a bullet that had pressed his brain for four weeks, a convict, who had been sentenced to life imprisonment for the crime of murder, was today discharged from the hospital.

The operation was performed in Sing Sing prison hospital yesterday by Dr. William I. Chapman, Brooklyn, brain surgeon, himself an invalid. He performed the brain operation while sitting in a wheel-chair.

Four weeks ago Leon Dowdki was wounded in a street fight. One bullet was embedded almost two inches within the brain; another lodged behind the right ear. The latter, which is said not to have affected the prisoner's mind, was not removed.

Leon Dowdki was in the prison's freedom if his mental equilibrium is restored.

"BACKBONE" GERMAN COMMUNISTS' REVOLT HAS BEEN BROKEN

Uprising in Central Sections of Country Dying Out.

STRIKES HAVE FAILED

Government Buildings Still Protected by Troops.

Berlin, March 30.—Advises from Central Germany state the Communist revolt which appeared in the last week, is rapidly disintegrating into minor outbreaks. Declaration is made that the "backbone" of the revolution there has been definitely broken. Sporadic strikes are reported from Halle and Jena, where industrial power plants are shut down, and an attempt to tie up the Ruhr, but these have been failed, but the latter attempt has thus far failed except at Remscheid, where workers have failed to report to duty.

Communists are still interfering to some extent with railroad traffic at various junction points in Western Germany.

Labor leaders identified with the Majority and Independent Socialist parties declare that they are determined to precipitate a general strike in large industrial plants in this city had failed. They say that votes were cast in the election, but the latter attempt has thus far failed except at Remscheid, where workers have failed to report to duty.

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WILL PROTEST M'CREA BILL

Mayor Little To Look After the City's Interests Before Legislature.

London aldermen are waiting today with keen interest for the Legislature's decision on the M'Creia bill. The measure would give the Ontario railway and municipal board power to increase fares and rates of tolls, and would also vitally affect the street railway situation here. The council at a special meeting Tuesday went solidly on record against the measure.

Mayor Little is in Toronto today, and will present to the Legislature the city's position on the bill. No definite word has been received regarding the date on which the bill will be considered. It is possible, however, that the special committee of the Legislature will bring its suggestion of a rate of \$1.25 before the House this week.

PARLIAMENT SUMMARY

Ottawa, March 30.—(Canadian Press).—Yesterday, Parliament resumed its session after Easter recess.

Net earnings of Canadian Government merchant marine for 1920 announced in the House as \$781,466, equalling 2.35 per cent on the cost of the ships.

The leader of the Opposition brought an amendment to a motion to go into supply, which called for early issue of writs to fill present vacancies in the House during the present session. This amendment was defeated, 52 to 58.

Interest Interior estimates were discussed in committee and an amendment of \$1,363,922.50 for salaries was passed. The House adjourned at 2:10 p.m. on Tuesday.

Bill to amend postoffice act given first reading in Senate.

Bill provides for insurance against loss of mail matter.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' DAY.

Resolution of Hon. A. K. MacLean, favoring appointment of a standing committee on Government-owned and Government-controlled railways, was given first reading and debated. If time permits, the House will again be committee of supply on Interior department estimates.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 35; lowest, 18.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 45; lowest, 24.

TOMORROW—MILD, SHOWERY.

Toronto, March 30.—8 a.m. Forecast.

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Thursday—Partly cloudy and mild with a few light showers.

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Stations. High. Low. Weather.

Victoria 42 36 Clear

Kelowna 40 34 Clear

Winnipeg 44 29 Fair

Port Arthur 35 25 Clear

Sault Ste. Marie 38 28 Cloudy

Parkinson 32 22 Clear

Kingston 24 22 Clear

Ottawa 24 18 Fair

Montreal 20 18 Clear

Quebec 20 18 Clear

John 20 12 Fair

Halifax 20 12 Fair

Pressure in the Atlantic

coast and over the North Pacific States and British Columbia, while a trough of low extends from Northern Ontario to the Southwest States.

The weather is fair and rather cold in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, but is moderating in Ontario, and again becoming more unsettled in the West, with a little lower temperature.