

APPROVES 85 CENT NATURAL GAS AGREEMENT

The City Council Passes Fuel Resolution Without Discussion.

REFERS WENIGE CHARGES

Proposed Grant to Western University Sent to Ratepayers.

Approved of the gas agreement providing for natural gas at 85 cents.

Sent to the ratepayers the request of Western University for a grant of \$250,000.

Assured the residents of Piccadilly street that if their pavement does not prove up to the standard the city will make it good.

Decided to inspect the French trade car Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

Sent. Ald. Wenige's charges against the engineering department to a special committee for investigation.

Passed a resolution of sympathy over the death of J. Harry Fowler.

By a vote of 7 to 4 the council Monday night approved of the recommendation of the special gas committee that the agreement for 85 cent natural gas for a period up to May 25, 1922, be approved.

The vote was rather a surprise to some of the aldermen, who were positive that the council would turn down the recommendation framed at a special meeting of the gas committee earlier in the day, on the ground that the price of 85 cents was too high.

There was no discussion whatever. Because the council turned the proposal down at its last meeting, the council members were anxious to reopen it. This was granted. Mayor Little called for discussion. All sat mum. Then came the vote. Aldermen Watkinson, Wenige, Watt and Bridge, W. A. Wilson, Childs, Ashton, Boss and Brighton voted for the proposal.

Pass University Grant. Without a dissenting voice the council decided to send on for a vote of the people on December 5, the request of Western University for \$250,000 towards the university building fund.

Mrs. A. T. Little, C. R. Somerville, Gordon Ingram and T. J. Murphy were present in support of the proposal to submit the question to a vote.

Mr. Little said that the board of the university had been asked to make a grant on two points—educational or cultural and financial. At the present time the university was handicapped in the arts faculty.

It was scattered in different parts of the city, and they could not continue with that condition, or with the present accommodation. He estimated that there was about \$700,000 spent in the city yearly by the students attending the university, over and above the \$200,000 which the government granted, and the money paid by the students in fees, which for the most part went to the members of the faculty, and was also spent here. Mr. Little stated that the board was not

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HASNT SOMEONE SEEN POOR POLLY?

There is an old adage which runs, "Has anybody seen my cat?" but to that might be added the theme, "Has anybody seen my parrot?"

Habitues of the London market square spent a joyful hour Monday in a vain endeavor to capture a "pretty Polly" who hurried words of scorn and disgust at pedestrians on King street in the vicinity of the market.

A small boy "took a chance" on dislodging the parrot, and although Polly ruffled her feathers, she passed up a handful of crackers and flew across the square to a safer spot. She reached the heights Tuesday morning shrilling nasty words from the top of the sign on the Smallman & Ingram building.

Later on she disappeared, hence the inquiry "Has anybody seen poor Polly?"

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the last 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 57; lowest, 37.

The official temperature for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 61; lowest, 42.

BAROMETRIC STANDING, Monday—8 a.m., 29.92.

Today—8 a.m., 28.87.

TOMORROW—SHOWERY.

Toronto, Oct. 18—8 a.m. Forecasts.

Today—Strong winds and moderate rain, shifting to westerly with showers and local thunderstorms, chiefly tonight.

Wednesday—Strong westerly winds, showers in some localities at first, then fair and a little cooler.

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Stations. High. Low. Weather.

Victoria.....58 46 Cloudy

Calgary.....58 32 Clear

Winnipeg.....44 30 Cloudy

Peter Arthur.....46 30 Cloudy

Toronto.....62 50 Cloudy

Kingston.....62 50 Fair

Ottawa.....58 46 Fair

Montreal.....58 52 Fair

Quebec.....44 40 Cloudy

Father Point.....42 34 Clear

St. John.....52 34 Clear

Halifax.....48 36 Clear

Weather Notes.

A depression now centered in Michigan is increasing in energy, and other depressions of minor importance are situated in Manitoba. Showers have occurred locally in Ontario and in the northern portions of Saskatchewan and Manitoba, but the weather on the whole in the Dominion has been fair.

U.S. MAY ADVERT RAILWAY STRIKE

Attacks London's Engineering Department

WENIGE CLAIMS INEFFICIENCY AND WASTE PREVAIL

Alderman Submits List of Complaints to Council.

DEMANDS NEW OFFICIAL

Makes Many Charges to Support His Arguments.

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Prepares For War

Serbian Soldiers Mobilized as Result of Italy's Attitude on Protectorate.



PREMIER PACHITCH.

BELGRADE, Serbia, Oct. 18.—Military classes of 1918-19-20 have been ordered mobilized by Premier Pachitch. This move on the part of the premier follows a declaration by Italy that Albania is regarded as an Italian protectorate.

Premier Pachitch ordered the mobilization to shield the Jugo-Slavian frontier from Albanian aggression. It is said that this action has precipitated the greatest Balkan crisis since the armistice.

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RESCUE STARVED CHILD, 6 IN COLD CELLAR DUNGEON

Wisconsin Police Find Captive Clad in Rags in Damp Prison—Left Shoulder Is Deformed by Constant Use Warding Off Blows.

Racine, Wis., Oct. 18.—Mary, 6-year-old girl, half-starved and confined for hours each day in a damp, cold cellar in the village of Lake Park, a suburb of Racine, was discovered by Sheriff James and Mrs. Demit, probation officer, who hearkened to complaints of neighbors.

The child was blue with the cold and her body was covered with marks of variegated hue which were the result of beatings, according to the sheriff, who wrapped the child in his overcoat and took her to the detention home.

The mother, Mrs. Annie Vetrok, was arrested and haled into court before Magistrate Burgess. Her defence was: "She's an ignorant good-for-nothing."

Plays in Dark Cellar. The authorities were called by a woman who lives in the vicinity of the Vetrok home. When the sheriff and the probation officer arrived they found an old girl alone in the house. Going through the rooms of the house in search of the child, the sheriff and the probation officer found no one. Then, stepping into the cellar, the sheriff flashed his electric torch.

In a corner sat the little girl, huddled against the damp wall, playing with a bit of string in the semi-darkness. Only a ragged bit of calico covered her gaunt little body.

As the sheriff and his woman aide approached the little girl she raised her arm as if to ward off blows, which she apparently expected. She attempted to scuttle away into a corner to avoid the outstretched hands of her rescuers, like a frightened wild animal.

The sheriff grasped her and lifting her in his arms carried her to the lighted rooms above. Her emaciated condition was noted without waiting for the return of the mother, the authorities removed her to the detention home. There the accumulation of filth which had clung to the little body from the damp basement floor and was washed away, and wrapped in a warm blanket the child dropped to sleep.

When she awoke she ate voraciously, according to the home attaches, indicating that she had been nearly starved to death.

Shoulder Blocks Blows. When taken to the home it was noted that her left shoulder was considerably higher than the right, so much so that it was believed the child was deformed. After her long sleep it was noted, however, that the left shoulder had dropped to its natural position on a level with its mate. The authorities say the shoulder had assumed the raised position from its constant use in the child's attempts to ward off blows.

The mother's case was continued for a week by Magistrate Burgess to get a more detailed report of the child's condition and to permit the child to tell her story of her mother's treatment.

From a shy, scared little creature, the girl is reported to be developing rapidly into a playful child. And yet she talks nothing except to her mother, and to protest at the suggestion that she be taken back to her home. When the suggestion was made, experimentally, to take her to the detention home she said she had gone into a state bordering on hysteria.

The writer says that nine out of ten people in the United States seem to believe Great Britain is the exclusive ally of Japan, and that the Anglo-Japanese treaty makes the Tokio Government think it has a free hand in its adoption of aggression upon which it would otherwise fear to embark.

"Explanations do not seem likely to remove this impression from the American mind," he continues, "even when Englishmen point out that their own interests in China are identical with those of America, and that Japanese ascendancy in Manchuria would be as injurious to Great Britain as to the United States."

FLAMES ENGULF TWO IN BURNING BUILDING

Montreal, Oct. 18.—Two men were burned to death and a third narrowly escaped a similar fate when a shack in St. Sebastian, on the edge of Mississquoi Bay, Lake Champlain, was burned at an early hour yesterday morning.

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ULSTER ENROLLS VOLUNTEERS AS PARLEY FALTERS

Claims It Has Same Right To Drill Soldiers As Sinn Fein.

CRAIG REITERATES STAND

Declares Six North Ireland Counties Will "Hang Together."

Belfast, Oct. 18.—Reports that the Ulster volunteer force was being reorganized were verified in official quarters here today. It was said that Ulster ex-service men were being enrolled in the volunteers. "Why shouldn't they be, when the Sinn Feiners are drilling, even in Belfast?" was the comment in official quarters.

Col. Spender, who formerly commanded the Ulster Volunteers, resigned his command on assuming the secretaryship of the Ulster cabinet, but the view was expressed that he was being enrolled in the volunteers. "Why shouldn't they be, when the Sinn Feiners are drilling, even in Belfast?" was the comment in official quarters.

The plan indicated is to place the men under officers living in the same locality as the rank and file, these officers