

BURGLAR IS GIVEN ONE YEAR IN JAIL

Former Manager of Wallaceburg Company Sentenced in Chatham Court.

CONVICTED ON 4 CHARGES

Mrs. C. L. Johnson, Guilty of Receiving Goods, Has Penalty Deferred.

Special to The Advertiser. Chatham, Dec. 30.—William Arnfield, former manager of the Wallaceburg Company, was sentenced to serve one year in the provincial prison by His Honor Judge Stanworth, on four charges of burglary. The sentence was imposed late yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. C. L. Johnson, connected with Arnfield in the above case, who pleaded guilty to a charge of receiving stolen goods, was told her sentence would be deferred until the June sessions of the court. She was released from custody.

A plea for leniency was entered by Arnfield's counsel, pointing out that this was the first time Arnfield had been in the toils.

Two local grocers, charged with selling cigarettes to minors, appeared in the city police court this morning and paid fines. They were warned not to repeat their offence. Both grocers were ignorant of the laws which govern that boys are not allowed to purchase cigarettes.

The Men's Canadian Club executive has completed arrangements for an annual meeting, according to an announcement given out by Secretary C. F. Wright today. The speaker for the occasion is the Venerable Father Bracken, of Holy Blossom, Toronto, one of the foremost men in the Hebrew world of today. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

An X-ray examination of the injuries to Frank Carriere late this afternoon revealed a fractured spine. Carriere's condition is regarded as critical, stated hospital authorities this evening.

N. McDONALD HEADS OWEN SOUND OFFICE

Popular Postal Official Appointed by Ottawa To Postmaster.

Special to The Advertiser. Owen Sound, Dec. 30.—Capt. N. E. McDonald, who has been acting postmaster in Owen Sound since the death on Aug. 23 of Postmaster Geo. A. Ross, received notice yesterday from the assistant postmaster-general that he had been appointed postmaster.

Capt. McDonald is a native of Sydney Township, and is a nephew of the late Hon. A. G. MacKay. He first entered the postal service at Owen Sound in 1911, and in 1915 enlisted with the 147th Grey Battalion and served overseas with gallantry, winning the military medal and his commission for distinguished service. After his return he re-entered the postoffice here as assistant postmaster. Capt. McDonald is adjutant of the Grey Regiment, is captain and one of the backs on the local W. F. M. D. champion football team, and junior warden of the North Star Masonic Lodge. His appointment is a very popular one.

CHATHAM DOCTOR ESCAPES DEATH

Life of Dr. Oliver Jeopardized When Engine Smashes Car.

Chatham, Dec. 30.—Dr. C. B. Oliver, a prominent surgeon of this city, had a narrow escape from serious injury and possible death when his car was struck by the rear-end of a C. P. R. switching engine at the Lacroix street crossing at 10:30 o'clock this morning. He escaped unhurt, but his car, a coupe, was so badly damaged that it cannot be repaired.

The doctor was proceeding south on Lacroix street towards the C. P. R. crossing. He slowed the car down to cross the tracks and was unaware of the approach of the backing engine until one of its brakemen, standing on top of a boxcar, shouted a warning to the doctor. He immediately jammed on his brakes, which caused the car to skid, but avoided a broadside collision.

Dr. Oliver declared that this crossing should be provided with proper gates. He alleged that, according to law, the railroad when shunting cars should provide a watchman at the crossing. He further stated that he had had several close calls at this particular crossing.

APPOINT NEW SURVEYOR OF CUSTOMS AT WINDSOR

Windsor, Dec. 30.—Andrew H. Dalziel, chief customs excise clerk for the port of Windsor, has been appointed customs surveyor for the port, according to notification reaching A. T. Montreuil, local customs collector, today. The appointment carries a substantial increase in salary.

The new surveyor succeeds P. H. McEwan, who was superannuated last year. Mr. Dalziel has had much experience, having held nearly every minor position in the local department prior to his promotion to the chief clerkship.

THORNTON SENDS MEN NEW YEAR GREETINGS

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—Sir Henry W. Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railways, last night sent the following New Year's greeting addressed to the officers and employees of the system:

"I wish to you and your families a happy and prosperous new year. I hope that with united effort in our common undertaking we may accomplish a degree of progress which will be a source of satisfaction to the nation and a matter of pride to ourselves."



RADIO SET SUPPLANTS POWDER PUFF.

Girls, the latest command of fashion is to carry a tiny radio receiving set wherever you go. When you are waiting anywhere and feel like being entertained, listen in. There's always something good in the air now. It's far more fun than dexterously applying a powder puff as a pastime.

Woodstock, Home of Honest People, Safe, Though Store Doors Unlocked

Special to The Advertiser. Woodstock, Dec. 30.—A decrease in the number of convictions under the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act is reported by Chief of Police Moore, who is now busy compiling records for his annual report. He also reports that there have been 50 criminal cases in the city during the year, but none of them of an unusually serious nature.

IMPRISONED EDITOR SAYS PROBE FARCE

Roberts Asserts Efforts To Find Garneau Slayer Were Stifled.

Special to The Advertiser. Montreal, Dec. 30.—Under his own name John Roberts publishes in the following in this week's issue of The Age:

"Taschereau is whitewashed. The royal (whitewash) commission has ended. The Taschereau government will be given a clear bill of health, and the murderers of Blanche Garneau are still at liberty.

"What a hideous farce it has all been. Five weeks were spent in proving what was already known—that the government had done all it could. Five days were devoted to trying to find out who killed Blanche Garneau.

"Why this difference? During the five weeks of government propaganda the judges allowed everything to be put in, hearsay, rumor, opinions, suspicions, hints, imaginings, and what not. But during the public five days, only facts were permitted to be presented. Time and again during those fateful five days the commission was told that it knew of knowledge, but the door was shut, locked, bolted and barred.

"No hearsay evidence was the order, and the royal commission, which was instructed to find the murderers of Blanche Garneau, shut out what is normally the only method out this late day—merely hearsay evidence that can lead to the discovery of the poor girl's murderers.

"I protest in the name of murdered Blanche Garneau."

Inspector Greer to Take Charge of Proceedings Against Austin and Nolan.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—General Victor Williams, commissioner of police for Ontario, who was this week made a magistrate with provincial powers, is taking the depositions of witnesses in connection with the robbery of the Royal Bank of Canada at Mount Forest. The depositions will be taken in extradition proceedings in New York.

Chief Inspector Greer will have charge of the extradition proceedings in New York under special counsel to be retained to appear for the attorney-general of Ontario.

WORK ON NEW WARSHIP BEGINS IN BRITAIN

Birkenhead, England, Dec. 30.—Quietly, without ceremony of any kind, the keel of the new battleship recently ordered by the British Government in accordance with the terms of the Washington naval treaty, was laid in a shipyard here yesterday.

Many men already are engaged on advance work, such as the staking and as the material arrives for building the vessel it is anticipated a large number of the unemployed will be gradually absorbed.

This is one of the two new warships, the construction of which Prime Minister Bonar Law recently announced the government had decided to begin, as permitted by the Washington pact.

BOX LUNCH PROPRIETOR ROBBED IN MONTREAL

Montreal, Dec. 30.—Blending Leclerc, proprietor of the National Box Lunch, in his office yesterday with ropes and gagging him with a dirty handkerchief, three men robbed the till, but were not rewarded with

DRIVER PARALYZED WHEN CAR CRASHES

Frank Ferrier, Windsor, Is Taken to St. Joseph's in Critical Condition.

COMPANION ESCAPES

Men Were Traveling to Home Town to Spend New Year.

Special to The Advertiser. Chatham, Dec. 30.—Frank Ferrier of Douglas avenue, Windsor, is in St. Joseph's Hospital, paralyzed as a result of his auto leaving the road, jumping a fence, two miles west of Thamesville, on the provincial highway at noon today. His recovery is uncertain. A companion, whose identity is unknown, escaped with slight injuries.

The injured man was speeding home to Windsor to spend New Year's Day with his family. Passing motorists found Ferrier lying beside the wrecked car, suffering from injuries to the spine, and in a semi-conscious state. The man who was a passenger in the car told them the auto struck an obstacle in the road, and that because of a stiff steering gear Ferrier lost control of the machine.

Dr. Pelton of Thamesville was called and ordered the injured man removed to Chatham Hospital. He was admitted late this afternoon. In Chatham, Dr. Kingsley Holmes took charge of the case, and will conduct an X-ray examination.

One feature of the work of the police is they have found 315 doors of business places and banks open during the year at night, as compared with 224 doors in 1921, and 140 in 1920. In spite of this there have been no cases of stores being entered for nearly two years, owing to the chief says, to the vigilance of the police.

German Chancellor Believed To Have Scheme On Re-parations.

Paris, Dec. 30.—Reports that Wilhelm Cuno, the German chancellor, intends to startle the inter-allied conference next week with the definite proposals for a four-power pact which would guarantee the security of France and the present Franco-German frontiers, reached here today and created considerable comment. This pact, according to the reports, would extend for a period of five years. It would be signed by Great Britain, Italy, France and Germany. The United States would also be asked to sign, but without assuming any military obligations.

The commission has learned that among Chancellor Cuno's proposals will be one for a lump sum, somewhere between five billion and eight billion dollar marks, one billion to be paid at once and the remainder over a period of four years. This sum would be accompanied by a certain form of allied financial control sufficient to insure the balancing of Germany's budget and the stabilization of the mark.

News was received here today that the United States government would take no part in the conference.

STAVERT RIDICULES LIQUOR ACCUSATION

Quebec Commissioner Said To Have Transported Whiskey in Autos.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—"There is not a scintilla of truth in it," was the reply of Sir William Stavert, financial member of the Quebec Liquor Commission, when asked here today what answer he would make to the charges contained in an affidavit produced by Brigadier-General Smart, M.L.A., Westmount.

The affidavit is that of one Irene Perry, who charges that Sir William, a member of the Quebec Liquor Commission, had transported whiskey in two touring automobiles. The statement is so utterly ridiculous that it really does not merit a denial from me, said Sir William, who added that he knew of no reason why General Smart should attack him in that way.

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WOULD RID DETROIT OF LIQUOR TRAFFIC

Michigan Prohibition Agents and Sheriff Start War On Liquor.

RAID MANY BLIND PIGS

Success Attends Efforts To Dam All New Year Supplies.

Special to The Advertiser. Detroit, Dec. 30.—Carrying forward the movement to make Detroit a real Sahara on New Year's Eve, the forces of James R. Davis, United States prohibition director for Michigan, yesterday afternoon inaugurated a series of raids upon blind pigs and resorts inside the city limits. It was the outcome of a movement started Thursday afternoon when "dry law" forces started a sweeping act up and down the river district.

For the first time, too, the Federal men announced with definite assurance that their plans for a dry New Year in Detroit has active and affirmative assistance of local officials, particularly that of the sheriff's office. This announcement followed a luncheon conference at noon today between Director Davis and George A. Walters, sheriff-elect, at which plans for law enforcement were discussed.

Work Together. After the conference both officials stated that they would work together toward giving Detroit an absolutely safe and sane New Year's Eve. Walters assumes office on the 1st of January, and his entire staff is to be on duty from that time in the enforcement of the Sahara amendment.

The enlarged force of Federal raiders began active operations this afternoon, following their descent on Wyandotte Thursday.

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WINDSOR TO SEEK MERGER OF CITIES

Mayor Wants Towns of Essex Border Under One Head.

Special to The Advertiser.

Windsor, Dec. 30.—Mayor Wilson, in the course of an address to members of the 1922 city council Thursday night, reported what he has said before, that he will attempt to effect a merger of the five border municipalities during the coming year.

He told his audience about the cost of running the five towns, and explained that he was ready to operate all under a single head.

Just what the other councils think of the proposed plan to eliminate their identity by being swallowed up by Windsor, the mayor did not explain, but he said he was "hopeful that it would come out all right."

Walkerley has already tentatively expressed the view that it will remain as it is so far as a change of name goes. Sandwich, the county town, may be ready to yield its individuality, but Mayor Breaux says he has not heard of it.

Make Arrests. J. N. McMillan, said to be the bartender in the place, was arrested. Five different gangs of raiders were sent into active operation from the office of Director Davis and his staff is to be on duty from that time in the enforcement of the Sahara amendment.

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LIBERALS NOW HOLD THE REINS OF POWER

Member of Prescott Announces Intention of Crossing Floor.

HAVE TWO MAJORITY

Government Strength Now Greater Than Combined Opposition.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—(By Canadian Press.)—The King government will have a majority over the combined opposition, without counting the speaker, when the next House opens. Joseph Biney, elected as a Progressive Liberal whip in the British Commons, who succeeded C. A. McCurdy, announced yesterday that when the house met he would seek a seat to the right of the speaker and with the Liberal members.

W. J. Hammell, also elected as a Progressive for Muskoka, announced on December 2 that he would cross the floor to the Liberal benches when the next session opened. This brought the Liberal strength in the House to equal that of the combined opposition without the speaker. With the crossing of Mr. Biney the standing of the various parties will be: Liberals, 118; combined opposition, 116, divided as follows: Progressives, 64; Conservatives, 60; and Labor, 27, giving the government a majority of two should there be a solid opposition vote against it in a full House.

In a letter to the electors of his riding today Mr. Biney indicates that his decision to cross the floor of the House follows the resignation of Hon. T. A. C. Crerar as Progressive leader in the Commons, the resignation of President Burnaby of the United Farmers of Ontario, and that the dissensions between Premier Drury and the rest of the party are indications that the latter party is built on sand.

"Under the direction of my leader I was true and loyal to him," Mr. Biney states, "when we see the leaders deserting the army there is something wrong and it is time to do something and report to you."

DRURY SEES MENACE IN RURAL SITUATION

Premier Claims Solution Needed To Save Country From Bankruptcy.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—That the rural situation as existing in Canada today constitutes a very real problem, and that only a satisfactory solution of it will save this country from bankruptcy, was the strong contention made by Hon. E. C. Drury, premier of Ontario, in addressing the first national conference of Canadian farmers. This rural problem was presented by alarming exodus of young men and women from the country to the city, Drury claimed, and not to any false glamor of cosmopolitan life, for the majority of these young people are leaving to leave the country, but due entirely to economic conditions.

"Our rural people are lagging behind in agricultural development," he declared. "Farmhouses do not contain sufficient comforts. Rural schools and churches suffer from lack of support from the population. Why has agriculture gone backward? Because 40 years ago, we in this country adopted the policy of protection. The members of the rural population can obtain comfortable livelihoods, then our churches and schools will find it favorable to do their work when this occurs we will have better city conditions also, and we will have a movement both ways from the town to the country, as well as from the country to the town. The problem must be solved if Canada is to proceed along sane lines in the national development of her people."

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