LONDON ORANGEMEN HELD ANNUAL CHURCH PARADE YESTERDAY.

## CONSUMERS TAKE LAW INTO OWN HANDS WHEN GAS IS SHUT OFF AGAINST GOVERNMENT ORDER

Kent County Users Are Aroused When Union Company Defies Ruling of Mines Department.

COMMISSIONER WILL USE FORCE IF NECESSARY

Gives Full Power To Blenheim, Ridgetown, Tilbury People To Turn On Supply.

CHATHAM, Nov. 1 .- (Special to The Free Press.)-"Off agin, on agin," is an appropriate summing up of the gas situation in Kent County this morning. At 7 o'clock to-day the Union Gas Company shut off their gas services at Blenheim, Ridgetown, Tilbury and Dresden in defiance of the Government order that such action must not be taken. At 10.30 this morning Gas Commissioner E. S. Estlin, who was in communication with the department of mines at Toronto, stated definitely that the gas would be turned on again, and that force would be resorted to, if necessary, to keep a continuous supply gas in the towns mentioned. The commissioner stated this morning that the gas had been turned off in dege of the Government order to the a v. but that the Government would force the company to turn it on

### PROMPTLY.

was notified at 7 o'clock this mornhe said, "that the gas had been urned off. I immediately got in touch with the Government and received the reply that the gas must be turned on again. I am merely awaiting a full message from the Government, and as soon as it is received, I will appoint agents of the department in the towns mentioned, and give them full power to see that the gas is turned on. This will be done before noon to-day."

It is reported that the people of Tilbury turned the gas on themselves shortly after it was turned off by the company employees. As soon as they discovered there was no gas the people went out to the outskirts of the viltage in a body, found some pipes torn up, repaired them, and turned on the gas. They took a chance on the regu-

again, he would act on his own initia- this morning. Light clouds with a will be observed by taking up a coltive and see that the people are sup-

ere also interviewed. Mr. Morse, one under the franchises we possess in the tothe windward of the Esperanto, these towns, we have a perfect right though 34 seconds behind her. these towns, we have a perfect right though 34 seconds behind her. ating because it does not pay us to operate under present conditions. If people of these places will pay a rate which will enable us to live, we will continue to operate, but we will not do it otherwise. If the Government property, and we do not believe that course chosen was the same as that of nder the British flag any Government would take such action. CONSUMERS AROUSED.

Natural Gas Company turned off the outside. shut off, with the intention of turning it starboard tack. Himmelman to wind-

n again. shutting off the supply.

ng that there was great suffering gun. account of the failure to supply gas he danger from fire was great as shot ahead. there was no fire protection without the Before a reply was received a com- CANADIAN WELL AHEAD.

where the gas mains had been dis-connected and made repairs. Then the on Saturday and was obviously in bet-The reply from Commissioner Estlin ter trim. ally" turned on in two hours.

### Off Again, On Again; The Gas Crisis.

Natural gas supply to Ridgetown, Blenheim. Tilbury and other points shut off by Union Natural Gas Company a few hours after midnight. Consumers in shut-off district, angry at refusal of gas company's order, repair pipes and turn on gas themselves. Gas Commissioner Estlin, of Chatham, hastens to the affected region with authority of Government to turn on the the Thousands of homes temporarily without gas for cooking and heating. Gas companies consider Government order a violation of roperty rights. Legal authorities predict the case will be a knotty one for the courts. Supply from the Southern Ontario Company still being de-

Lightened Ballast Helps Delawana In Contest For Atlantic Honors.

WIND VARIABLE AND RAIN IS ENCOUNTERED

At 1.40 the Delawana Had Lead To Co-Operate With Y. W. C. A of About Eleven Lengths.

HALIFAX, Nov. 1 .-- (Canadian Press Dispatch)-A seven-mile breeze due be built near Lens or Vimy Ridge in lators being untampered with, and as fall as is known the gas is again being the starting line in the second of the was recommended in a resolution passed Commissioner Estin stated that if the word did not come from the Governseries of races for the international by the Presbyterian Ministerial Associtelling him to turn the gas on Atlantic in advance of the Delawana day. Armistice Sunday, November 14,

of the gas company's management closer for the advantage over the line. "We have turned off the gas | Both vessels left their wharf within in spite of the Government order. We do not believe that the Government has a right to interfere with our contract and both were towed by tugs past voted to Biblical instruction. rights to the extent of compelling us to George's Island, shaking out their full CAMPAIGN ON. supply gas at a loss, which we have flights of white canvas en route. Tommy A campaign is now on foot among the been doing in these towns. We are prepared to go into the courts with this prepared to go into the courts with this wana, gained a slight advantage over religious education to the young. It to discontinue the privilege we enjoy the American on the stare, crossing the was pointed out by the clergy that there adian Press Dispatch).—With the open-

Within five minutes the Delawana, sailing with more ease than in Saturday's race, had blanketed her opponsompels us to operate at a loss, it is cover the ability of the schooners to cover the course in nine hours. The

ONLY LIGHT BREEZE.

TILBURY, Nov. 1.—(Special to The wana had little more than steerage in its work for the young women of that Harding will have no less than 368, tion with the timber limits and that ree Press.)—In spite of orders from way. What little wind there was came the city. A system was adopted by probably 395, electoral votes out of the provincial Government that the from the west. A dredge which had which the ministers will be acquainted possible 531. supply of natual gas must not be cut put to sea in the early morning was with strangers coming to the city, and elect is 266. off because consumers refused to pay observed to be making port again, inthe price increase demanded, the Union dicating heavier weather conditions for them and help them to become iden-

supply to Tilbury at some place outside the town limits after midnight last both schooners on starting line, with hight. The whole town uses the supply Delawana to windward standing out on for domestic purposes, and the situation standard and Esperanto heating lev, aged 36, was accidentally killed on this morning was serious. Townspeople up the harbor on port tack. A few Saturday by falling through an open gathered and a number of the men or seconds after Himmelman came about elevator shaft at the T. Eaton Comganized themselves into a committee of on the port tack. Esperanto bore away pany store, where he was employed. He ction and set out to find the point in and on the stroke of the 5-minute gun fell 30 feet down the pit. he pipe line where the gas had been jibed and headed out the harbor on

There were many bitter remarks It looked for a time as though Espermong the townspeople over the action anto would be ahead of the gun; but Marty had judged the distance nicely Mayor Van S. Mather sent a telegram and he led Dalawana to windward of Commissioner E. S. Estlin, explain- him over the line on the flash of the

Five minutes after the starting gun or cooking and heating, and also that Delawana blanketed Esperanto and Esperanto crossed the line at 9.01.41/4.

Delawana at 9.01.311/2 official time At 9.10 the Delawana was leading by

At 9.15 it was estimated aboard the stated that the gas would be "offic- Tyrian that Delawana was six lengths ahead and increasing her lead. BLENHEIM. Nov. 1.—(Special to The automatic, the first mark, Delawana had ree Press.)—The natural gas supply to lenheim was shut off some time after appeared to be still gaining. Delawana LONDON nidnight, bringing to a crisis the gas situation in the western part of the (Continued on Page Five)

Appeared to be Still gailing, Delawana LONDON passed Litchfield buoy at 9.47.45, and Victoria Esperanto at 9.52.40.

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Winnipeg

### "Whispering Campaign" Against Harding Denied By Gov. Cox; Contest Conducted On Hi h Plane

It, Harding Against-Roorback Doesn't Figure.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 1.-(Cana- dates for going in, the Republicans for ian Press Dispatch).—George White, staying out. nue of Governor Cox. Mr. White's mittees with responsibility. greatest moral issue of recent times. Governor Cox's special train.'

ssue Is On League—Cox For cans in their primary convention fights and at Chicago during the recent Republican national convention and then eek by inference to weigh down the Democratic party with its will fail. This election will be settled on the issue of the League of Nations. Our candi-

"It is perfectly obvious to everyone mittee, has issued a statement in that the eleventh hour action of partibly to an earlier declaration by Scott san Republican newspapers in widely Bone, publicity director of the Re- circulating this story about Senator and northeast winds; cloudy and cold lican national organization, denying Harding paved the way suspiciously for at the "whispering campaign" against the statement issued by the Republican nator Harding was ever carried on by national committee. This statement inconnected with the traveling ferentially charges the Democratic com-"The Democratic can- "Only one assertion from Republican Melita.

lates and their national committee headquarters requires a direct answer Aquitania... ve conducted the presidential contest and that is the statement that the Munen... a high plane and have pitched in on Harding story was 'disseminated on 

Presbyterian Ministerial Association Authors of Plan-Resolution Passed To-Day.

FAVOR RELIGION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS Lodge: E. Langford, Duke of York Lodge.

In Welcoming Young Women To City.

The support of a memorial church to

sky as the five-minute gun boomed and schools was one of the important matthe schooners, which had been cruising ters which was discussed by the minislazily about under full sail, edged in ters. While it was agreed that excelline by sympathetic teachers, it was

Presbyterian churches of the city to and that the Bible, the golden rule book quarters early to-day took up the stride book and similar studies should be which will carry them in the final scene given a more prominent place in the of the presidential contest to-morrow, day's race, had blanketed her opponent and passed to the windward, to the
joy of Canadian supporters. Doubts
recognized by seafaring watchers
were approsed by seafaring watchers Attention was also drawn to the Both major parties began their last

whether to victory or defeat. were expressed by seafaring watchers lie child is given considerably more fidence in the election of their candireligious instruction than the average dates. Protestant pupil. There should be more "Cox and Roosevelt will win," deit was thought, and this could only be chairman. done by awakening the public interest. At 8.40, five minutes before the The association agreed to co-operate preparatory gun, Esperanto and Dela- as far as possible with the Y. W. C. A. into figures, expressing the conviction out of large sums of money in connection out of large s tified with the church.

FALLS TO DEATH.

COOL-SHOWERS

PROBABILITIES Increasing east-

Min. Max. Vancouver .32 48 Parry Sound 46 26 40 London Sun 40 Regina .. Prince Alb 24 28 Montreal Saskatoon .22 25 Quebec ... 38 48 Moose Jaw 23 26 Halifax TO-DAY IN CANADA

Maritime-Fair. Lake Superior-Fresh to strong north Alberta-Fine; becoming milder

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS. Arrived at. From .Liverpool .Quebec. New York Southampton Montreal

# Polling To-Morrow In Presidential and Gubernatorial Con-

Upper picture, from left to right: J. Godsave, master of Forest City Lodge; W. C. Cross, W. M. Nassau

Lodge; Joseph Carson, past district master; H. Morgan, first committeeman, Star of Bethlehem Lodge; W. T. Clark, W.

tests May Be Close. DES CLAIM
VICTORY IN SIGHT BOTH SIDES CLAIM Socialists Expect To Have

3,000,000 Vote For Their

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 1.-(Can-

states with large electoral votes to de-

Finding of Timber Commission Accuses Shelvin-Clarke Fort Frances Firm.

SUIT IS SUGGESTED TO RECOVER MONEY

Punishment of Those Who Committed Perjury and Forgery Is Urged.

TORONTO, Nov. 1 .- (Canadian Press

toral vote is not large enough to be Ontario. indispensable. The salient example of EVIDENCE OF FRAUD.

states in the first category is Ohio. home state of the two principal candidates with 24 votes, while the outstanding case of the second-class is Nevada with case of the second-class is Nevada with servants, we think the Shelvin-Clark Other states where the 11-hour con-with test is intense, with both parties san-

numerical proportion of women who will 1911. numerical proportion of women who will vote to-morrow in comparison with the male vote, section distribution of the woman's vote, and the possibility of its Cloudy being as a whole independent enough to overturn tables of election probabilities Fair Cloudy which certain states have been normal-

ANTI-SOCIALISTS ARE ELECTED IN ITALY

the election and processions bearing national flags paraded the streets.

### Department of Government For Ex-Soldier Planned; Will Merge P ons and Settlement

Idea Is To Link Up In All Activities In To Veteran

Most of the wiseacres declared that

the recent Maine election, where the

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The pensions board, the soldiers' set- school. OTTAWA. - Nov. 1 .-- ( ...Havre Free Press).—A department of the Press of the Pr ... Naples tion of Cabinet and d The sol- ment, with a separate minister of as an been evidenced for many years previously.

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Salt, and applicable provisions of law and with the pusiness district. Two bags, containing \$10,060, were untouched.

# M. Star of Bethlehem Lodge; W. C. Clark, treasurer, Star of Bethlehem Lodge; J. W. Whitby, past master Beaver

Mayor Little Vigorously

ALD. SEABROOK AND

Large Aldermanic Field Expected-Labor To Be Well Represented.

London will have at least two candi-

that a third aspirant will be announced at the last moment. It is generally agreed that the two candidaes have been named, but the official announcement has not been made. Mayor Little is considered as one, and it is stated that the Labor men of the city have already chosen the man to be have already chosen the man to bear their standard in this year's municipal elections. They refuse to say who this man concern for the foundation of character, clared George White, Democrat national Dispatch)—That the Shelvin-Clarke is, but it is strongly hinted that all Company, Ltd., of Fort Frances, Ont., that remains to be done is to hold an lican forces, translated his expectations has defrauded the Province of Ontario official caucus. This has been called H. B. Ashplant, who ran second for the mayor's chair last year, is mentioned as a possible candidate for this The number required to take action to recover this money and year also. J. F. Thomson, W. G. Tite to prosecute all who have committed are also named as probable aspirants perjury and forgery in connection with for the honor. Frank McKay, president of the Trades and Labor Council, paign centers in the final, desperate attempt to bring over the "doubtful" report issued to-day by Justices Bidden Labor men. It has been suggested in has been mentioned by some of the report issued to-day by Justices Riddell and Latchford, who composed the royal be given the chair by acclamation this be given the chair by acclamation this

> WILL BE OPPOSITION. This suggestion is vigorously opposed practically all over the city. The Labor men state that it is not to be considered for one moment. There are others, also, residential telephones. who claim that it is not a square deal to the city to allow the mayor to take guine of success are Kentucky. Maryland, New Mexico. Tennessee, North Carolina and Oklahoma. All these, as sin. Tuesday — sund of steep should be taken by the attorney-general for punishment of those who have pointed out that even many of Mayor through the steep should be taken by the attorney-general for punishment of those who have pointed out that even many of Mayor committed forgery and perjury as the Little's warm friends take this latter

What the cities united in this phone that the discussion will place particular to be decided, among which are the transportation problems, the water superfect to prevent any extension of the transportation problems, the water superfect to prevent any extension of the leftort to prevent gov-and ply, paving programs, etc., it is held by toll system of charges proposed for in the East End hall. This will bring about the appointment of an assistant

ALDERMANIC FIELD. There is also a probability of a large list of aldermanic candidates entering

the mayoralty.

represented in each ward. tive Labor men enter the fight for a four times the sums now paid for teleseat on this board.

So far as the Board of Education is concerned there, is expected to be a large list of aspirants, in addition to re-

dy is rapidly diminishing, the staff having tiring members. The policy in connect een enormously decreased, while the tion with the new Collegiate will not number of patients is half of what it be definitely settled before the end of was last spring. Nevertheless, many the year, it is expected, and it is certain will remain in the hospital for life, inwho will stand for the one central

### CITY COUNCIL WILL ORDER PAYMENT OF RAILWAY BONDS

Scotland Going Dry, Pussyfoot Tells The World.

LONDON, Oct. 30 .- Scotland, long noted for the quality of her whisky, faces a drouth similar to that in the United States, if a prediction comes true which was made to-night by William (Pussyfoot) Johnson, the United States dry worker. An election with partial prohibition as the issue, will be held in Scotland on Tuesday. Mr. Johnson made the following prophecy: "A great big part of Scotland is going dry next week. I can tell the world that for a positive fact."

Conservatives To Meet Here On the bonds cease until such time as the Thursday.

TO DISCUSS PLATFORM Question of Permanent Leader

To Come Up. servatives, to which Conservatives of sponse to their inquiries from the law-Middlesex and Elgin will be invited, has been called for Thursday, November 4. At this meeting arrangements will be

neld in Toronto on December 1 and 2. London has the privilege of sending tainly take some action. If the legal 72 delegates to the Toronto convention, orinions had been submitted before the which will deal with the selection of a permanent leader and a platform. Both railway board instead of merely making these questions, in addition to the or- a request that the payments stop.. ganization of the city, will be dealt with on Thursday.

F. L. Stuyres, Toronto, will be present dentally has not been answered, to the plans for consideration. An effort is also being made to have Mayor Church, of Toronto, attend the meeting. Just what scheme for the selection of local delegates will be chosen is not definitely clear. It is possible the city will be subdivided into eight or nine sections and the 72 delegates ap-

portioned to them. These subdivisions would then name their delegates and report to another general meeting. It is interesting to note women are eligible as delegates to the Toronto convention and it is expected a num-ber of ladies will be present on Thursday to take part in the deliberations. dates in the mayoralty contest this year, and there are many indications a woman speaker will address the local

London Interests To Be Up On general situation, but he is expected Thursday Or Friday.

TORONTO OR HAMILTON Prevent Any Extension of the Toll System.

London's protest against increase elephone rates will be heard either at be given the chair by acclamation this telephone rates will be heard either at winding out on the composed the royal be given the chair by acclamation this telephone rates will be deed the states will be given the chair by acclamation this telephone rates will be deed the royal be given the chair by acclamation this telephone rates will be deed the royal be given the chair by acclamation this telephone rates will be given the chair by acclamation this telephone rates will be deed the royal be given the chair by acclamation this telephone rates will be deed the royal be given the chair by acclamation this telephone rates will be deed the royal be given the chair by acclamation this telephone rates will be deed the royal be given the chair by acclamation this telephone rates will be given the chair by acclamation this telephone rates wi o-day. Mr. Harley, however, predicts a flat increase of 10 per cent. allowed the telephone company, but he believes that the Dominion Railway INSPECTION IS board will decide against any inauguration of a toll system for business and London's interests, the alderman pointed out, are in the hands of the executive of the Union of Canadian Muni-Little's warm friends take this latter view. They, naturally, want him to have the position for one more year, but they express the opinion that he can fight for it.

impossible unless there is a contest for affected at once by that system we believe that it would be only a short time until telephone service would be rationed generally and excessive charges ST. THOMAS MAN IS imposed for extra calls.' the men, can be considered no criterion Cloudy for predicting national election results. Women in states where universal elections hold here vertexed to alter manne candidates entering imposed for extra calls. The toll system in regard to telephone have the chance of choosing three alder-have three alder YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES
The official Government temperatures for 24 hours ending 8 p. m., Sunday.

October 31, are:

To predicting national election results. dates were victorious in the municipal elections held here yesterday, being given large majorities. There was great given large majorities. There was great enthusiasm shown by the people during franchised sisters.

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October 31, are:

The official Government temperatures are expected to outdo their newly enfanchised sisters.

In predicting national election results. dates were victorious in the municipal have the chance of choosing three alder-tries, has not yet made its appearance members of one or allow each subscriber 10 to 15 calls franchised sisters. Council will again be in the contest, each day at a certain charge, but all Ald. Seabrook has definitely announced calls in excess of the monthly allowthat he will not be, and Ald. W. A. ance to be charged at the rate of from Wilson has intimated that he may not 3 to 5 cents each. Mr. Harley believes be a candidate. Labor will be well that system would prove a serious burden to business men and that revenue For the Utilities' Commission also derived from the excess calls would be there will be no dearth of aspirants. wholly unjustifiable. He estimates that The Labor Representation Committee businessmen would in many cases if will, no doubt, see that two representa- the toll charge were established pay

> AP LEGISLATION IN CALIFORNIA MUST BE JUST, SAYS WASHINGTON JEWELER ROBBED OF

phone service.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1-Reassurances bassador by the state department, it was revealed in a formal statement to- wholesale jeweler, reported to the police ance branch are all more or less distinct and the proposal tentatively discussed is to merge them with what remain of the soldiers' civil re-establishment with a constant and the soldiers' civil re-establishment with a constant and the soldiers' main of the soldiers' civil re-establishment with a constant and the soldiers in the civil than has does not accord with existing and appropriate to the portect to t

Understood That Competent Opinion Gives City Right To Take Action.

TO PAY EMPLOYEES Aldermen Ignored By Ontario Railway Board-Friendly

SUFFICIENT FUNDS

Relations Broken Off. It is expected the City Council at the regular meeting to-night will pass a resolution ordering the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board to refrain from paying the bonds of the London

Street Railway Company. Legal opinions will be submitted on his matter and it is stated in civic circles that the City Council has the power to enforce its demands with regard to

the bonds. City Solicitor T. G. Meredith has been asked to submit his report on the ques-tion in time to be considered at the neeting to-night. It is anticipated he will inform the aldermen they have the authority to demand the payments on agreement made by the company with the city is fulfilled with regard to serv-

Opinions of several of the leading local solicitors have been had on this question privately by men in civic circles, and the unanimous view of the lawyers is that the city is well within its rights to demand a cessation of the bond payments. The labor men of the city A general meeting of London Con- also have had the same answer in re-

LEGAL ADVICE.

Thus it is confidentally expected the whole weight of legal advice will give made to select delegates to the Prov- the City Council full power to take any incial Conservative Convention, to be steps that may be necessary to stop the

payments of the bonds. In this event the adermen will cerlast Council meeting the city fathers

As the aldermen were not sure of their ground they simply decided to send a courteous request, which incipayments be not continued. Vice-Chairman A. B. Ingram announced last week change the attitude of the board. The fact that the board absolutely ignored the communication of the City Council has aroused no little indigna-

tion among the aldermen. Thus it is

practically certain the issue fought to a finish so far as the local ARMISTICE ABANDONED. In view of the whole situation, it is taken by the Council to-night will be as emphatic as the occasion demands There will be no more sending of friendly notes which ask for favors. Rathe the aldermen will demand in vigorous terms the railway board immediately cease paying the bonds. Then if the board refuses to carry out the demands

of the City Council steps will be taken to bring the necessary pressure to bear on that body to enforce action. The opinion of Attorney-General on the bond situation has been expected by the employees of the London Street Railway Company. This has not been received with regard to the to take the stand that the bonds need

# not be paid out of revenue

Chief Birrell In Favor of New Building.

MADE An Assistant Chief May Be

Appointed.

PROCEEDINGS URGED.

We also recommend that proceedings taken to recover from the Shelving of the surface and desires will be a strong contest for the mayor's chair the interest in the municipal elections is half to be an auxiliary partoners for the southwest. The Great Lakes from the southwest. The southwest. The southwest. The southwest. The ports.

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THE WOMEN VOTE.

Speculation in ordinarily well-informed points.

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# DROWNED IN NORTH

FORT WILLIAM, Nov. 1 .- Alder man A. D. Gordon and Stanley Wintermute, of St. Thomas, were drowned in the Mission River, when their motor boat struck a sand bar.

Stanley Wintermute was a young St. Thomas man of 20 years. He formerly worked on a farm near Lambeth and had been out West narvesting. On his return he stopped at Fort William to visit his brother Roy. Other members of his family are: Milton, of Lambeth: Mrs (Rev.) A. J. Love, of Blenheim: Mrs. E. Baker, of Lambeth, and Miss Ruby, of St. Thomas. No details of

MONEY AND DIAMONDS

BOSTON, Nov. 1 .- Max Colmes,