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THE WEATHER: Probabilities—Fair and Mild.

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LOCATE MAN WHO GOT \$228,000 HERE

PRICE-CUTTING WAR DRAWS CITY MILK DEALERS INTO FIGHT

OIL STOCK SALESMAN IS LIVING IN LUXURY

Cyrus H. Drury, Head of Drury Petroleum Company, Has Suite in Book-Cadillac, Detroit.

NOW ORGANIZING TWO NEW STOCK COMPANIES

Was Permitted To Sell Only \$100,000 of Oil Company In State of Michigan.

Cyrus H. Drury, head of the Drury Petroleum Oil Company, in which firms of North Middlesex and South Huron invested \$228,000 and a firm which the Ontario Government has been asked to probe, was located in Detroit in a sumptuous suite in the Book-Cadillac Hotel, by a special representative of The Free Press. Mr. Drury admitted that he sold stock in London, and vicinity three years ago and he promised a specific statement within a day or two.

Mr. Drury is at present confined to his bed suffering with a broken leg, and he appears much perturbed over the publicity attending his activities here and in the counties of Middlesex and Huron. He is at present engaged in organizing two other companies which have been incorporated in the State of Arizona.

SPOTLIGHT.
The operations of the Drury Petroleum Oil Company, following former periods in the spotlight, came into prominence again a few days ago when a number of the heaviest investors in North Middlesex and South Huron requested attorney-general to institute a probe of the concern. The investigation will be commenced as soon as the funds are raised sufficient to cover the expenses of an inspector of the criminal investigation department of the Ontario provincial police, who will be assigned to the case. The stock in the concern is reported on reliable authority to be worthless at the present time. It originally sold at \$1 per share.

It is revealed that the Drury Petroleum Oil Company was only permitted to sell \$100,000 worth of the stock in the State of Michigan, and the permit allowing this sale was granted after 157,000 shares were placed in Escrow with the state treasurer.

The new companies which Mr. Drury is now organizing are the Commonwealth Light and Power Company, of Arizona, and the Commonwealth Light and Power Company, of Michigan. The latter concern is incorporated in the State of Arizona. The Michigan public utility law is reported to be holding up the sale of stock in Michigan, but Vincent P. Dacey, in charge of the Detroit office, believes that Drury will eventually be allowed to sell stock in Detroit and other Michigan centers because of an alleged loophole in the law. The Commonwealth Light and Power Company of Arizona, is not in any way connected with the Commonwealth Light and Power Company of Michigan, a reputable firm of long standing.

HUNDRED-MILE GALE IMPEDES LINER'S TRIP

HALIFAX, March 3.—The White Star Dominion liner Reginia, which docked here yesterday, reported a very rough trip from Liverpool, the wind at times reaching a velocity of 100 miles an hour. About 150 of the passengers landed here were Scotch settlers bound for Western Canada.

THE WEATHER

FAIR AND MILD

Forecast: Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Strong southerly winds, becoming milder, snowfalls to-night, Wednesday—Westerly winds; fair and comparatively mild.

NOTES

The high pressure, which was west of the Great Lakes yesterday, is now over the Southern States and a shallow low area is moving eastward over Northern Ontario. The weather has become much milder of the Western Provinces. Conditions continue very cold in Ontario and Quebec.

TEMPERATURES

Stations	8 a.m.	Highest	Lowest
Prince Rupert	40	42	32
Vancouver	40	50	40
Kamloops	42	50	40
Calgary	24	46	20
Edmonton	24	40	20
Prince Albert	24	24	18
Winnipeg	18	18	15
Sault Ste. Marie	2	0	-6
LONDON	7	10	-4
Toronto	0	13	0
Kingston	0	13	-4
Ottawa	-6	18	-8
Montreal	-2	22	-6
Quebec	0	28	0
St. John, N. B.	12	42	10
Halifax	26	44	24
St. John's, Nfld.	42	42	32
Detroit	4	12	2
New York	12	36	10

(-) below zero.

Tie With Sarnia For Wossa Basket Ball Championship



By The Free Press Photographer.
South London Collegiate girls' basketball team on Saturday night overcame Sarnia's seven-point lead and tied them for the championship of the Wossa League. The play-off is to be decided later. Those in the team are: Johanson, McCracken, Culbert, Milne, Roughley, Bolton, Wyatt, Hullett, Shields and Miss Oakes (coach).

MOTHER AND TWO CHILDREN PERISH IN BROOKLYN FIRE

Four Victims of Flames When Apartment House Is Destroyed.

BOY OF SIX THROWN FROM THE THIRD FLOOR

Dozen People Injured, Some So Badly They Cannot Recover.

NEW YORK, March 3.—Four persons, including a mother and her two children, are known to have lost their lives and a dozen others were injured in a fire that swept an apartment building in Brooklyn this morning. The four bodies were recovered after the fire had been extinguished and flames were searching the ruins for the bodies of other possible victims. Two of the injured were not expected to live. Six firemen were overcome by smoke.

Three of the bodies recovered were identified as those of Mrs. Alice Carroll and her children, John, 8 years old, and Ruth, 6. The fourth victim was believed to have been a child. Mr. Marie Labryere threw her 6-year-old son from a window of the apartment she occupied on the third floor. The boy suffered a broken leg and arm and other injuries from the fall.

Mrs. Mary Labryere, grandmother of the boy, was burned almost beyond recognition and was not expected to live. Her husband, Louis, suffered a fractured skull, which was expected to prove fatal.

Numerous rescues were made by firemen. The department house was a five-story structure at 73 Johnson street.

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Scientists Not Sure About A Return Visit

TORONTO, March 3.—"I think Mr. Matheson was a little too personally, I am not worrying much about it," said Professor A. T. Coleman, of the University of Toronto, today in commenting on a statement made last night by Professor K. P. Mather, of the department of geology of Harvard University, that there was good reason to believe that an earthquake, comparable in intensity to that of Saturday night, could be expected within the next few months.

SENTENCED FOR DOUBLE BIGAMY

Man and Woman Given Indefinite Reformatory Terms.

MARRIED WHEN ONLY 16

Plea For Parole May Be Given Consideration.

Reformatory terms were imposed upon William A. Springett, 28, and Lillian Restorick, 22, by Magistrate H. C. Graydon today when pleas of guilty were entered by the couple on charges of bigamy, through Major G. N. Weekes, their counsel. Pleas of guilty were entered by the pair, but these were reversed when the court consented to hear certain features of the case. Restorick was given two years in the Mercer institution for women. In both instances the court promised consideration when their cases came before the parole board. The sentences are practically the same, inasmuch as the law does not provide for a minimum term in the cases of women sentenced to Mercer, whereas the minimum term at the Ontario reformatory, an institution for men only, is set forth as three months to two years less one day in the Ontario reformatory was imposed on Restorick.

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ALDERMEN ASKED RESIGNATION OF CITY FIRE CHIEF

Council Heads Said To Have Offered Terms To Veteran Fire-Fighter.

RETIRING ALLOWANCE IN KEEPING WITH RECORDS

Diplomatic Effort To End Fire Department Friction May Bring Results.

The fire department situation has taken on a new angle. Chief Attkin has been approached by two members of the Council with a view to discovering on what terms the chief would agree to retire from his position as head of the department. It was learned today that he has been interviewed twice within the last few days, but nothing definite has resulted from those conferences. The chief has not expressed himself with reference to the proposition. It was suggested by one that if Chief Attkin is retired at this time, he should be given a substantial allowance, in addition to the sum he will draw from the firemen's pension fund. The chief would have at least six years as the efficient head of the fire department yet and in view of that he should be asked to retire without a generous allowance being made to him. It was also stated that he could not retire now without taking up some other occupation unless he was treated generously by the city.

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BY CARL D. GROAT

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QUAKE OCCURS IN ITALY

ANCONA, Italy, March 3.—A strong earthquake occurred here at 1:40 o'clock this morning. No damage, however, has been reported.

GRAHAM IS GIVEN ONE WEEK MORE ON REMAND

Division Court Clerk, Charged With Theft, Is Bailed In Sum of \$16,000.

TRIAL WILL PROCEED IN COURSE OF A WEEK

Crown Attorney Enters Strong Protest Against Granting Any Further Delay With Case.

Opposition registered by Crown Attorney A. M. Judd failed today to prevent another week's adjournment of the trial of Col. C. M. B. Graham, former clerk of the first division court, who is charged with the theft of \$8,000 court funds. When the case was brought up for the third time in Magistrate Graydon's court today, Jared Vining, acting on behalf of Col. Graham, asked for another week's adjournment, and the request was granted with the provision that no further adjournments will be allowed. Bail in the sum of \$16,000 was renewed.

Mr. Vining expressed regret that he was unable to proceed with the case, but stated that more time was required. He would like to see to it that his friend's request to give him the opportunity of preparing the fullest defense, but I am unable to do so," the crown observed.

Magistrate Graydon said that he favored an immediate trial, but in view of the seriousness of the charge, he did not desire to prejudice the case for the defense.

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CAR FOREMAN

The appointment of John G. Spring, 16 Kitchener avenue, to the position of foreman of the freight car department of the East London C. N. R. shops has been officially confirmed. He succeeds C. S. Anderson, who recently retired from the service. The new foreman has had many years experience as a car man and inspector in the freight car department.

Father Sues C. N. R. For \$15,000 Over Death of Son At Level Crossing

Robert Strathee, Merchant of West Nissouri, Alleges Warning Not Sounded and That the Train's Approach Was Obscured.

Damages to the amount of \$15,000 are claimed by Robert Strathee, of West Nissouri, against the Canadian National Railway for the death of his 14-year-old son and injuries sustained by himself, in the statement of claim set down at the courthouse today for trial at the assizes beginning on March 16.

The plaintiff is a general merchant and the father of Robert Clive Strathee, who was killed by a C. N. R. train on July 29, 1924, when the car in which they were riding was struck at a crossing on the townline between London and North Dorchester. He charged the train was not under proper control of the engineer and that the train crew failed to sound a warning on approaching the crossing.

Mr. Strathee also claims that through negligence the defendant company allowed the level crossing where the accident occurred to get out of repair and remain in a dangerous condition.

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FOGH PRESENTS INQUIRY REPORT

Council Gets Details of Germany's State of Armament.

READY FOR NEW WAR

Maintains Facilities For Production of Poison Gas.

PARIS, March 3.—The diplomatic negotiations arising from the report of the allied military mission of control on Germany's violations of the disarmament clauses in the Treaty of Versailles, bringing sharply to the front the question of the future security of France and Belgium, entered an active phase today. It came with the presentation of the council of ambassadors of the allied war committee's report on the state of Germany's armaments and armed forces.

Marshal Foch, who presented the report, had a long talk with Premier Herriot before the ambassadors met and the Marquis of Creve, the British ambassador, called on the French premier just after the ambassadors adjourned. These visits gave added importance to the council meeting which was one of the briefest the ambassadors ever held. After hearing Marshal Foch, the council asked that the allied war committee suggest to Germany that she should be able to keep her engagements.

The talks Marshal Foch and Lord Crows had with the premier were partly with reference to the disposition to be made of the Foch report and partly to consider the question of an interview between M. Herriot and Ambrose Chamberlain, the British secretary of state for foreign affairs, when Mr. Chamberlain passes through France shortly.

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Marshal Foch regularly attend the meetings of the council ready to furnish explanations or technical information whenever the ambassadors require them.

It is believed in diplomatic circles that after scrutinizing the report the council will refer the subject to their Governments, with the idea of Continued on Page Fourteen.

LEGISLATION AGAINST HANDBOOKS TO FOLLOW ANTI-RACING MEASURE

OTTAWA, March 3.—Government legislation to curb handbook betting is to be brought down in the House of Commons. The legislation will follow on the lines of the amendment to the race track in Canada during the Good motion way to the League of Nations council meeting at Geneva, or on his way back.

Yesterday's decision by the House, however, implies that horse racing is now permitted, will be continued. An amendment calling for abolition of the present pari-mutuel machine betting was negated by 32 to 77 and in view of this decision, it is regarded as very unlikely that the Government will seek to discontinue the pari-mutuel.

ONE MORE SLASH IN PRICE IS EXPECTED

Public Benefits As Morning Milk Generally Delivered At Eight-Cent Rate.

COUNTY DEALERS MAY START CENTRAL PLANT

Advance Difference In Value of Investment As Argument For Rate War.

London's milk price war is now in full swing, with the prevailing price at eight cents the quart and with every possibility of the price going lower. Milk dealers of the city who yesterday declared against any cut from the regular 10-cent rate, distributed their milk for this morning's breakfast at the rate of two cents lower. Practically every dealer in the city is now offering his milk to the public at the low rate, and it is announced further that a still lower rate can be reasonably expected.

It is intimated by one dealer to-day that the dealers can blame, and the public thank, the farmers for the cheap rate. The dealer explained that the price war is not so much between the dealers of the city as it is an urban versus rural struggle. He stated that farmers, living in the immediate vicinity of the city, are bringing milk to the city in cans and selling it direct to the residents at the rate of eight cents per quart. Their activities, he claims, have caused such a magnitude of business that the city dealers are forced to make some concession to the city dealers' price. The eight-cent rate is the result.

There is every chance that they will reduce their prices even lower," declared the dealer, "and the dealers of the city will undoubtedly reduce theirs again. The dealers of the city are to the city and undersell us, and this war will no doubt continue until either they quit the business or the city dealers go out of business. I think we can stand it as long as they can."

CONTINUE BATTLE

Advice from farmers who are peddling milk in the city is to the effect that they will continue to sell the milk at an eight-cent rate until the dealers agree to pay the same. The dealers' price will be reduced to meet the new price, or possibly go lower to undersell the dealer.

The undercurrent of the present price war goes back a little over a year, when the farmers first began agitation for a better price for their produce, while the dealers were making money for their product or until the city dealers reduce their prices. Should this latter event take place, it is claimed, the farmers' price will be reduced to meet the new price, or possibly go lower to undersell the dealer.

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The farmers offer an argument in support of their action the comparison as to what is needed by the producer and the dealer to carry on business. For the producer, they state, it is necessary to have a certain amount of pasture land in summer and feed in winter. This, it is claimed by the producer, is not a fair division. Further, it is stated that the whole of the whole sale price was reduced to even a lower figure than the four cents and this, in reality, is the cause of the war. The farmers are of the opinion that the price should be increased in winter, at any rate, in view of the fact that the upkeep of the cattle increases to a great extent.

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WOULD PLANT 24,000 TREES IN MIDDLESEX

Some 24,000 trees will replenish the greatly thinned forest areas of Middlesex County in the spring of this year, according to R. A. Finn, of the department of agriculture. This is the number already applied for by farmers throughout the county under the reforestation scheme of the Ontario Government.

Mr. Finn states that applications have been literally pouring into the office and that many of the farmers are asking for 3,000 and more for single farms. Under the reforestation system it is possible to obtain 2,500 trees free of charge, while a cost of \$4 is charged for every 1,000 after this.

The trees are of all varieties and Mr. Finn expects that the number already secured will be greatly increased before the time limit of March 31 expires.