

TWENTY THOUSAND VACCINATED AT WINDSOR

Veterans Appoint Committee To Probe Member's Death

THOUSANDS VACCINATED TO PUT CHECK ON EPIDEMIC

Health Authorities in Border Cities Adopt Drastic Precautionary Measures.

NOW UNDER CONTROL

Essex County Municipalities Have Ordered All School Children Vaccinated.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Windsor, Feb. 26.—Although one more death, that of Merida Meloche, 29, was reported within the past 24 hours, few new cases of smallpox have been reported in the border cities.

Public schools of Windsor will be kept open, but rigid precautions will be taken to prevent the spread of the disease. The board of education has engaged three extra nurses one to be stationed in the Collegiate Institute and others in Prince Edward and Assumption schools.

Those who wish to attend community concerts or other social gatherings at night must present vaccination certificates.

It is estimated that in the neighborhood of 20,000 persons have been vaccinated in the border cities and suburbs today. The board of health at Essex had ordered all school children to be vaccinated. This is merely a precaution as there are no cases in the town. No cases of smallpox have been found in Windsor schools, although Frank Allen, 9, a pupil of Prince Edward School, succumbed to diphtheria. He was sent home Feb. 16, and the room he attended was Please See Page 2, Column 4.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS ATTEND CONVENTION

More Than Half of Middlesex Council Go to "Good Roads" Gathering.

The importance of the Ontario Good Roads convention being held in Toronto this week, is evidenced by the fact that over half the members of the Middlesex County council are in attendance.

Members of the board of road directors who were asked to make the trip are: Wm. C. Henry, Metchville; J. N. Sullivan, Adelaide Township; R. T. Ryerfort, Blenheim Township; A. L. McDougall, Carleton Place; W. Calvert, Dorchester; D. Gordon, Delaware; B. Galbraith, Elfrida; D. G. Turnbull, Lobo; A. C. Hodgins, London Township; F. J. James, Mossa; D. Lewis, McGillicray, Hugh Jones, Nissouri; W. S. Laidlaw, Westminster; Wm. Ross, East Williams; A. MacPherson, Glenora and Thos. Elliott, West Williams.

SOCIAL GATHERING IN BELMONT CHURCH

Agricultural Short Course Students To Hold Banquet at End of Lectures.

The Belmont short course in agriculture conducted since last November under the direction of the Middlesex branch of the department of agriculture will come to a conclusion Friday night with a banquet in the basement of the Methodist Church at Belmont.

The short course has been attended by over 50 students, and has been a wonderful success. W. R. Graham of the poultry department, O. A. C. Guelph, will be the special speaker at the banquet, which will be presided over by John Farrell.

Newsy Bits From Today's Classified Ads.

Modern apartment to let.
Girl for housework wanted.
Oak desk for sale.
Comfortable rooms to let.
Brooch lost.
Agents wanted.



HON. A. B. COPP, secretary of state, is going to resign from the government. Moreover, he has no present desire for either a judicial or senatorial appointment. Mr. Copp who returned from New Brunswick this morning, denied absolutely rumors of his retirement from the government, which were circulated following a conference between him, Premier Veniot of New Brunswick and other prominent Liberals of that province on Saturday last.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK GROWS FAVORABLE

Five Assignments, However, Were Made in London Last Month.

Although five assignments were made in London during the month, the industrial future is brighter at this moment than it has been in three years, Edward W. Cairns, manager of Bradstreets here, believes. "It seems peculiar," Mr. Cairns said, "that a record number of failures should be recorded at a period when everything is fairly optimistic, but the explanation is not difficult to find. When rock bottom was reached by many concerns remained open for long periods in the hope that before the inevitable date of closing something would turn up. That depressing period is now at an end, but those who suffered most severely will continue making assignments for an indefinite time." The only failure of importance was that of the Clark Machinery Company, 564 Bathurst street. The other four were relatively small concerns. This year will undoubtedly prove to be much better than any of the preceding three," Mr. Cairns said. "There is a feeling of optimism not noticeable for many months. Spring trade will take on a new impetus and commerce will get off to a flying start this year, if indications are correct."

COUNTRY PATIENTS FILL THE HOSPITAL

Doctors From Rural Districts Say Grippe and "Flu" Very Prevalent.

Winter maladies are apparently more prevalent in country districts than in the city, according to several physicians practicing in rural districts, who were at Victoria Hospital last week.

One doctor reported that in almost every farm house within a radius of several miles of his home a patient is suffering from some form of winter illness, such as flu or pneumonia. The severity of the winter is given as the cause for the prevalence of the illnesses.

LEAKY WATER MAIN WILL BE TRANSFERRED

Pipe Which Caused C. N. R. Washout To Be Moved in Spring.

As soon as the weather permits the 10-inch main which by a leak caused a portion of the railway embankment near the Coves to wash away on Saturday, will be removed and placed under the bridge about 100 yards distant from its present location.

DELOORME'S SISTER NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE COURT

Evidence as to Raoul's Will Is Given When Trial Resumed.

POLICY PRODUCED

Insurance Man Testifies as to Time and Amount of Policy Issued.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Feb. 26.—Despite her energetic protests that she had medicine at home to take, Rosa Delorme, full sister of Abbe Delorme, was not allowed to leave the court room when recess was taken this morning in the trial of the priest on a charge of murdering his half-brother, Raoul, on Jan. 6, 1922. Rosa was in the middle of her testimony as a crown witness at the time. She was accommodated with a private room by the sheriff.

At the opening Jules Lalonde, clerk in the office of Adrien Belanger, notary, was examined as to the date the abbe deposited Raoul's will with the firm. Mr. Lalonde said it was more than a month before the young man was murdered. To Alban Germain, for the defence, Mr. Lalonde said he could not swear whether the will was deposited in September, November or December, 1921. The will was in a sealed envelope when Father Delorme handed it to him.

Signed Raoul's Will.

Dr. M. A. Renault, who practices medicine at Hochet, Quebec, testified to having signed Raoul's will. This was, he believed, around February 5, 1921, in the Ottawa General Hospital, in the presence of Raoul, who was in bed. He was asked to do so by Rev. Father Rheume, at that time head of Ottawa College, which Raoul was attending. He met the accused in the corridor. Raoul read the will to him in a low voice, but he did not recall that he understood it properly. The incident took place in the morning, just before Raoul was operated on for appendicitis.

By Mr. Germain, the doctor said he was not in a position to say whether he acted as witness on February 5, 6, 7 or 8, but as far as his memory went it was on the morning that young man was operated on.

Mr. Calder then announced the crown would admit that the operation on Raoul took place February 7, 1921, according to the hospital register. This would save the calling of the sister who kept the record. Mr. Germain accepted the statement.

Call Insurance Man.

Mr. Calder said Manager Rheume would appear tomorrow to complete the crown's testimony regarding the signing of the will.

Osias Binau, of the local superior court, produced the original copy of Please See Page 2, Column 3.

PRELIMINARY DRIVE ENDED; Real Race Now Underway

New Candidates Enter, Believing They Will Win Despite Big Leads.

SUBSCRIPTIONS COUNT

Announcement of Winners of Special Prize Announced in Few Days.

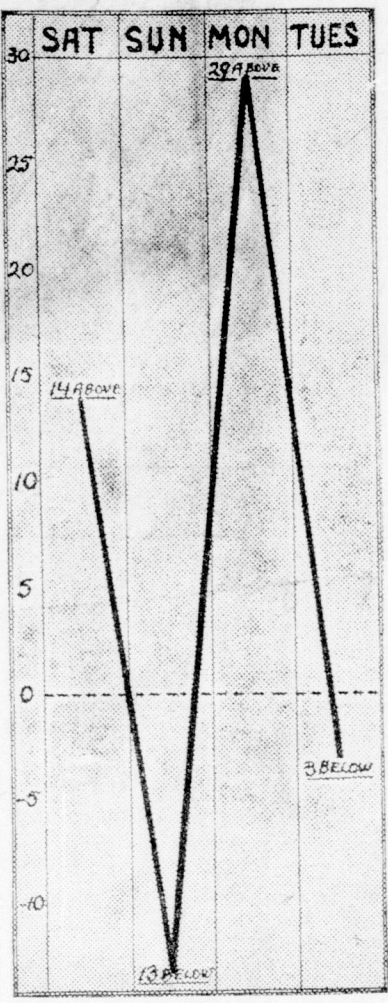


RUSSEL PREETER.

Mr. Preeter was one of the first to enroll in The Advertiser contest, and from the start he has not missed a day in securing new and renewal subscriptions. Mr. Preeter bids fair to become a strong contestant for the major prize in his district. All Zurich stands behind him.

STEAMER ARRIVALS.

Westphalia, New York, from Hamburg.
Columbia, New York, from Glasgow.



HOW WEATHERMAN JUMPS.

The Weatherman has been a very uncertain gentleman since Saturday. On Saturday he thought 14 degrees above zero was all right. A few hours later he shot down 27 degrees to 13 below zero—the coldest weather in four years. Then he changed his mind suddenly again and climbed 42 degrees on Monday to 29 above zero. Monday night he had another reverse and drifted down again to 6 below zero. At 8 o'clock in the morning things stood at 10 below zero, as shown above. The move will probably be a time storm.

MERCURY ROMPS IN VARIED HEIGHTS

The Temperature Falls to Six Degrees Below Zero This Morning.

Mistakes have become a habit with weather forecasters of late, and yesterday was not an exception.

The official weather bureau, known by reputation as the most reliable prophet in existence, said today would be comparatively mild with lowering temperatures last night. Frozen milk bottles this morning testified to the fallacy of believing forecasters.

The mercury sank to six below early this morning and rose to sixteen above near noon hour. For the first time in weeks, however, a burning sun came out and this, experts allege, is the first symptom of spring. In fact, there was a distinct tang of spring in the air all morning.

LUDENDORFF UNRUFFLED AS TREASON CHARGE READ

Former Field Marshal and Nine Associates Placed on Trial Today.

HEARING IN SECRET

Strenuous Measures Taken by German Authorities To Prevent Outbreak.

Associated Press Despatch.

Munich, Bavaria, Feb. 26.—The sanguinary events of last November became again a topic of intense public interest today with the opening of the trial of former Field Marshal Ludendorff and his nine associates for their parts in the attempt to overthrow the government.

While provisions for the press have been made in the military academy, where the trial is being held, the most important of the testimony will be taken behind closed doors, and the public sittings are not expected to develop much in addition to the facts already published. The proceedings are expected to consume but a few days.

The Nationalist "putsch" was extremely short-lived. The prisoners each have separate rooms in the military academy which is used as a temporary court house, and the authorities are said to have taken strenuous measures in an effort to break the strike and keep the prisoners in good condition for appearance in court. They were offered pretzels, cheese, sauerkraut, rye bread, wieners, beer and other things for which Bavaria is famous, but drank the beer only and declined to partake of the food.

Hitler to Testify.

The proceedings today are expected to be devoted chiefly to the preliminaries of the trial and hearing Hitler give testimony in his own behalf.

General Ludendorff appeared in court wearing the iron cross of the first class. He was perhaps the coolest and most collected among the defendants. The only one of the accused who appeared in uniform was Lieut. Wagner, who is an active officer in the Reichswehr.

General Ludendorff, who has been at liberty, shook hands with Hitler when they met in the defendants' hall.

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COUNTY SAVES MONEY IN HEATING OFFICES

Middlesex Officials Install Steam Heating Plant in Registry Office.

The cost of heating the county registry office, which has been as high as \$62 a month, will be reduced to \$20 a month and possibly less as the result of a consultation at the county buildings by a committee of the county council. It was decided to link up the registry office with the court house heating system and thereby reduce expenses to the minimum. The contract was let to the Wright, Teale Company.

The office has been heated by one large base burner stove and by means of small electric heaters. The hydro bill for one month was \$45 and a ton of coal was also used. This meant an expenditure of \$62 on the part of the county, and it was far too much in the opinion of all concerned. The matter came before the county council at the January session and changes were authorized, should the committee deem fit.

HOUSE VOTES INCREASE IN ESTATE TAXES

Change Is Bitterly Opposed by Republican Organization Leaders.

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, Feb. 25.—An increase in the estate or inheritance taxes was voted today by the house in amending the revenue bill. The change, proposed by Representative Ramseyer, Republican, of Iowa, was bitterly opposed by Republican organization leaders. The vote was 190 to 110, most of the Democrats joining Republican insurgents in support of the amendment which raises the maximum rate from 25 to 40 per cent.

Western Ontario Responds To Alberta Coal Petition And Hundreds Are Signing

Five New Points Report Splendid Progress Being Made in Work.

BOARDS OF TRADE AID

Enthusiastic Reports From All Sections Received—Splendid Co-operation Given.

Woodstock, Ingersoll, Petrolia, Owen Sound and Denfield are among the latest Ontario points to report progress of the Alberta coal petition.

In Woodstock and Ingersoll the Sentinel-Review's support of the campaign is meeting with excellent results and a further supply of petition forms is required for distribution.

In Owen Sound the board of trade is sponsoring the plan; in Petrolia the town council has endorsed the petition; from Denfield The Advertiser's staff correspondent reports an enthusiastic reception of the idea.

Signed forms are now coming back to The Advertiser office and every day the pile of signatures is growing. From present indications London alone will send several thousand names of citizens demanding action.

Special to The Advertiser.

Petrolia, Feb. 26.—Ready response marks the signing of The Advertiser's Alberta coal petition which has been endorsed by the local town council. Several business men have been rendering assistance and everyone is loud in praise of the great work which The Advertiser is doing in bringing this important matter to the attention of the premier of Canada.

Special to The Advertiser.

Denfield, Ont., Feb. 26.—Everyone is signing the petition for Alberta coal. One man who signed comes from Calgary. He said the petition is a most effective plan to promote the welfare of both provinces. Passengers on a snow-blocked train here a few nights ago all signed the petition.

OTTAWA TO PROBE BANK'S CONDITION

Will Conduct Investigation Into Status During Years of War.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—The personnel of the commission which will investigate the failure of the Home Bank has not been decided.

By an order-in-council issued today, the government rules that under the Public Inquiries Act a probe will be conducted into the status of the Home Bank in 1915, 1916, and 1918, when the minister of finance is said to have failed to recognize representations made to him by responsible citizens concerning the financial standing of the bank.

Representations have been made by depositors' claim that if the government of the day had availed itself of its right to search into the conduct of the bank in 1915, 1916 or 1918, continued operations as a chartered bank probably would have been forbidden.

They contend that suspension then would have resulted in a winding-up with very little loss to depositors. In the assumption that the government of the day refrained from questioning the solvency of the Home Bank because such interference might have undermined public confidence during the war time, the shareholders claim that the country as a whole should bear the loss.



COMMISSIONER LAMB, of the Salvation Army who refused a knighthood offered by the British parliament in recognition of his services to the Empire.

QUESTION REASONS SICK MAN KEPT OUT

G.W.V.A. Selects Committee to Investigate Alleged Refusal at Victoria Hospital.

BUILDING CROWDED

Authorities State Bed Was Not Available at Time of Request.

An investigation into the death of Thomas M. Edwards will be undertaken by a committee of members of the G. W. V. A., chosen at an executive meeting held last night in the G. W. V. A. "Dugout." The investigation will be to determine why Edwards, a member of the G. W. V. A. and the 142nd Battalion, could not be taken in St. Joseph's Hospital a week ago when he was on the point of death. He was, when admission was refused him at Victoria Hospital, taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, where he died the following day of pneumonia.

The committee appointed at a secret meeting of the executive last night, will likely demand that an investigation be undertaken by the city council.

According to hospital authorities, Thomas Edwards was refused admission at St. Joseph's Hospital because no accommodations were available. The hospital has been full to capacity for the past month, and it has been impossible to secure rooms for a patient upon short notice. Efforts were made by members of the hospital staff to secure a room for Mr. Edwards when application was made and when it was found it was impossible to accommodate the dying man, his family and George Turner, secretary of the G. W. V. A., were notified, and advised to have the patient removed to St. Joseph's Hospital.

BOARD OF HEALTH TO CONTROL NURSES

But Premier Ferguson Says He Will Effect Change "Smoothly."

Special to The Advertiser.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—While the government proposes to place board of education nurses under the direct control of the board of health, Premier Ferguson gave assurance today that it is the intention of his department to effect this change smoothly and without dissension in either the education or health boards. The premier insists that there shall be complete co-operation between the two bodies, and assures that there shall be no attempt whatever to ride roughshod over the board of education authorities, who evidently feel at the moment that the control should remain with them. "Everything will be done smoothly," the premier stated, "and we expect that the two departments will work together in their various communities."

The premier referred to a communication at hand today from Mr. Hugh Stevenson, the former member for London, expressing satisfaction with the government's stand in this direction and explaining that he had always held that opinion.

MAYOR APPROVES PLAN TO LOWER ROAD COSTS

Thinks Cities Should Be Allowed To Tender For Highway Maintenance.

That the city of London should tender on road construction and be given an equal chance with other firms and individuals is the opinion of Mayor George Wenig.

The mayor went on record as favoring this following the announcement of the charges for road construction levied against the city by the government.

"I certainly think if we have to pay so much on this account, we should be given a fair chance to secure the contract. The city engineer could tender and if successful it would mean that many of London's citizens would be able to get work. It would be a good move on the part of the government to call for tenders in this way and allow the work done by the municipalities that pay, if at all possible."

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today—Fair.
Wednesday—Northeast winds, partly cloudy and rather cold.
Pressure keeps high from the Western States across the Great Lakes to the Atlantic while the disturbance over the Gulf of Mexico is moving slowly northeastward, with increasing intensity. The weather has been fair and a little milder from Ontario eastward and quite mild in the Western Provinces.

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	52	42	Cloudy
Calgary	50	34	Snow
Winnipeg	40	18	Fair
Port Arthur	42	24	Cloudy
Soo	40	16	Cloudy
Cochrane	34	12	Clear
Toronto	28	6	Clear
Kingston	30	2	Clear
Ottawa	28	6	Fair
Montreal	24	12	Clear
Quebec	28	6	Cloudy
St. John	26	4	Cloudy
Halifax	26	6	Cloudy

(—) Below zero.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 29; lowest, -1. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 16; lowest, -6.
Barometric Reading.
Monday—3 p.m.—29.61.
Today—29.55.