

BECK AND HANNA AT LOGGERHEADS OVER LEADERSHIP

Ottawa Thinks London Member Will Succeed Premier Whitney.

HANNA IS CONTENDER

Fierce Antagonism Said to Exist Between Mr. Beck and Provincial Secretary.

Special to The Advertiser. Ottawa, Jan. 6.—Should Sir James Whitney recover sufficiently to be taken home it is believed here that he will within a few weeks tender his resignation to Lieutenant-Governor Sir John Gibson and advise him to call upon the Hon. Adam Beck to form a Ministry. That is the belief in Ottawa.

Should Sir James fail to rally from the illness which has stricken him down, the situation will be quite different.

Following constitutional practice Sir John Gibson will send for the senior Cabinet Minister, who is Hon. J. J. Foy, now acting Prime Minister.

The Proper Practice.

According to practice, the Lieutenant-Governor will invite Hon. Mr. Foy to form a Government, as Lord Aberdeen on the death of Sir John Thompson sent for the senior Cabinet Minister, Sir Frank Smith, and invited him to form a Government. Sir Frank Smith declined, and indicated Sir MacKenzie-Bowell as the proper man to call upon.

It is expected here that Hon. Mr. Foy will not undertake to form a government, but will advise Sir John to call upon either Hon. Adam Beck or Hon. J. D. Hanna.

Friends Are at Work. It is learned here that both Mr. Beck and Mr. Hanna are keenly desirous of succeeding to the post of honor about to become vacant.

In this part of the Province the friends of Hon. Adam Beck are already active, though Mr. Beck is absent from the country, and are making use of the Proudfoot charges against Hon. Mr. Hanna, who seems to be strongly supported by the interests which placed Hon. Tom White and Col. Sam Hughes in the Borden Government. The fight between the Beck and Hanna factions has already developed bitterness here.

Did He Try to Fool Him?

Mr. Beck's friends say that Hon. Mr. Hanna endeavored to mislead Mr. Beck as to the meaning of an important clause in a bill before the Legislature and that Mr. Beck doubted the sincerity of the advice and consulted an eminent outside lawyer who exposed Mr. Hanna's purpose and enabled Mr. Beck to rescue himself from an awkward situation.

There are indications that the row between Mr. Beck and Mr. Hanna may become so serious that neither will be able to form a government, and Hon. W. H. Hearst or Sir William Meredith may be chosen as the Conservative leader.

May Be Sir William. Sir William has allowed an intimation to be circulated here that he would descend from the bench to the head of the Legislature.

Whatever happens it is stated here on the best authority that Hon. Dr. Reaume and Hon. Mr. Foy are going out, and the belief is that they will be succeeded by Thomas McGarey and possibly Napoleon Champagne, of Ottawa.

Mayor Ellis, M.L.A., has been playing to succeed Hon. Adam Beck as minister of power, but his defeat in the Ottawa mayoralty election yesterday has seriously affected his chance.

MEANS TO TAKE UP INSPECTION OF MEATS

Controller Moore Says Advertiser's Agitation Will Not Be In Vain.

The council of 1913 failed to take any action on the recommendation of the board of health to provide meat inspection in London, and in so doing brought down upon the head of its members a great deal of criticism.

But things will be different in 1914, according to Controller J. Percy Moore. Controller Moore assured The Advertiser this morning that this matter would be carefully gone into and the recommendation of the health board seriously considered.

"ONE OF CANADA'S BEST PAPERS."

[Kingston Whig.] The Morning Advertiser has made its appearance. It has a splendid field, all Western Ontario, and will fill a place peculiarly its own. The Advertiser is one of Canada's best papers. It is newsy, spirited, rational in its treatment of current events, and wholesome in its influence among men. It is a welcome addition to the morning press of the province.

"A LUSTY INFANT."

[Windsor Record.] The new morning edition of The London Advertiser has appeared on the exchange table and looks to be a lusty infant.

Bogus Half Dollar

Enlargement of one of the phoney coins passed by counterfeiters this morning.



QUICKSAND OR HIDDEN STREAM CAUSED CAVE-IN

Dr. Woolverton Does Not Think Thornbury Phenomena Due to Quake.

UNDERGROUND RIVER

Thinks Land Will Keep on Washing Away Until a Ravine or Chasm Appears.

Dr. S. Woolverton, lecturer in geology at the Western University, expresses the opinion that the falling in of a large stretch of road in Turnberry township must be due either to quicksand or the movement of water underneath, or probably both. Similar phenomena as is now puzzling the residents of Turnberry township are usually associated with earthquakes, but this part of the continent is not usually affected by earthquakes or was any seismic vibration noted in Canadian observatories when the road fell in or before or after. Dr. Woolverton further believes that the underground stream which is the most likely explanation of the cause of the phenomena, will keep on washing away the land above it until the water appears in a chasm or ravine.

It is well known that the supply of water which flows into Lake Ontario cannot all be accounted for as flowing over Niagara Falls, and it has long been believed that Lake Ontario is also fed by an underground stream from some other source. It may have been that a strata of clay upheld the road which has now fallen in until the clay too was washed away and the boggy land above unsupported fell in from its own weight. According to Dr. Woolverton the land around Turnberry township is largely of the same geological formation as Middlesex county. All parts of Western Ontario are very largely of the same formation.

PREMIER WHITNEY HEARS NOTHING OF POLITICAL EVENTS

Is Still in Precarious Condition, But No Danger of Immediate Demise.

SIR JAMES KNOWS DANGER

Lady Whitney Refuses to Leave Hotel and is Bearing Up Splendidly.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, Jan. 6.—Holding his own in his stern fight against the heart trouble which caused his collapse here, Sir James Whitney, prime minister of Ontario, was reported at noon today to have passed a comfortable night. While Sir James' condition made no progress, either one way or the other during the night, and while he was this morning still in a most precarious condition, indications were to be found in the actions of those attending him that there was no immediate danger of a sudden and fatal termination of his illness.

Asked whether, in view of the great interest being taken all over Canada in the fight the premier is putting up, it would not be better to issue bulletins at short intervals, members of the prime minister's staff suffering a serious relapse this would be done. A rigid ban was placed upon anything reaching Sir James that would be likely to affect him, and he did not ask to be informed on progress of political events in the province. Lady Whitney has been unremitting in her watch at the bedside of her husband, all attempts that have been made to leave the hotel for a beneficial walk having failed. Lady Whitney, however, was bearing up splendidly today.

FIGHT FOR LIBERTY OF DR. MAGGREGOR TO BE CARRIED ON

Lawyers Write to Detroit to Find Cost of Going to U.S. Supreme Court.

A BLOT ON THE STATE

Men Who Have Read Evidence Say He Was Victim of Insinuation.

The announcement of the failure of Dr. Robert Macgregor, son of Mr. A. S. Macgregor, of this city, to secure a new trial before the Michigan supreme court, has caused a feeling in this city that the young physician has been a victim of gross injustice.

His conviction for the alleged murder of one of the Spaulding boys of Ubly, Mich., is regarded by London lawyers who have read the evidence in the case, a blot upon the fair name of Michigan.

The brief shows that Macgregor has been the victim of insinuation and "evidence" that would never be admitted in a Canadian court of law. That lawyers of standing all over the United States have condemned the judgment and said that it would not stand before the supreme court of the United States. One man, a former supreme court judge in Michigan, stated to one of the relatives of Dr. Macgregor that the judgment was unfair, and that it would not stand in a court that was just.

May Go to Higher Court.

A London lawyer this morning wrote to a reputable Detroit attorney asking the cost of carrying the case to the United States supreme court, and asking for the name of a lawyer who would be competent to handle the case, and the cost.

Thousands of dollars have gone to fight for the liberty of Robert Macgregor. Most of the money has gone to lawyers and for appeals.

Dr. Macgregor has recently been in the warden's office at Jackson, and has been in the good graces of everyone in the prison.

SENTENCE AFFIRMED ON 24 IRONWORKERS

Only Six Out of Thirty Defendants Are To Be Re-tried.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—The judgment of the federal district court at Indianapolis sentencing to prison thirty members of the International Association of Structural Ironworkers, was affirmed today by the U.S. circuit court of appeals here in twenty-four cases. Six cases were reversed. The cases reversed were remanded to the lower court for re-trial.

SEVEN YEARS FOR RYAN. The sentence of seven years penal servitude again Frank M. Ryan, of Chicago, president of the association, was affirmed.

SINGLE TAXERS TO MEET IN WASHINGTON

[Canadian Press.]

Washington, Jan. 7.—The Joseph Fels fund of America Commission, organized several years ago for effective propaganda for single tax reform, will meet in Washington, Jan. 15, 16 and 17 with a large attendance. The fund was created by Joseph Fels, of Philadelphia and London on the basis of the founder duplicating every dollar subscribed for the purpose in America. A similar fund is in operation in England, Australia, Canada and Denmark.

At a banquet Saturday night, Jan. 17, William M. Reedy, of St. Louis, will be toastmaster, and among others, William A. Douglas, of Toronto, will respond.

BLOODSHED IN STRIKE FIGHT.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 6.—In a free-for-all fight between fifty deputy sheriffs and strikers, blood was shed yesterday. The trouble occurred when a party of smaller workmen was being escorted to the plant.

AGAINST ALL-NIGHT CAFES. Montreal, Jan. 6.—Hochelec County Branch of the W.C.T.U. passed a resolution condemning all-night cafes and cabaret shows.

THE WEATHER.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London for the twelve hours preceding 8 a.m. today, were: Highest, 24; lowest, 12.

The official temperatures for the twelve hours previous to 8 p.m. last night were: Highest, 28; lowest, 11.

FORECASTS.

Wednesday, fair and mild.

Thursday, fair and mild.

Friday, fair and mild.

Saturday, fair and mild.

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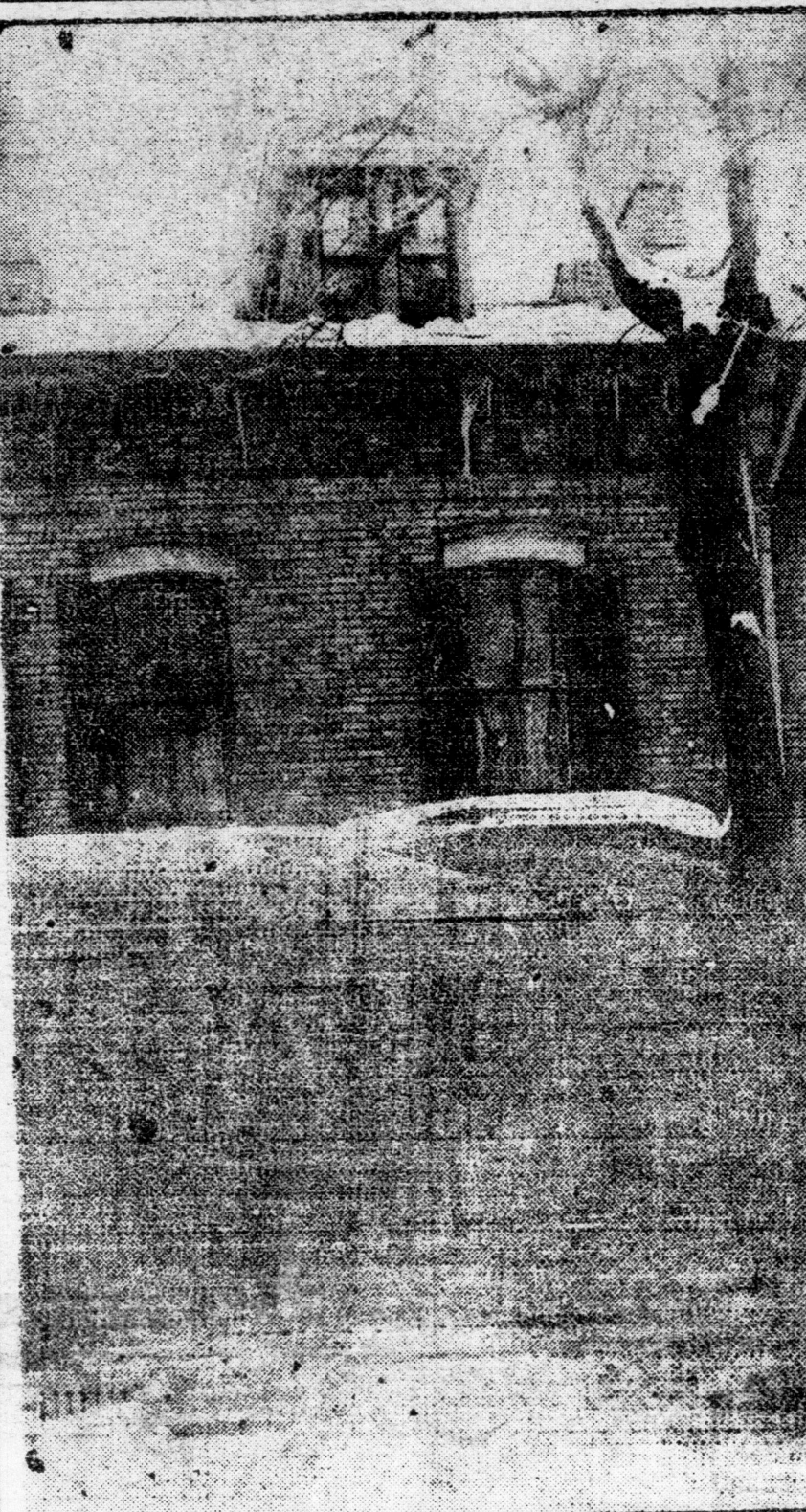
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DETECTIVES ARREST COUNTERFEIT GANG THAT FLOODED CITY WITH BOGUS COINS TWO HOURS AFTER ALARM WAS GIVEN

Where the Counterfeiters Worked



Talbot street rooming house, used by bogus coin manufacturers as local headquarters and where phoney half dollars were made without knowledge of Mrs. I. Maloney, the proprietor.

WHERE COUNTERFEIT GANG MADE "PHONEY" MONEY

Scraps of Metal, Soldering Tools and Acid Found By Advertiser Reporter—Men Did Work While In This City.

That the counterfeiting gang, arrested by the London detectives this morning, manufactured the spurious coins in back rooms of a Talbot street rooming house, was discovered by Advertiser reporters this afternoon.

Investigation of the home of Mrs. I. Maloney, 485 Talbot street, where the three members of the gang roomed, revealed conclusive evidences of the manufacture of the counterfeit half dollars.

Scraps of Metal.

Scraps of tin and lead, found in a dresser drawer of one of the rooms occupied, a strong acid smell that pervaded both rooms, and traces on the gas plate indicate where the half dollars were "minted."

When an Advertiser reporter went to the Maloney house at noon a strong acid smell, combined with a burnt odor, was noticeable in the room occupied by Sutherland and the girl member of the gang. Cigar and cigarette stubs littered the floor in profusion.

Finds Soldering Set.

On the dresser which stood against the north wall was a soldering set, including a box of resin. The tools had the appearance of being almost new, but showed signs of use over a fire.

A half-empty bottle of "Lithia," bearing the label "Pilgrim Brothers, Hamilton," was also among the litter. Besides these, there were several packages containing cough drops and a glass of water, with a slight reddish tint.

A Hamilton Address.

Hidden in the drawer was a small chocolate box bearing the address, "26 Macaulay street, Hamilton." Behind the dresser and against the wall were 3 dry cell batteries, connected.

In the room to the rear of this one, which Phillips occupied, the real evidence of the party's work in the city was found. In the corner of a small clothes press was a small one plate gas burner hidden in newspapers.

The landlady states was connected on Sunday to the jet on the wall by a tube.

One Had the Asthma.

On the floor was a miscellaneous conglomeration of waste paper, including a crumpled and torn copy of

Following Trail of Spurious Half-Dollars, Officers Round Up Armed Counterfeiters as They Attempt to Make Getaway.

CAPTURE MOLDS AND COMPLETE OUTFIT

Star Work of London Plainclothesmen Lands "Fly By Nights" in the Police Headquarters.

ONE CAUGHT RED-HANDED PASSING COIN

Police Believe Counterfeit Money Was Manufactured in London From Evidence of Molding Outfit.

Within two hours after the alarm had been given, three counterfeiters were caught red-handed by London's star detective force at 11:30 o'clock this morning. They are now behind the bars of the London police station, while the evidence of their guilt lies in the detectives' room in the form of a suitcase containing counterfeiters' molds, blowpipes and counterfeiters' furnace, and more than 100 bogus coins.

NO HOMES GIVEN.

The names given to the police by the men and women caught were Valentine Phillips, aged 24, electrician, no home; Fred Sutherland, aged 20, carpenter, no home, and Esther Sutherland, wife of Fred, aged 20, no home. The men are well dressed, and the woman was apparently respectable, pretty, and fashionably attired.

MAKING GETAWAY.

After flooding downtown stores with spurious coins, the gang was making its "getaway" when gathered in by the detectives.

Sutherland and his pretty wife were arrested at the C. P. R. station, while Phillips was captured red-handed in the store of Mrs. Julia Sheldon, 719 Richmond street, where he was passing one of the bogus coins.

CARRYING LOADED REVOLVER.

No resistance was offered when Detectives Nickle and Down captured the two Sutherlands at the station, nor when Phillips was arrested by Detective Egelton, but Sutherland had a loaded revolver in his hip pocket. As a detective placed a hand on his shoulder the alleged counterfeiter made a move for his pocket, a move that stopped short as the officer's hand closed over his wrist.

Made Fifty Cent Pieces.

Fifty cent pieces of the Canadian issue of 1912 were the coins which the two men passed on probably a score of London's business houses. The coin had a good ring and as the amount was small, no one questioned the genuineness of the coin at first. In each place they entered there were other customers and the clerks were busy.

Where They Went.

Stores where it is known the spurious half dollars were passed are: E. L. Guillemont, druggist; William Clark's two drug stores; Bruce Wallace, druggist; C. C. Woodworth's, Hambley's book store, Palm Garden Drug Store, Central Avenue and Richmond; Mrs. Sheldon's candy store, Richmond north; Grand Opera House Pharmacy and A. E. Laddell's cigar store.

Becomes Suspicious.

Lester James of Guillemont's drug store was the first to become suspicious of the coin. He had taken the coin from a short stocky man, apparently Phillips, and later on examined the fifty cent piece. Someone had told Mr. James to look out for counterfeit money and he went to Clark's Richmond street store, where he found the counterfeit money.

Heard produced a coin of the same kind and determining that the piece was spurious, called up the police department.

Worked Systematically.

When the three detectives, Nickle, Down and Egelton arrived, their investigations made it apparent that the counterfeiters had gone right down the line. They had called at Bruce Wallace's drug store, Ladell's cigar store, Clark's Dundas street store, Woodworth's five and ten cent store, the Palm Garden drug store, where they had passed the counterfeit money.

Finally, when the gang was on its way to the C.P.R. station to catch either one of the trains, then nearly due, going both east and west, the detective force came up with its quarry.

Pointed Out to Officers.

The officers had the men pointed out to them by Roy Hambley and Sam Crawford, who had been in Clark's store when the men had passed one of the coins, and who had followed on their trail.

Detective Egelton, then two blocks away, saw a man turn into Mrs. Sheldon's store. This proved to be Phillips. He was just handing a bogus coin to Mrs. Sheldon for cigarettes when the officer laid his hand on his shoulder.

"Fly Cop!"

"Fly cop!" said Phillips in a moment. "That's me," said Detective Egelton. "It's all up," said Phillips.

Ready For Battle.

Detectives Nickle and Down in the meantime had gone to the C.P.R. station and seeing Sutherland and the girl on the platform, arrested them.

The detectives were armed and ready for a battle and it is possible that if they had not come upon Sutherland suddenly, they would have been given one. He had a thirty-two calibre loaded Smith & Wesson revolver in his pocket.

Came Quietly to Patrol.

Sutherland and the woman came quietly to the station on a street car along with Phillips. There they were searched and placed in the cells, and

FLAMES AGAIN BROKE OUT AT STRATHROY PLANT

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Strathroy, Jan. 6.—Fire again broke out early this morning among some of the unconsumed lumber which survived the fierce fire of a couple of days ago at the Handle Company's plant. The lumber made a big blaze which, seen for miles. After about an hour's burning, the fire was extinguished.

Some ash was seen in the street.