

CITY PRESBYTERIANS ASK FOR CHURCH UNION

LONDON PRESBYTERIANS
VOTE FOR CHURCH UNION

Forward Plea for United Christianity to the General Assembly.
Marking End of Long Controversy in City—Action
Taken This Morning.

MAJORITY NOW BEHIND THE MOVEMENT

Eager for the consummation of a church union, which is expected to bring about a welding together of the great forces of Methodism, Presbyterianism and Congregationalism throughout the Dominion, local Presbyterians have this morning forwarded to their general assembly an overture, moved by Rev. Dr. Beattie and seconded by N. A. Campbell, that the assembly do all in its power to speedily bring about such a consummation.

Such action marks the culmination of months of thoughtful consideration and conference on the part of the local members of the presbytery and their people.

The favoring of church union has not been without an opposing force. Certain members of the presbytery have been strongly against organic union, strenuously opposing the church would lose its tradition and a great part of its influence.

Those who held this belief have been, however, decidedly in the minority. The greater part of Presbyterianism in the city has been firmly behind the movement and have at numerous times signified their approval of a course which they believe will create a stronger spiritual force, and has already at many points throughout the Dominion caused the elimination of small and struggling congregations in the formation of one large and successful church.

The resolution reads as follows:

The Resolution.

"Unto the venerable, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, indicted to meet at Port Arthur, there, on the first Wednesday of June, 1923, at 8 p.m.:

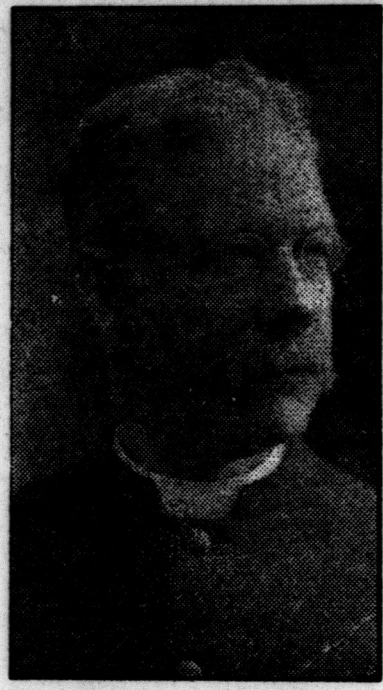
"Whereas for a period of twenty years negotiations have been carried on between the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Methodist Church in Canada, and the Congregational Church in Canada, with a view to organic union, and

"Whereas in the various votes taken a large majority of the membership of the church was shown to be favorable to union, and

"Whereas when the question was submitted under the barrier act, the presbyteries of our church, with few exceptions, declared themselves favorable to union, and

"Whereas during the years of negotiation the General Assembly has repeatedly urged the policy of co-operation with the other negotiating churches, resulting in the formation of 984 union churches with approximately 7,700 preaching stations;

"Therefore, it is humbly overtured by the Presbytery of London, that the General Assembly proceed to consummate organic church union with the Methodist and Congregational churches of Canada without further delay."



REV. J. G. STUART,
of South London, whose death this morning puts a big gap in the ranks of local clergy.

CHINAMEN SMOKE
FORBIDDEN OPIUM,
PAY COURT FINE

Three Oriental Residents Have
Dreams Rudely Shattered
as Police Enter.

FEAR DRUG TRAFFIC

Fashionably Dressed Girls Held
as Vagrants—Johnston
Remanded.

REV. J. G. STUART DIES
AFTER LONG MINISTRYLondon Loses Public-Spirited
Servant as Beloved Pastor
Succumbs.

In the passing of the Rev. J. G. Stuart, for 23 years minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, South London, who died this morning, the citizens of this city lose one of their most public-spirited servants, and a man who was beloved not only by his own congregation, but all others who knew him.

For some years past, the Rev. Mr. Stuart was actively engaged in furthering the work of the playgrounds committee, of which he was a member, and he always took an active interest in movements further the welfare of the youth of the city.

He was born in the town of Markham, Ontario, in 1850, where he received his primary education. Later he went to Queen's University, Kingston, where he graduated in arts and theology. After obtaining his degree in divinity, he pursued missionary work in Eastern Ontario for some time, after which he accepted a call to St. Mark's Church in Toronto.

In 1896 Mr. Stuart came to London, and four years later was appointed to the post of minister at Knox Church. His position he held until 1918, when he retired. Since then he was made clerk of the London Presbytery, and held this office until his death.

For some years, Mr. Stuart was chaplain of the Middlesex Regiment, and went into camp each year with the men at Carling Heights.

Through his work as president of the Western Ontario Bible Society, and his intimate connection with the work of the alumnae of Queen's University, he was widely known in both religious and social circles throughout Ontario.

He is survived by two daughters, Miss Maybelle of this city, and Mrs. Farrell Dide of New York City, and one sister, Mrs. (Dr.) Stansbury of Oakville. His wife predeceased him some 25 years ago, before he came to London.

The funeral service will be held at Knox Church on Sunday at 3.30, and will be conducted by the members of the Presbytery of London, after which the body will be taken to Toronto for interment.

RENAME ROYAL BARRACKS.

Associated Press Despatch.
Dublin, Jan. 12.—The royal barracks, which were recently evacuated by British soldiers, are to be renamed "Collins Barracks," in memory of Michael Collins and Richard Barrett, who were killed in the Easter Rising.

Germany protests to Rome.
Special Cable to The Advertiser.
Rome, Jan. 12.—The German ambassador at Rome has presented his government's protest against the Ruhr seizure to Premier Mussolini. The German note states that Germany's slight failure in execution of the treaty are absolutely inadequate to produce such gravity of action as that of France and Belgium.

No mention of Italy's attitude was made.

ARRESTED FOR HAVING STILL.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Brantford, Jan. 12.—Andrew Robinson, Brantford Township farmer, was today fined \$200 for having a still in his possession.

Tom Moore Gives Impression
of Present Crisis in
Europe.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Jan. 12.—"The recent military expedition on the part of France into the Ruhr valley would never have taken place if the Labor movement in France had been as solid as it was in 1919. If a plebiscite could have been taken of the workers in France, the action of the last few days would never have resulted. In France, as in all countries, there is a group of industrialists and financiers who are wedded to militarism, and the industrial catastrophe of France have joined with the militarists to secure control of the coal and steel industries of Europe."

Stuart was the statement of his impression of the present European crisis made by Tom Moore, president of the Dominion Trades Congress and representative of France to the last conference of the international labor office at Geneva, in the course of an address last night to the United Brotherhood of Carpenters.

Moon Intervenes,
Venus DarkenedSpectacle Occurs About 7 a.m.
in Eastern Canada.

Associated Press Despatch.
Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 12.—Astronomers at the Harvard Observatory made arrangements today for observations of the darkening of Venus tomorrow morning, when the moon will swing between that planet and the earth. This occultation will be visible in most parts of Canada and the United States.

The spectacle will be visible in the Canadian midwest commencing about 5 a.m., and in Eastern Canada between 6.30 and 7 a.m. Vancouver will see nothing of the spectacle, which will take place below the horizon there.

The process of occultation will take from a few minutes to a little more than an hour, according to the point of observation.

Venus and the moon now are almost at their nearest to the earth, and Venus is only a fortnight removed from the period of its greatest brilliancy.

"The unaided eye, Venus will appear to hang like a bright spot on the moon, first on the eastern limb of the crescent, and as it emerges, in shining contrast with the darkened limb."

SERIOUS KINGSTON FIRE.

Special to The Advertiser.
Kingston, Ont., Jan. 12.—A serious fire broke out at 8.45 this morning in the shoe department of Louis Abramson's store, Princess street, and the fire spread very rapidly, and by 9 a.m. the fire was under control. The firemen had a hard time in checking the fire, which was making great headway when the alarm was raised. It is believed that a customer who was smoking a cigarette was responsible for the fire.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Jan. 12.—Authorized capital of \$3,220,500 is represented by companies whose incorporations were reported to the Monetary Times during the week ended January 6, compared with \$3,018,000 for the same period last year.

WESTERN PLACES
RESTRICTIONS
FRAT' SOCIETIES

Students Desiring to Join Fraternity Must Consult Deans.

NEED YEAR'S WORK
Not Eligible Unless Accredited
With Certain Term.

Regulations restricting the activities and membership of fraternities or societies of all departments of Western University have been issued by the executive committee of that institution, and one of the requirements laid down is that all members of such organizations must maintain a satisfactory academic standard at Western.

Permission to draw up these regulations was granted the executive committee by the university board of governors. These regulations are regarded as most binding, and practically place the control of fraternities in the hands of the deans at Western.

Following are the regulations, applicable to the faculties of arts, medicine and public health, which will affect the fraternities already in existence at the medical school, and one sorority at the college of arts:

"A group of students of Western University who desire to join a fraternity or society must secure the permission of the executive committee of the university, before attempting to effect organization."

"No student of Western University who is eligible to be a member of a fraternity or society must be recommended by the dean of the faculty in which he is enrolled, and must be approved by the executive committee of the deans before the individual in question may be invited to become a member of the fraternity or society."

"The executive committee of the deans reserves the right to refuse approval, for sufficient reasons, of the candidacy of any student, even if he or she is eligible according to the registrar's books, for membership in a fraternity or society."

"Unless Pledged.
"No fraternity or sorority of Western University will be recognized by the executive committee of the university until it has formally pledged itself to observe all the regulations of the deans before the individual in question may be invited to become a member of the fraternity or society."

"Western University will not recognize a fraternity or sorority of Western University by an international organization that has not investigated the status of the organization through the officials of Western University."

"Any or all members of a fraternity or sorority in Western University who do not conform to the foregoing regulations may be dropped from the rolls of the university at the recommendation of the executive committee of the deans."

"The initiation ceremonies of fraternities and sororities must be entirely devoid of any proceedings of the nature of hazing or that might be considered as a disgrace."

"Academic Standing.
"In every case where the academic standing of a student member of a fraternity or sorority is in question, the standing credited to him in the books of the registrar is to be regarded as final."

"The members of fraternities and sororities must be eligible for membership in a fraternity or sorority who has not attained a standing of 60 per cent in each subject and 60 per cent on all the subjects of his course taken prior to the date of initiation."

"Any student of the Faculty of Arts of Western University who has been admitted to membership in an authorized fraternity or sorority must maintain the academic standing required for membership as in class (a) above, under penalty of being suspended from membership until such time as the required standing is regained."

"No student in the Western University Medical School is eligible for membership in a fraternity unless his academic standing prior to the date of initiation is considered by the committee on admissions and promotion of students to be such as to make probable his successful completion of the entire medical course."

"Must Make Reports.
"Any association or club or organization formed for any purpose by members of Western University, as such, for social, fraternal, or other purposes, whether for study, or for entertainment, whether secret or non-secret in character, whether with or without national or international affiliations, whether known as a Greek letter society or not and whether of the nature of a fraternity or sorority, shall be reported annually to the administration of Western University; such report to show:

(a) Constitution.
(b) Current officers.
(c) Dates and places of meeting.
(d) Typical program.

The president, chairman or other designated head of the organization shall be responsible for such report.

Any such organization as above described formed for any social purpose, including dining clubs, residential clubs, entertainment associations, etc., shall be regarded as of the nature of a fraternity and shall be subject to all rules governing fraternities prescribed by the University Administration."

GERMANS DESERT
PRIDE AS FRENCH
TAKE POSSESSION

Promise U. S. They Will Stay
by Versailles Treaty Under
Protest.

CLINGING TO PEACE

London, Jan. 12.—The British government will give recognition to the German protest against the French advance into the Ruhr, which the Berlin government addressed to the allies last night, and in no way will the protest affect British action or policy, it was authoritatively stated this afternoon.

Essen, Jan. 12.—General De Goutte today issued a proclamation from Dusseldorf establishing a state of siege throughout the newly occupied territory. The German laws, it was stipulated, would remain in force.

By A. L. BRADFORD.
Special to The Advertiser.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—Germany has given her word to the United States that as a result of the French occupation of the Ruhr, she will not meet violence with violence. This and the fact that Germany declares she will not renounce the Versailles treaty, were the outstanding points in a note from the Berlin government, which protested against French invasion of the Ruhr.

While the note is an appeal to the United States to place her influence on the side of Germany, this government is contemplating no action as a result of it. It feels it has done all it can to prevent the present situation.

The administration now is giving consideration to demands in the Senate for the withdrawal of the American observer of the reparations commission, René W. Boyden, but a definite decision has not been reached. After denying the French right, under the treaty of Versailles, to invade the Ruhr, the German note, which was delivered to the state department last night, thus announces the policy of Germany during the occupation.

"The German government herewith enters a protest against the oppression applied toward Germany in contravention of the treaty and international law. The German government does not intend to meet violence with violence nor to reply to the breach of the treaty with a withdrawal from the treaty."

"However, as long as a state which appears contrary to the treaty exists, Germany is not in a position to make actual reparations to these powers who have brought about this state of affairs."

MAYOR OF EDMONTON
WILL PROBE STRIKE

Investigation To Be Opened
Following Refusal of Department of Labor.

Special to The Advertiser.
Edmonton, Alta., Jan. 12.—An impartial investigation of the miners' strike will be ordered by Mayor D. M. Duggan in the very near future, with the object of bringing to light all the various angles of the situation, so that some definite action can be taken. This decision on the part of the mayor is the result of the refusal of the department of labor to grant a board of investigation, as was requested by the council.

According to present arrangements, the investigation will be held by a committee appointed by the mayor to put before the public all of the information that they are able to obtain on the strike situation. It is expected that representatives of the board of trade and the trades and labor council will be asked to act.

There is no indication as yet as to the attitude of either the strikers or the operators toward such an investigation.

CLOSE ESSEN FACTORIES.

Associated Press Despatch.
Essen, Jan. 12.—All the factories in close next Monday morning from 11 to 11.15 o'clock in protest against the occupation of the Ruhr by French troops. The mine represents all political parties. Railway traffic will stop for ten minutes at the same hour. The ringing of church bells and the blowing of factory whistles will voice the city's indignation.

BERNHARDT DISOBEDIENT.

Special to The Advertiser.

Paris, Jan. 12.—Sarah Bernhardt's physician ordered her to remain indoors without seeing her friends today, but the famous tragedienne disobeyed her orders, and went for a carriage ride.

FIRE LOSSES \$899,350.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Jan. 12.—Fire losses in Canada during the two weeks ended January 6 are estimated by the Monetary Times at \$899,350, compared with \$977,470 for the same period last year.



THE FRENCH THRUST.
The shaded area in the above map of the Cologne bridgehead and the Ruhr region shows the territory now occupied by the French troops.

DOUGLASS STATES
BOARD OF WORKS
TO BUY SUPPLIES

Chairman Proposes Change in
Policy for City Engineer's
Department.

WILL SUBMIT CASE

Believes Plan Will Tend to Improve Efficiency of Department.

As chairman of the board of works, Alderman Leonard Douglass proposes a change of policy for that body in 1923, involving chiefly the purchase of supplies for all sections of the city engineer's department.

"The board of works will control the situation during the coming year in this respect," the chairman stated to The Advertiser today. "I propose that we should not merely ratify accounts after they have been paid."

"I am not inferring that there is anything radically wrong with the business of the city engineer's department, or that anyone is attempting to put anything over us, but I believe that the time has come for a decided change in our method of purchasing our material and supplies."

All purchases must be approved first by the members of the board of works and then by the city council, argues Ald. Douglass, and he is preparing his case for the board of works, as the new chairman of the board, to be made by the works department, the accounts subsequently signed by the chairman and then audited. When the voucher comes to the board of works for ratification, the purchase has been transacted, in most instances.

SAYS JUVENILE COURT
NOW ALMOST ASSURED

Dr. Hugh Stevenson Lauds the
Action of Mayor and
City Council.

Dr. Hugh Stevenson, M.P.P., foresees the open road to success for Mayor Waggie and his councilors, who strive for a juvenile court.

"The new council has certainly gone about the matter in the proper manner," the Labor member for London stated to The Advertiser this morning, incidentally extending the suggestion that the court could be located in the Y. M. C. A. building or the Labor Temple.

"Either of these places would be highly suitable," he said, "and I know that the Labor party is quite willing that their temple be used for this purpose. In fact, I understand that the offer has already been made."

It is Dr. Stevenson's opinion that the mayor and aldermen are proceeding in accordance with the directions from Hon. W. E. Roney, attorney-general, and that the juvenile delinquents' act will be proclaimed with as little delay as possible, once the city evinces a desire in that direction.

"It will go through all right," he assured. "All the council has to do is to file the request at Toronto. Of course the appointment of the judge remains with the attorney-general."

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Victoria 42 36 Cloudy
Calgary 28 18 Fair
Winnipeg 12 8 Fair
Port Arthur 24 2 Clear
Saskatoon 12 8 Snow
Toronto 16 12 Snow
Kingston 10 6 Snow
Ottawa 10 6 Snow
Montreal 10 6 Snow
Quebec 2 8 Snow
Falmouth 0 26 Cloudy
St. John's 15 8 Cloudy
Halifax 29 29 Snow

BELIEVE GERMAN VESSEL
LOST WITH ALL HANDS

Associated Press Despatch.

Norfolk, Jan. 12.—The German steamship Heinrich Kayser, which left Norfolk December 3 and has not been heard from since December 6, when she reported by wireless that her steering gear was broken, has been lost at sea, it is believed in local marine circles. The vessel carried a crew of 30 men and three passengers, one of whom was Jose Macas, chancellor of the Cuban consulate corps, recently transferred from Charleston, S.C., to Berlin.

TRUSTEE E. SMITH
CHOSEN TO HEAD
NEW COMMITTEE

Vote Made Unanimous on the
Motion of the Losing
Candidate.

INSPECT SCHOOL

Principal Beal Reviews Attendance of Technical Students During Past Year.

Trustee Edwin Smith, the retiring chairman of the board of education, was elected chairman of the advisory vocational committee at a special session held in the Technical School at noon today. Trustees Thomas Rowe and J. B. Wright were also nominated. The latter, however, who was chairman of this committee for the past year, withdrew his name, claiming pressure of business. The vote resulted Smith, 6 votes; Rowe, 3 votes. On the motion of the losing candidate, however, it was made unanimous.

Trustee S. F. Lawson was named representative to the audit committee. A special meeting was then called under the new chairmanship, after which, the members adjourned for luncheon.

Very little business was brought forward as it was desired that the members of the Advisory Vocational Committee and the trustees of the school board should have time for a thorough tour of inspection of the technical school. The principal, H. B. Beal, conducted the inspection after luncheon.

It was decided to recompense the engineer to the extent of \$150 for each Saturday afternoon he spends in necessary for him to keep the school heated all day Saturday because of the adverse weather. The rate is the same as that paid for evenings and met with the approval of the committee.

Discuss Pay Question.
There was some discussion, however, over the question as to whether Saturday afternoon should be considered extra time or regular. Principal Beal stated that the engineer's work should be paid for, but did not receive anything extra for that. But on Saturday, when all other employees were off he thought the extra work should be paid for. There are 140 adolescent students using the school each Saturday afternoon.

In his address, the principal, H. B. Beal, after reviewing the attendance for the last year, during which period 867 full and technical classes, 234 full day commercial classes, and 1,333 evening and special afternoon classes were held, dealt in detail with each phase of the work of the school and the several courses of study.

With regard to the matriculation course, he said that among the reasons given for matriculation courses in technical schools is the fact that, with the general extension of engineering, applied science, household

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FRANCE, GERMANY
FIGHT TOGETHER
ON BALTIC SHORE?

Expect Curious Spectacle Will
Develop as Result of
Lithuanian Invasion.

BRITAIN SENDING AID

Inter-Allied Commission Proclaims Memel in State of Siege.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Jan. 12.—The curious spectacle of the French and the Germans fighting a common enemy on the frozen shores of the Baltic is expected from today's developments in the topsy-turvy European situation as a result of the Lithuanian advance on Memel. The Memel police, composed for the most part of Germans, and the French troops entrenched in the outskirts of the city, will resist the Lithuanian raiders, according to advices received here.

The British Government has associated itself with the French in protesting to Lithuania against the advance on Memel, and a British cruiser has been dispatched "thither," and Britain and France are preparing to send more warships.

INVASION EXTENDS.
Berlin, Jan. 12.—The Lithuanian invasion of the international territory of Memel, on the East Prussian frontier, is extending, according to the latest report from Heydekrug, but there have been no collisions between the soldiers and the inhabitants.

The French Governor of the territory, which is under jurisdiction of the League of Nations, has but a small force at his disposal, and the police of the district number only 40 men. The object of the Lithuanians, it is believed in some quarters here, is to confront the Allies with a fait accompli. It is reported from Memel that in consequence of the Lithuanian invasion, the entente will send warships to reinforce the troops of occupation. Heydekrug was occupied this morning by a force of 400 Lithuanians and muffs.

IN STATE OF SIEGE.
Associated Press Despatch.
Copenhagen, Jan. 12.—An Exchange Telegraph despatch from Memel reports that the inter-Allied high commission has declared the state of siege. The newspaper Memel-Dampfont says a proclamation signed by the members of the committee for saving Little Lithuania announces that M. Simoniatis, said to be a former Lithuanian minister, has been created president of the Memel territory.

"Mail" to Publish
Paper on Liners
London Daily Paper Starts
Innovation on Nine Ships.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Jan. 12.—A daily edition of the Mail is to be published aboard the Cunard liner in the Atlantic service after Feb. 10, the newspaper announced today.

Arrangements have been made to absorb the shipping news in the daily bulletin. Radio news from America and Great Britain, edited by experienced writers, will be sent by wire to the passengers each day. The publication will be known as the Mail's Atlantic edition.

W. H. MOORE, N.Y. FINANCIER
OF 25 YEARS AGO, PASSES

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Jan. 12.—William H. Moore, former associate of the late William E. Leeds in the organization of the "Tin Plate Trust," and a well-known corporation attorney, who figured in some of the biggest financial deals of a quarter of a century ago, died at his New York home tonight of heart failure. He was 74 years old.

THE WEATHER
FORECASTS.
Today—Moderate to fresh northerly to westerly winds; light snowfalls.

Saturday—Generally fair and moderately cold.
The disturbance which was centered in Minnesota yesterday morning now covers New York State, and pressure is highest in the Maritime Provinces. Snow has fallen heavily in portions of the Peninsula of Ontario, accompanied by high winds, and snow is now falling as far east as the western portion of Quebec.

In the Western Provinces the weather has been fair, and continued mild in Southern Alberta.

Temperatures.
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Minus (—) means 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, 21; lowest, 15.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 24; lowest, 20.

Barometric Readings.
Thursday—3 p.m., 25.78.
Today—8 a.m., 25.90.