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C.N.R. PRESIDENT SAYS HE WILL NOT RESIGN

THORNTON DENIES HE WILL QUIT C.N.R. POST

President of Canadian Railway System Declares Rumor Is Unfounded.

RETURNING TONIGHT

Sir Henry Is in New York on Important Business For Road.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, March 29.—Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railways, has returned to London last night, was news to him. "I have not heard anything about it," he said, "and I have no intention of returning to London. You may say there is nothing at all in it."

Sir Henry said he was in New York on important business in connection with the Canadian National Railways, but declined to divulge its nature. He plans to return to Montreal tonight or tomorrow.

APPOINTMENTS MADE TO COLLEGE COUNCIL

Galt and Wingham Rectors Accept Positions on Huron College Body.

Rev. W. H. Snelgrove of Galt and Rev. H. W. Snell of Wingham have accepted positions on the council of Huron College following a meeting of that body, Principal Waller, D.D., Huron College, announces.

The appointment of two of the leading clergymen of the Diocese of Huron to positions on the council of Huron College is looked upon as a step that will do much toward aiding the college to proceed with any expansion schemes that might be under consideration.

Their wide knowledge of higher education, particularly where it concerns the training of men for the ministry, places them in a position to be of special service to Huron College, officials declare.

LIBERAL CLUB MEMBERS ANXIOUS TO SIGN PETITION

The London Liberal Club has requested the G. W. V. A. to send the petition asking for clemency for Williams and Murrell to their club this morning as all members of the association are anxious to fix their signatures to the plea for justice.

Which will be forwarded to the minister.

HOSPITAL DAILY CHARGES SHOW INCREASE IN 1923

The per diem charges at the city hospital were slightly increased in 1923 over preceding years, according to an official statement going forward to the government.

The charges since 1919 have been as follows: 1919, \$2.79; 1920, \$3.22; 1921, \$3.85; 1922, \$3.60; 1923, \$4.26.

Who's Who?

How many local business men can you identify from their cartoons soon to be printed in The Advertiser?

You will want to know the name, the firm name and line of business.

Some people are going to make some real money by knowing Who's Who.

March's Lamb-Like Entry Results In Preparations For a Roaring Departure



SIR HENRY THORNTON, president of the C. N. R., who denies he will leave the Canadian system to assume presidency of an English road. "Nothing in it," said Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railways this morning when interviewed in New York.

M'GRATH TO HEAD NEW IRISH GROUP

Four Members of Present Government To Join With the Former Minister.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, March 29.—Four members of the government party will join Joseph McGrath, resigned Irish Free State minister of industry and commerce, in forming a new independent group, according to the Daily Telegraph's Dublin correspondent. They intend supporting the Free State government generally, but on certain matters will act independently. One of these matters is the question of the causes of the army revolt, and if it remains long unsettled the correspondent says there is a chance for trouble to break out again.

SETTLEMENT OF DEBT WILL NOT BE PRESSED

Rumania Not Disposed To Urge Payment of Gold From Russians.

Associated Press Despatch.
Vienna, March 28.—The Rumanian plenipotentiaries to the Russo-Rumanian conference, which opened here yesterday, are understood not to be disposed to press the soviet government for the return of the \$75,000,000 in gold transferred from Rumania to Moscow at the time of the German invasion of Rumania in 1916.

One reason for this is that persistence in such a demand, it is felt, would be useless, inasmuch as Russia has not the gold to give back. Moreover, the Rumanians are represented in political quarters as anticipating that the actual return of the money might bring about pressure from other countries upon Rumania for debt settlements.

In addition, it is declared, Rumania considers that both Great Britain and France in a measure guaranteed the safety of this gold when it was transferred to Moscow.

GERMAN GENERALS ARE ON "LEAVE OF ABSENCE"

Associated Press Despatch.
Berlin, March 29.—According to private advices from Munich, Dr. Von Kahr, General von Lossow and General Seiser, who claimed to have been coerced into joining the Ludendorff-Hitler putsch of last November, have gone to Italy "on a fortnight's leave."

The verdict in the trial of General Ludendorff, Hitler and their co-defendants is expected to be rendered soon by the Munich court.

CHIEF BURNS IS TOLD TO COME BEFORE COMMITTEE

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, March 29.—A subpoena was issued today, directing Chief Burns of the department of justice to come before the Senate Daugherty committee at 10 a.m. tomorrow. He was directed to bring with him his files relating to Mexicans said to have been involved in Lower California revolutionary enterprises. This information had been refused the committee by Attorney-General Daugherty.

Weatherman and His Lady Friends Promise Real Blast by Monday.

SOME ARE OPTIMISTIC

Old-Timer Shows Dejected Ones Real Pleasure of Brisk Walk.

So March is at it again and lives up to her miserable reputation. Like a lamb she comes in and like a Washington cabinet minister she goes out, full of pride in her accomplishments and in an atmosphere of cold contempt for humanity.

Two years, plus two days, ago, on March 31, to be accurate, London had its famous sleet storm. Out of the mild weather of the rain and the month came overnight the rain and the temperature which broke so many of our fine trees and gave the Bell Telephone Company the busiest week of the season. A number of amateur photographers got some beautiful pictures of the frozen trees, but they were the only class to benefit.

Today every prospect pleases for these same camera hounds. There is, according to the weather men, a women, for there are women meddling with the weather just as much as men, a 30-to-1 shot, but none, for a repetition of the storm about Monday next week. March has a reputation to retain. March is a very feminine month. March will do her worst.

It is typical of a month with a name like March that the happy-spring-coming Londoner should go to bed on Friday night, trusting in the simplicity of his heart in the country lanes, among the wild flowers, and basking brooks, and wake up about half-past two in the morning to find the rain blowing in on his face, and hear the household cat singing a war chant in his best sea-going voice.

Dirty Month.

No, it's a dirty month any way you look at it, physically or spiritually. It lacks taste, refinement, and respect for suffering men and women who have to fight the good fight every morning of their lives to reach offices. At any other time of the year March would not be so bad. If, for instance, it came between July and August, it might be a welcome change in a heat wave, and if it came sandwiched in between January and February, it would also be a welcome change, this time from the thralldom of the ice and the snowdrift.

There is nothing really decent and complimentary one can say about this. Please See Page 6, Column 3.



COL. W. M. GARTSHORE, vice-president of the United Welfare Fund Association and chairman of the industrial division, whose keen interest is a big factor in the present drive.

CHEMISTRY PROFESSORS HERE RECEIVE HONORS

Canadian Institute Confers Fellowships on Profs. Gunton Russell and J. W. Burns.

The Canadian Institute of Chemistry has conferred fellowships upon Professor J. A. Gunton, Ph.D., Professor John Russell, M.Sc., and J. W. Burns, M.Sc., of the department of chemistry, University of Western Ontario.

The appointments place the mark of approval on Western's department of chemistry, and in so doing recognizes the work that is being done at the university.

A local section of the Canadian Institute of Chemistry is about to be formed, but it has not been decided as yet when the first meeting will be held.

BECK TELLS WENIGE TO KEEP CLEAR OF HIS PATH

Sir Adam Suggests Mayor Go Ahead and Convince People.

CONSIDERS SCHEME

May Respond To Challenge To Come Out in Public Debate.

While Sir Adam Beck, M.L.A. for London, expresses a desire that Mayor Wenige "leave him alone," he may pick up the gauntlet hurled in his direction by the chief magistrate. If Mayor Wenige is as anxious for a public debate with Sir Adam upon London & Port Stanley Railway affairs, his wish may be gratified much sooner than some people may imagine.

Sir Adam stated that he was giving the proposal full consideration. He had just become acquainted with the situation, returning from Toronto last night. His advice to the mayor is this, however: "Let him go ahead and try to convince the people that he is right in whatever he says and leave me alone."

"I will give it my consideration," the member for London assured. "I don't know whether I should meet him in public debate or not." Quite aroused when Sir Adam branded him a "pinhead" municipal administrator, Mayor Wenige flung a challenge at the member for London, volunteering to meet him in public debate, when the record of the L. & P. S. Railway could be discussed. Mayor Wenige stipulated that questions pertaining to hydro were not to be "dragged into the debate."

RIVER RISES THREE FEET IN 24 HOURS

Lengthy Rain Will Cause the "Turbulent Thames" To Overflow Both Banks.

Since "Scotty" MacPherson caught his famous "hydro-electric porcupine" in the Thames last Wednesday, the river started to rise. During the last 24 hours, according to Springbank pump-house officials, the old Thames has jumped three feet and is still climbing.

At some spots between London and Springbank the water is within a foot of the bank, and should it rain for any length of time today, the "turbulent Thames" will overflow both banks. Huge cakes of ice are careering over the old Springbank dam with terrific roars and make a sight worth seeing.

PARLEY ON L.S.R. CASE TO BE CALLED SOON

Mayor Has Plan "Up His Sleeve" To Settle Problem Amicably.

Mayor George Wenige advises that he has a plan up his sleeve for the street railway problem can be amicably disposed of. He will call a conference between the city council and the street railway authorities, directly the tax rate has been struck, to consider the defeat of the city of London in the Ontario Legislature.

The further suggestion emanates from the mayor that Sir Adam Beck and Fred Lawason be called in to give their opinions. "They should know what to do about it," he explained. "The former is the member in London, while Fred Lawason is a politician."

COMMERCIAL FAILURES.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, March 29.—SIXTY-one failures occurred in the Dominion during the week ending yesterday, compared with 87 for the same week of 1923, according to the report of R. G. Dun & Co. today. Twenty of this week's failures were reported from Ontario, eighteen in Quebec, twelve in Manitoba, five in Alberta, four in British Columbia, and one each in Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia.

Newsy Bits From Today's Classified Ads.

White and tan terrier lost. Milliners and preparers wanted. Ten-room brick house for sale. Used roadster for sale. Cottage to let.



PHILIP POCKOCK, vice-president of the United Welfare Fund Association and chairman of the industrial division who is ready to start the great campaign Monday.

TORNADO IN WEST TAKES NINE LIVES

Between 75 and 100 Injured as Windstorm Sweeps Five States.

Associated Press Despatch.
Kansas City, March 29.—Nine persons dead, between 75 and 100 injured, several probably fatally, and property damage estimated at hundreds of thousands of dollars is the toll of the tornado and windstorms that swept parts of Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Missouri and Illinois late yesterday and last night.

Eight persons were killed and more than seventy injured at Shawnee, Okla., where two hundred homes in the best residential section were destroyed. Four hundred students in a high school there narrowly escaped death or serious injury when they were dismissed only a few minutes before the building was demolished. A small boy miraculously escaped death when at the first sign of the storm he jumped into a refrigerator shortly before his home was wrecked.

The storm, travelling in a northerly direction, struck Prague and Noble, Okla., injuring five persons and causing heavy property damage.

PUBLIC LIBRARY HOLDS CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR

The "Story Hour," under the direction of the children's department of the London Public Library, was given this afternoon at 1:30 at the south branch library room in the new Victoria School.

Story hours have been held regularly in other branches, and the one in South London marked the commencement of an hour that will be given regularly each Saturday for the children of South London.

LORD ROBERTS' CHAPTER.

Plans for a rummage sale to be held next Saturday in Cronyn Hall will be made at the regular meeting of the Lord Roberts' Chapter, I. O. E., being held Monday afternoon at the Y. W. C. A. Mrs. James C. Wilson is acting as convener of the sale.

WILL ARRIVE TODAY.

Those taking part in the Shrine Circus for the benefit of the crippled children of London will arrive in this city tomorrow at noon on train No. 6 of the C. N. R.

Prize Race Narrows Down As Great Contest Closes

Ultimate Winner Will Be in Doubt Until Very Last Moment.

EXPECT STRONG FINISH

Candidates Are Urged To Make Final Effort Today and Monday.

As the closing of The Advertiser contest becomes a matter of a few hours candidates are gradually making distinct places for themselves in the standing. The ultimate winners are slowly forging ahead. The leaders, however, will be in doubt until the very last moment.

A "garrison" finish is assured. In the country districts especially the race is extraordinarily close. City candidates are not putting quite as much effort into subscription-getting as their rural competitors, so the average in London is substantially lower.

Only sixty hours separate more than a dozen campaigners from some of the most worth while prizes ever offered in a contest of the kind in Canada. As shown in the special \$500 contest, the winners of which were announced yesterday, only a few subscribers make the difference between the prizewinner and the one who comes second best. In the final count it will be found that many candidates' failure to get just a few extra votes will have lost them a big prize.

Today and Monday are the days to work if prizes are expected.

FRENCH ARE ASTONISHED OVER CHOICE OF CABINET

Poincare Was Not Expected To Throw the Old Ministers Overboard.

POLICY IS AWAITED

The Reconstructed Ministry Is Expected To Get Vote of Confidence on Monday.

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, March 29.—At a cabinet meeting this morning of Premier Poincare's new ministry it was unanimously decided to issue the same foreign policy as that of the former cabinet.

The press in general is satisfied with the new ministry, believing that it was formed to promote the general interests of the country, and to inject a little calm into the fevered atmosphere of politics. It is deemed certain that it will receive a vote of confidence in the chamber on Monday.

It is the custom that not more than one director of a business outside that of the Bank of England shall also be a Bank of England director, and as Lord Revelstoke is a director of both the Bank of England and Baring Brothers and Company, it was necessary for Mr. Peacock, in joining the latter financial institution as a director, to resign his directorship in the former.

RESIGNS DIRECTORSHIP IN BANK OF ENGLAND

E. R. Peacock, Formerly of Toronto, Joins Baring Brothers and Company.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, March 28.—E. R. Peacock, formerly of Toronto, a governor of the Bank of England, has retired from the Bank of England directorship. He recently became a director of Baring Brothers and Company, Limited, bankers, London, of which Lord Revelstoke also is a director.

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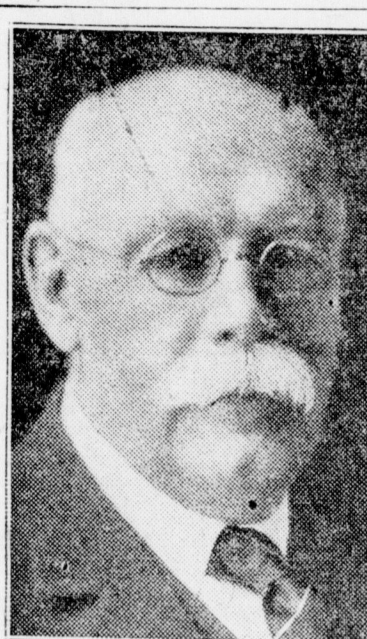
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MONTHLY STAFF MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the staff of Victoria Hospital was held last night and several matters of importance discussed. About 30 were present. Dr. George McNeil presided.



GEORGE M. REID, president of the United Welfare Fund Association, whose untiring efforts give promise of splendid returns in the campaign to be launched next week.

TAX RATE IS NOW ONE MILL OVER '23

Mark to 35.87 Mills

Cleaning Charge Is Settled.

Latest advice from the city hall places the 1924 tax rate at 35.8749 mills on the dollar, or slightly over a mill in excess of 1923.

A further reduction from yesterday is noted with the decision to leave street cleaning charges as a special rate; not to transfer them to the general rate, as recommended by City Engineer W. P. Near. This drops \$45,000 from the general tax rate.

The 1923 rate was fixed at 34.7 mills, and to drop the present tentative rate to that point means that the city councillors will have to slash their figures by about \$86,000 Monday next when they meet in special session.

In the meanwhile the following items remain in jeopardy, although they have been incorporated in the estimates: Ten additional men to the fire department; the installation of a new switchboard at the central fire station; another slash of \$10,000 from the hospital estimates, and another \$10,000 from the board of works.

"U" WILL GET AT LEAST \$300,000 FROM ONTARIO

Sir Adam Beck Inclined To Believe 1924 Grant May Be Larger Still.

The University of Western Ontario will receive at least \$300,000 from the province of Ontario this year; in fact, Sir Adam Beck is inclined to believe that the grant may amount to considerably more than that.

In 1923 the university received only \$200,000, but should have been granted \$250,000 in accordance with the decree of the royal commission, which was appointed some years ago to investigate the needs of Canadian universities, and decide on the amount of grants that should go to them.

In the case of the University of Western Ontario the amount was to be \$250,000, but last year the grant was cut to \$200,000 by the Drury government, and this year it will be paid, bringing this year's grant up to \$300,000.

MEXICAN REBELS FORCED FROM STRONG POSITIONS

Associated Press Despatch.
Mexico City, March 29.—The rebels have been forced to evacuate several strong positions on the road to Oaxaca City, owing to the federal offensive begun on Wednesday, say dispatches to the war department. They give evidence, however, of flinching to offer further resistance, and General Jesus Aguirre has been ordered to co-operate in the campaign.

REPAIRS TO AEROPLANE NOT YET COMPLETED

Associated Press Despatch.
Rome, March 29.—The repairs to Stewart McLaren's round-the-world aeroplane, which arrived here yesterday, are not expected to be completed until tomorrow, when the British aviator and his companions hope to resume their flight in the direction of Brindisi.

CHIMNEY BLAZE.

Firemen responded to a chimney blaze at the home of Mrs. A. Peere, 53 Adelaide street, this morning at 9:30. The fire was extinguished with chemical and little damage done.

DEPARTMENT REDUCTIONS OPPOSED BY DOUGLASS

Chairman Believes Proposal of Mayor Would Be False Economy.

SATISFIED WITH WORK

Would Not Attribute "Petty Persecutions" to Any Commissioners.

Chairman Leonard Douglass of the city council finance committee will fight Mayor Wenige's proposals to reduce the strength of both the fire and police departments. "We are not the heads of these departments," he stated. "We must accept their recommendations. Else why have them as departmental heads?"

"I am certainly willing to co-operate with the mayor for a lower tax rate, but not to a point of false economy, and I think that would be the situation if we reduced the force of either the fire or police departments after hearing the recommendations from Fire Chief Attkin and Chief of Police Birrell."

From such evidence as was submitted at yesterday's session of the police commissioners, Chairman Douglass stated that "the police department is evidently being administered in good shape by Chief Birrell."

"If there is any 'petty persecution' as charged, it cannot be attributed to the orders of the chief or the commissioners," he stated, "or at least from such evidence as we received yesterday."

Ald. Douglass submits that if the chief's recommendation is to be accepted, and he fails to understand why it shouldn't be, the council would not be acting wisely to reduce the police estimates by \$10,000 in order to insure a cut in the number of police constables or sergeants.

CELL FOR MURRELL COST LONDON \$886.71

City Treasurer Receives Bill From County For Share of Work.

The city council has been billed for 65 per cent of the cost of the new steel cell at the Middlesex County court house (presumably for the use of Sidney Murrell), including the cost of installation, etc.

The city's share is \$886.71, according to City Treasurer Bell, being 65 per cent of the total, about \$1,365. The account goes forward to the council for approval. The city has no alternative, however, but to meet this expenditure.

G.W.V.A. PLANS TO STAGE YPRES DAY CELEBRATION

At the next general meeting of the G. W. V. A. to be held shortly, plans will be discussed for the celebrating of Ypres Day by the veterans on April 20. As in former years, a parade will be held.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today—East-erly gales, with sleet or rain. Sunday—Rain or sleet.

A storm of unusual intensity is approaching the Great Lakes from the westward.

The weather is now quite cold throughout the Dominion, excepting in the Maritime Provinces.

Temperatures.

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

Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria 44 32 Fair. Calgary 36 13 Cloudy. Winnipeg 28 4 Clear. Port Arthur 24 3 Cloudy. Cochrane 14 0 Fair. Toronto 50 32 Cloudy. Kingston 48 25 Cloudy. Ottawa 46 29 Fair. Montreal 42 22 Clear. Quebec 34 18 Clear. St. John 42 12 Clear. Halifax 34 30 Fair.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 51; lowest, 29. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 40; lowest, 32. Barometric Readings. Friday—8 p.m.—29.05. Today—8 a.m.—28.65.