

Local Labor Men Do Not Fear Communists :: Julia Arthur Likes Girl of Today

COMMUNIST CONTROL NOT FEARED BY LABOR

Smith's Election to Ontario Leadership Called Minor Victory.

CONVENTION ENDS

Should Be Warning, Though, Colbert Says—McKay Tells Situation.

The wisp of communism is only tingling on the surface of the Canadian Labor party.

This is the opinion of London labor leaders who attended the convention of the Ontario section of the party in Toronto on Saturday when A. E. Smith, a Communist, was elected president. The only increase in the prestige of the Communists according to Londoners and they do not view the situation with alarm.

Only Four On Executive. "There are only four Communists on the executive board of the party out of a total of eleven," stated John Colbert, president of the Individual Labor party, "The Advertiser," and while they may have returned the president their hands are tied in the matter of directing the affairs of the party.

The convention was unique in that it brought out the largest representation I have ever seen and there was a huge gallery of spectators. "The elevation of Smith to the presidency is in a way, a warning to trade unionists in Ontario. Labor will gain its ends in time in Canada and it is not necessary for it to turn to Russia to secure what it seeks. Public opinion will bring that in time."

"But trades unionists must take a greater interest in the political side of the labor movement to keep this Communist minority in its place and the election of Smith is an example. With only a few such thinkers in the country they have pushed themselves in as delegates wherever possible."

The same-thinking labor man, the man that seeks his ends by the ballot, must keep control of the Canadian Labor party to further its ends in this country."

No Need For Alarm. Ald. Frank McKay, who was another delegate to the conference, also sees no need for alarm in the return of a Communist president.

"There are only 850 Communists in Canada," stated Ald. McKay, "and they are not taken seriously by the workers of this country. But they keep working and showing themselves in wherever possible and there the danger, if any, lies. They organize their party in every city and give them the right to send many delegates to a convention, no matter how small the membership. The Communist party in London, for example, has sent 10 delegates to Toronto, three from the Ukrainian Communist party and three from the English Communist party. In London, where there were all three ready to vote, and I think three others attended from London representing trade unions."

Ald. McKay agrees with John Colbert that trades unionists must take a more general interest in the political side of labor in order to keep the undesired element from gaining power and ultimately gaining control.

BODIES TO BE EXHUMED IN SEARCH FOR POISON

Illinois Coroners Will Make a Thorough Probe in Cunningham Mystery.

Chicago, April 12.—The coroners of Cook county, Illinois, and Porter county, Indiana, prepared today to exhume the bodies of five members of the David Cunningham family to examine them for traces of poison.

Authorities doubted their efforts to untangle the mystery of five deaths and two cases of sudden convulsions in the family within six years when it was revealed that Mrs. Anna Cunningham, mother of the family, had attempted to kill herself.

She is guarded by an extra officer at the hospital here.

The condition of David Cunningham, 24, who is critically ill from poison was reported to be unchanged early today.

Mrs. Cunningham's attempt at suicide was thwarted yesterday when a police woman, who had been watching her, saw her tear the hem of a sheet from the bed and twist it around her neck.

A daughter, May 17, is the only other surviving member of the family and she has told of being stricken with a mysterious illness twice in the past year. After Mrs. Cunningham had been questioned by doctors and attended all day yesterday they pronounced her to be suffering from epileptic psychosis.

58 BODIES RECOVERED FROM RIVER IN GERMANY

Associated Press Despatch. Minden, Germany, April 12.—The bodies of fifty-eight victims of the pontoon bridge disaster on March 31 have been recovered from the Rhine. Soldiers who were crossing the bridge were still missing.

POEHLER FATALLY INJURED.

Associated Press Despatch. Berlin, April 12.—Dr. Poehler, former chief of police of Bavaria, one of the most prominent Bavarian reactionary leaders, has been fatally injured in an automobile accident near the Bavarian-Austrian frontier.

Dr. Poehler, premier, minister of interior, and foreign minister of Bavaria at various times, only recently was released from a fortress Landsberg, where he served a sentence for complicity in the Hitler-Bender revolt, which stirred Germany in 1923.

Brides Barred From Republic

Canadian Press Despatch.

Victoria, B. C., April 12.—Thirty Victoria brides are doomed to an involuntary separation from their husbands, owing to the United States authorities refusing to allow them to enter the republic. The young women are those brought to Canada in infancy or when but a few years old, and who married Canadian-born Britishers, now employed in the United States.

A. STILWELL IS GIVEN TWO-MONTH TERM

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suspended sentence as far as Stilwell was concerned, declaring that in his opinion, Stilwell was but a tool for someone else.

"The prisoner has been in ill-health for some time, and only recently got a job with the motor market," said Mr. Judd. He received an inducement of \$50 to help Hardy get the car from the Wilkinson garage. That was the reason I wanted him to give evidence. He had no business being there and the fact that he had been drinking is no excuse.

Suggests Leniency. "However I have no objection to a suspended sentence. This is without counsel and has been very frank. He told the truth so far as his part is concerned. His main idea was to keep his wife and four children from starving."

"Have you anything to say Stilwell?" "No sir."

"How old are you?" "Thirty-five."

The court then stated that he had given the case a good deal of thought since Saturday. Stilwell knew right from wrong and possibly if he had not been under the influence of liquor he would not have gone on the trip to Wilkinson's. However in the eyes of the law that was not an excuse. The prisoner was liable to three years in penitentiary with lashes under that section of the criminal code.

"I would like to do what the crown suggests, but I have my duty as a magistrate to perform," said Mr. Judd. "I do not feel justified in imposing suspended sentence, but I will give him a two-month term in lieu of the two months in the common jail."

Closely questioned by Mr. Judd at the trial, he admitted that he had gone to the Wilkinson farm with Gordon W. Hardy of Rectory street to take a road coupe from the Wilkinson garage. He had been promised \$50 for his help, Stilwell declared.

The prisoner admitted that he was under the influence of liquor at the time and that he had been at Hardy's house before leaving on the midnight trip to the Wilkinson home concession 5 London township.

Wife Present. Mrs. Stilwell, who was present in court, told the magistrate that her husband had never been in trouble before.

"If he hadn't been under the influence of liquor, he would never have done it," said Mrs. Stilwell with tears in her eyes.

"Were you pretty drunk when you left Hardy's place?" asked Magistrate Hawshaw.

"I wasn't sober," replied Stilwell. "Q.—Could you drive the car? A.—Yes, I think so."

"There is enough evidence to find you guilty," declared the court. "There is the evidence of Wilkinson and his daughter that you laid your hands on the car. You say you just pushed him, but he says you grabbed him by the throat."

"There is no record against this man," declared the crown attorney. "These two men, Stilwell and Hardy, went there with a common purpose. The Williams-Murrell case shows that they were in it together. If you find Stilwell guilty I would ask for a remand."

Not Prime Mover. "If what Stilwell says is true, there was no assault and the door of the garage was open. An easy way for him to prove it would be to have Hardy here. I don't believe this man was the prime mover in this thing."

Hardy, who was committed for trial at the same sessions of the county court last Friday on the same charge, and who was released on \$2,000 bail, was an interested spectator at the trial, occupying a seat in the lower row in the court room.

J. W. Wilkinson stated that Stilwell treated him roughly, grabbing him by the throat when witness tried to persuade him to leave the premises. The prisoner had threatened to murder him, Wilkinson declared. Stilwell had told him Hardy had attempted to take the car from the garage, which had been padlocked.

He identified a lock found in Stilwell's car as the one that had fastened the garage door.

High Constable Wharton stated that Stilwell had told him Hardy had promised him \$50 to help take the car, and that he (Hardy) had a lien note on it.

Advised To Take Stand. The court did not care to give any evidence, he told the court, but the crown attorney advised him to say something as there was a conspiracy charge against him.

Stilwell then stated that he had not grabbed Wilkinson by the throat, and declared the garage door was open when he and Hardy arrived, only to be discovered by Miss Wilkinson and her father.



WONDERFUL CHILD VIOLINIST.

Bettina Vega, 9-year-old prodigy violinist, daughter of Signor Vega of Toronto, whose ability marks her as one of Canada's future leading musicians. She is already filling professional concert engagements.

SEVEN HUNDRED ROTARIANS ON WAY

London Club Members Ready To Welcome International Visitors.

With a total of seven hundred expected, the London Rotary club heard reports from committees today on the convention to be held in the city Thursday and Friday of this week.

Fifty-seven clubs will be represented in London, according to a report presented to W. R. Vendall, chairman of the committees. Work of the various branches reported at the luncheon showed that the city is ready with its welcome for the visiting clubs. Programs outlining the details of the session will be ready for distribution tomorrow and several final meetings have been arranged to cover all details.

A meeting of the reception committee has been called for tomorrow night in the chamber of commerce rooms, and the first train of delegates is expected on Wednesday night.

During the luncheon, President Ait Grant presented Rev. Cunningham with a beautiful silver tray on behalf of the members, prior to his departure to Sarnia. The president paid tribute to Mr. Cunningham for his work in establishing the Rotary club in London.

Dan McAuley's orchestra provided splendid music during the luncheon and the members were started with the dexters accompaniment of Bert Baugh on the bones.

CANARY BILL IS CUT BY JUDGE OF COUNTY

Earl Dundas Burdened With Too Many Females, Is Finding.

Judge J. C. Judd, after listening to a lot of learned remarks on male and female canaries in division court, has reduced the canary bill of Wm. Giles from \$56 to \$40, finding that Mr. Giles was laden with too many female birds by Earl Dundas.

His honor held that male birds, which did all the chirping, numbered nine, and ruled they were worth \$3.00 each, while the females were worth only 50 cents each.

Dundas claimed there were fifteen males and 13 females in the lot he sold to Giles.

JUNIOR LEADERS' CORPS TO MEET FOR BIBLE TESTS

Eleven members of the junior leaders' corps of the Y. M. C. A. will meet in the association building tonight for Bible tests. For fifteen weeks W. H. Spearman, head of the boys' department, has been coaching the students from Bosworth's "Life of Jesus."

The following will write on the papers: George Tambling, Bud Foot, Frank Kennedy, Jack Gunn, Pierson Greene, Art Glen, Bill Younz, Walter Jacobs, Jack Daniel, Ernie Cronk-wright.

Next Monday night the same boys will write on "How to Conduct Business Meetings."

SCHOOL CHILDREN TO GET 3,200 PACKS OF SEEDS

Some 3200 packages of seeds will soon be distributed to 100 Middlesex public schools. R. A. Finn of the department of agriculture announces, when he was nineteen years old, the Mexican war veterans at the age of 38 with a fortune estimated at more than a million dollars. Most of the money was secured during the last five years, after he had spent thirteen years winning a reputation in Mexican, Spanish and other foreign arenas.

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New Autos Are Easter Feature

Special To The Advertiser. Sarnia, April 12.—Easter Sunday was graced by ideal weather. Many people took advantage of the ideal condition of the roads, and there seemed to be more new automobiles than new dresses on the streets of the city.

75,000 ACRES OF OATS PLANTED IN COUNTY

Like Amount Will Be Sown This Week If Fine Weather Holds.

Middlesex farmers have already planted 75,000 acres of oats and will plant another 75,000 acres this week if the weather man behaves properly. R. A. Finn of the department of agriculture stated today.

"There are a few sections, however, that need rain very badly," said Mr. Finn. "The ground has become so hard the farmers cannot plow. Seeding in general is about half through. The weather has been ideal and a great improvement on last year's brand."

SHAD SEKS OTHER WATERS SOUTHERN STATES REPORT

Associated Press Despatch. Columbia, S.C., April 12.—Searcity of shad found along the south Atlantic coast, as compared with the numbers caught in former years, is causing apprehension in the minds of members of the boards of fisheries of various southeastern states, it was stated in the annual report of the South Carolina board to the state legislature.

While in 1907, fishermen along the coast of this state caught 110,000 shad, this year the catch amounted to only 62,380 and 25,000 of these were caught several miles at sea.

Many methods of replenishing the shad have been tried, among which were fish hatcheries, pen smelting and time limits upon the shad season.

GRASS FIRES HALTED. The fire department responded to two grass fires today, both of which were extinguished before serious damage was caused. The first alarm blaze started at 10:10 o'clock. The fire was on property at the corner of Colborne street. Another fire at 11:15 princess avenue gave the department a run shortly after 1 o'clock.

BELLS TOLL AS TOREADOR BIDS BULL RING GOODBYE

Mexico's Premier Fighter Retires From Arena After Killing 1,807 Animals During His Eighteen-Year Career.

Mexico City, April 12.—Rodolfo Gaona, Mexico's premier toreador, made his farewell appearance yesterday here before the biggest crowd that ever attended a bull fight during the 400 years the Spanish national sport has been in existence in the western hemisphere.

The throng overflowed the seating capacity of the world's largest bull ring, which had been increased from 20,000 to 22,000, and saw the youthful son of Rodolfo cut off his father's "coleta" or queue.

During the queue-cutting ceremony a large bell in a tower, copied from that of the cathedral in the state of Guanajuato, where Gaona was born, tolled. Massed military bands played "La Golondrina" ("The Swallow"), Mexico's famous farewell song.

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ELLIOTT BOOSTED FOR COURT "PLUM"

First Division Court Vacancy Stirs Local Conservative Circles.

Local Tory ranks are more than flattered by the report that George Elliott, M.L.A., North Middlesex, may be given the appointment of first division court clerk in London.

The heads of the local Conservative machine are at their wits end to smooth away the bitter quarrels that have arisen in the party over the disposal of this particular Tory plum, and it is now thought that by giving the job to Elliott, as the London applicants will be more or less satisfied, but the accent will be on the "less," one of the Tory chieftains confidentially whispered today.

All admit, however, that the "gift" is Sir Adam Beck's and belongs to nobody else.

"What will Sir Adam do?" is the heart-burning question some 250 party stalwarts are asking. It is the main topic of conversation around the Conservative club day and night. In his stance both on local and national level, Sir Adam is known to be "close" to Sir Adam, is opposed by numerous of his political friends. They point out that Mr. Childs gets about \$3,000 a year out of the job of issuing motor car licenses for this district, and why should he get another \$5,000 position, which he could run in addition to his insurance business?

Tom Jones, contractor, is the pick of the "Beck wing." Mr. Jones has been a bulwark of Toryism in Ward 3 and is an ex-ardent. Mr. Jones should get the job, his friends declare.

Joseph Scandrett, brother of Tom Scandrett, who is a power in local blue circles, is also among those "mentioned." Mr. Scandrett recently retired from the grocery business and would make a splendid division court clerk, other Tories state.

The Dennis church of the Tory machine is not putting up any candidates for the job, one of the members stated today. He pointed out that a Dennis man wouldn't have a chance of getting the job, and that it would be just a waste of time in going after it.

COUNCILS ATTEND FUNERAL OF MRS. ALEX. CLUNIS

Special To The Advertiser. Blenheim, April 12.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Alex Clunis, wife of Reeve Alex Clunis, was held yesterday from the residence, Talbot street east. The services were conducted by Rev. W. Scott Galbraith, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and were in charge of the ladies' aid society. The deceased was a member of the council and the town council attended the funeral. The funeral was held at 11 o'clock.

Interment took place in Evergreen cemetery. The town flag was at half-mast today.

BURNING GRASS SETS BOTHWELL HOUSE AFIRE

Bothwell, April 12.—The fire department received a call from the residence of Mrs. John Crotty, burning grass caused the house to catch fire near the foundation. It was particularly hard to extinguish. It was the third call of the week.

CAMLACHIE YOUNG PEOPLE PUT ON 3-ACT COMEDY

Camlachie, April 12.—The young people of school section No. 10, on the three-act comedy, "And Home Came Ted," in the I. O. O. F. hall. The hall was filled to capacity. Receipts were \$85. Those taking the parts were: Miss Edna Lamont, Earl Gra, Miss Gladys Mathews, Ken Cates, Miss Myrtle Cairns, Edward Patterson, Miss Margaret Patterson, Miss Dorothy Cates, Cameron McLean, Carman Mathews, Cliff Patterson, Fred Symington.

BICYCLE IS STOLEN

A bicycle owned by Peter Christopher, 592 Adelaide street, was stolen from the rear of St. Mary's church last night, according to a report at police station. The wheel was a Red Bird bearing serial number C-9883.

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APPEAL FOR DESTITUTE MINERS MADE BY BISHOP

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, April 12.—An appeal on behalf of the destitute miners in the coal district of Nova Scotia was made by the Right Rev. J. C. Roper, bishop of Ottawa, in the course of a sermon preached last night in St. Luke's church.

After asserting that the public had not been "clearly informed" of the details of the disaster, the bishop said he considered an informed public was one of the greatest securities against strikes.

MRS. V. FRANK, RESIDENT OF FIFTEEN YEARS, DIES

Mrs. Violet Frank, for the past fifteen years a resident of London, died at Victoria hospital this morning. She had been ill for many months. Surviving are her husband and six small children.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon from the G. E. Logan funeral home at 2:30 o'clock. Interment is to be made in Mount Pleasant cemetery.

HIGHS MAY LOSE 2 DEPARTMENTS

Feeling That Manual Training, Household Science Is Superlative, Grows.

Manual training and household science are likely to be eliminated from the London collegiate institutes in the very near future.

Spoken to by the Advertiser today the proposal to do away with these two departments was endorsed by Trustee A. Roy Cairncross, vice-chairman of the board; Trustee Rev. R. D. Mess, M.M., and Chairman S. F. Lawason.

The consensus of opinion is that since London has such a splendid technical and commercial high school, where instruction can be secured in both manual training and household science, the teaching of these courses is unnecessary and altogether too expensive in the collegiate institute.

Mr. Cairncross favors the elimination of the two departments in the collegiate wholly upon the score of economy. He agrees with Administrator V. K. Greer, M. A., however, in his stance both on local and national level, Sir Adam is known to be "close" to Sir Adam, is opposed by numerous of his political friends.

The vice-chairman voices the opinion that the saving of \$25,000 or more can be effected in the erection of the new east end collegiate by the elimination of the two departments, aside from the equipment, which would come later.

Mr. Mess holds that it would cost \$14,000 per annum to maintain manual training and household science departments in each of the three collegiate units. He argues also that time spent on this work in the colleges is given by the students at the expense of attention to their academic studies.

The proposal to take the manual training and household science departments out of the central colleges and not to so equip either the new east or the future south collegiate which was made by Trustee Mrs. John Barret, at the last meeting held by the board last week, will be discussed by the board at the special meeting called for Friday afternoon of this week.

CYCLE CRASH VICTIMS ARE MUCH IMPROVED

John Barret and Daughter of Toronto Were Injured Last Night.

John Barret of Toronto and his daughter, Miss Mary Ellis Barret, 21 year old, who were injured at the corner of Dundas and Maitland streets last night, when the motorcycle in which they were driving crashed with a motor car driven by Reginald Wigglesworth, 188 Emery street, have shown considerable improvement in their condition, according to doctors at a Victoria hospital.

Mr. Barret suffers from severe cuts about the face, Miss Barret had her nose broken. Both are expected to be in full condition to leave the hospital tomorrow.

S. A. OFFICERS WILL AID IN WELFARE DRIVE

Team of Fourteen Selected in London To Help Collect Funds.

A team of fourteen officers has been selected by the Salvation Army in London to help in the collection work of the United Welfare Fund. This team, which will be in charge of Commandant Hurd, is composed of Major Joseph Higdon, Commandant Sharp, Adjutant Ludwick Ursaki, Adjutant Joseph Woolcott, Adjutant Smith, Ensign W. A. Ensign, Ensign Ensign, Ensign Luxton, Ensign Thompson, Ensign Kirbyson, Captain Nevill, Lieut. Kirldon.

MRS. MARY ANN SIMONS DIES FROM LONG ILLNESS

Following a long illness, Mrs. Mary Ann Simons died this morning in her 72nd year. She was the mother of Mrs. William Shotton of this city and had been residing at the latter's home, 1225 York street.

The funeral is to be held from the G. E. Logan funeral home on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock with interment in Mount Pleasant cemetery.

FORMER KINTORE FARMER PASSES IN HOSPITAL

George Wellington Gullinger, 37 years old, formerly a well-known farmer of Kintore, died at Victoria hospital last night following a long illness. He is survived by his wife and three small children.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday afternoon from the G. E. Logan funeral home. Interment is to be made in Kintore cemetery with Rev. Mr. McDonald of the Kintore Presbyterian church officiating at the services.

GODERICH RESTAURANT WINS PRIZE FOR WINDOW

Special To The Advertiser. Goderich, April 12.—Mrs. J. C. Wilson, proprietor of a local restaurant, has received a check for \$30 from a Kitchener firm, being first prize in a contest for window trims of a certain make of candy.

Julia Arthur Lives Quietly Wrapped Up In Her Work Which Just Now Is "Joan"



DAVID LLOYD GEORGE

The first picture of Mr. Lloyd George since his recent illness shows him leaving his home for the House of Commons to take part in the protocol debate.

WILL TRANSFORM CITY INTO GREAT WHITE WAY

Myriad of Electric Bulbs For Rotary Conference To Be Tested Tonight.

When darkness falls tonight downtown London will be flooded with the brilliant light shed from a myriad of electric bulbs. For a week the staff of the Broderick street decorators of Seaford have been decorating the streets for the district Rotary conference here on Thursday and Friday.

At noon today J. J. Broderick announced that 1,500 lamps and 500 flags were in place. The men have been working a week placing the streamers on Dundas street between Talbot and Wellington and on Richmond street from the Tecumseh hotel to Queen's avenue.

The wires were tapped in a canal of five men this afternoon. The first test will be made tonight when the streets will take on a carnival appearance. The number of electric bulbs used would be sufficient to illuminate nearly 100 houses of moderate size.

If the test made tonight finds everything correct there will be little more to do before the 800 delegates from Rotary clubs in the 18th district begin to pour into the city on Thursday.

CAR BADLY SMASHED WHEN HIT BY TROLLEY

Sedan Proceeding Over King-Richmond Street Intersection Caught Broadside.

Failing to notice northbound Richmond car No. 160 at 12:50 noon today a young man driving a sedan across the Richmond and King streets intersection had his car badly damaged.

The sedan was travelling south behind a larger car. The driver turned sharply to proceed east on King and was caught broadside by the street car. Fortunately the car was moving slowly, but the running board and fenders of the motor car, which was firmly wedged around the street car fender. No one was injured.

BURNING STEAMSHIP IS SAVED BY FIRE TUGS

Associated Press Despatch. Philadelphia, April 12.—Fire boats from this city, summoned by wireless last night, succeeded in bringing under control a blaze in the number three hold of the Italian steamship Valrossa in the Delaware River south of Wilmington, Del.

For a time the flames threatened Cook county, Illinois, and Porter county, Indiana, prepared today to exhume the bodies of five members of the David Cunningham family to examine them for traces of