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TOMORROW—SHOWERS, COOLER.

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LONGWOOD LINK WILL BE PAVED

Tax Rate Now 36 Mills; Last 3 Days Brings Building Boom

TAX RATE JUMPS UP ONE MILL

Mothers' Allowance Appropriation Overlooked Previously, Is Now Included.

OPINIONS ARE VARIED

School Question Main Item For Consideration at Meeting Tonight.

The tentative tax rate for 1925 today jumped to 33.31 mills and almost wiped out the possibility of a rate of less than 35 mills being definitely established. Inclusion of a necessary \$22,000 appropriation for mothers' pensions boosted the estimate by two-thirds of a mill today.

Strenuous efforts are being made by school trustees and members of the hospital trust to secure full amount of appropriations asked. It is understood that claims will be made at tonight's council meeting that the hospital trust cannot possibly get along, following an \$18,000 cut ordered by council committee.

Launch Program.

The board of education will launch a \$354,000 building program this year if success is met tonight. In spite of the high rate of taxation that will ensue, expectations today are held that opposition to the building program will not be sufficient to kill it. It is virtually impossible to have a tax rate of less than 35 mills and provide the school board with funds for building.

However, opinion in council circles today is that aldermen will tonight view the school question with much greater favor than previously. Just the same, aldermen are not discussing the matter to any great extent and are forming opinions without comment.

Beyond Reason.

"Taxes are going beyond all realms of reason," declared Ald. L. H. Douglass today, in striking a note of economy. "We ought to have a rate of 23.5 mills, and we can't have new schools if we have a rate that low."

The mayor declared that he wants very much to keep the rate down as low as possible, lower than 35 mills maybe.

It is not likely that the final rate will be struck tonight. The council has already dealt with most departments under city hall jurisdiction and cuts have been effected in almost every case. The school board's opposition will be the chief item tonight.

ITALIAN KING RECEIVES PREMIER MUSSOLINI

Rome, March 26.—Premier Mussolini was received this morning by King Victor Emmanuel, who congratulated him upon his recovery from his recent illness. The Italian sovereign and the Fascist premier remained in conference more than half an hour. Upon his exit Mussolini expressed satisfaction with his conversation with the king.

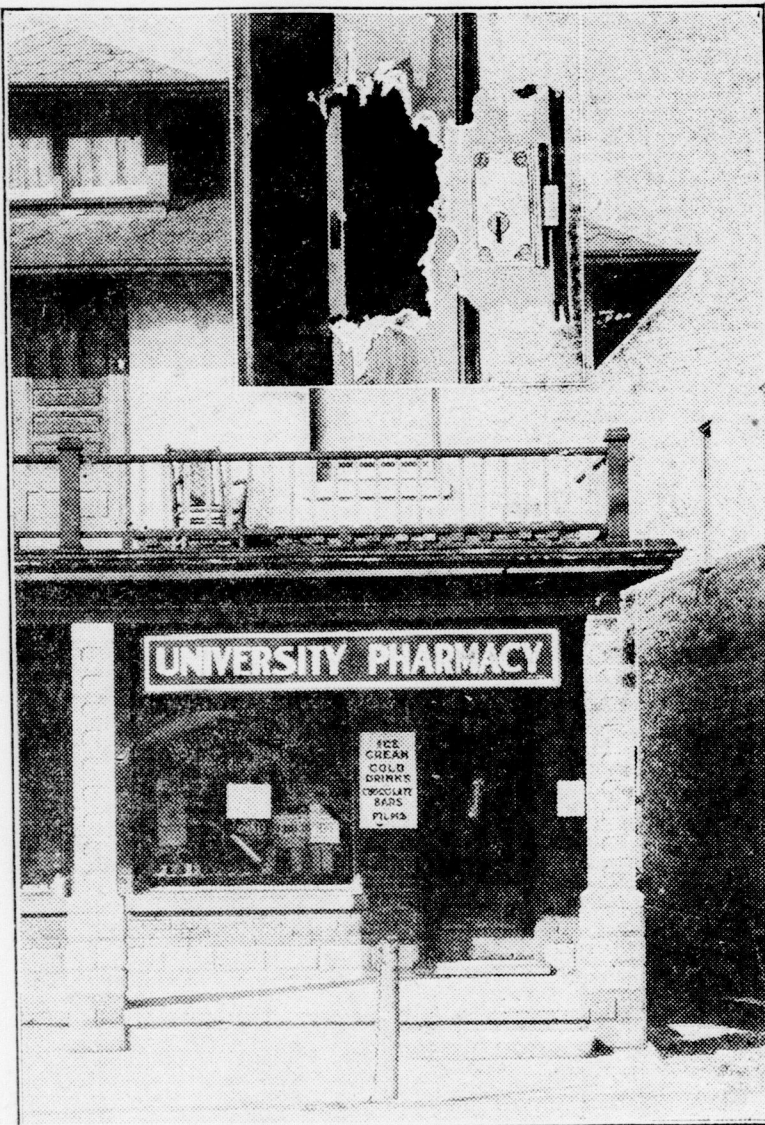
The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today—South-
erly winds; fair
and warmer.
Friday—Show-
ery at first, fol-
lowed by strong
westerly winds
and a change to
cooler.
A trough of low
pressure, which
now extends from
Hudson Bay southward across Lake
Superior to the Missouri valley, is moving
quickly eastward, while pronounced
high pressure is spreading over the
western provinces and northwest states.
The weather has become milder in
Ontario and Quebec and somewhat
cooler in the western provinces.

The highest and lowest temperatures
previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Stations. High Low Weather
Victoria 50 38 Clear
Calgary 38 24 Clear
Winnipeg 45 34 Cloudy
Port Arthur 58 38 Cloudy
S. S. Marie 50 32 Cloudy
Toronto 42 32 Cloudy
Kingston 42 32 Fair
Ottawa 50 32 Fair
Montreal 46 36 Clear
Quebec 42 32 Cloudy
St. John 40 24 Fair
Halifax 36 30 Clear

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures
recorded in London during the 24 hours
previous to 8 o'clock last night were:
Highest, 50; lowest, 32.
The official temperatures for the 12
hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest, 46; lowest, 30.
Sun rises at 6:11 a.m. and sets at
6:37 p.m.
Barometric readings.
Wednesday—5 p.m., 29.22.
Today—8 a.m., 29.11.



SCENE OF NORTH-END ROBBERY.

The United Pharmacy, 109 Richmond street, shown above, was entered last night by robbers, who stole more than \$200 worth of candy, tobacco and other supplies. From the manner in which entrance was gained, by boring holes with a brace and bit in the wood around the door lock, shown in the insert, and from the fact that no door nor money was stolen, police believe the robbery was committed by boys.

DOOR RIDDLED IN THEFT FROM NORTH-END STORE

Will Make Short Ones Look Tall

Associated Press Despatch.

Chicago, March 26.—Wider trousers, tapering to the shoes, worn with suspenders bright and vivid colors, and suits so designed as to establish the illusion of extreme height in the wearer, will mark next fall's styles for men, according to advance models at a style show here.

TWO MORE ARE DEAD AS RESULT OF FIRE

Fourth Member of Quebec Family Dying—Home Destroyed Tuesday.

Canadian Press Despatch.
St. Philippe de Neri, Kamouraska, Que., March 26.—Three are dead and a fourth is dying as the result of a fire here Tuesday. Marie Cressance Chamberland, aged seven, Cyprien Chamberland, aged 72, grandfather of the young girl, and Mrs. Wilfred Chamberland, the girl's mother, have all succumbed to their injuries, while another member of the family is dying. The fire was caused by pouring gasoline into a stove, and destroyed the house in which the family was living. Mrs. Chamberland died this morning, while the grandfather died a few hours before. The little girls having succumbed to her injuries a short time after the fire broke out.

CHAMBER OF MINES IS ORGANIZED IN ONTARIO

Canadian Press Despatch.
Fort William, Ont., March 26.—Organization of the northwest Ontario chamber of mines was completed yesterday at meetings here. H. Harkness was elected president, M. Hayne vice-president, and T. Owens secretary-treasurer. The chamber of mines will collect data on mineral properties in this locality and hold it available for those wishing to familiarize themselves with the natural advantages of the district. It was decided to invite Hon. Charles McCrea, minister of mines, to Fort William to address the chamber at an early date.

NEW PACT ASKED FOR RAILWAY

Smith Does Not Believe Railway Board Will Be Called In.

FARE SATISFACTORY

States Situation Has Become a Joke and Calls For Immediate Action.

Drafting of a new agreement with the London Street Railway Company is today advocated by Ald. Edwin Smith as the next move towards settlement of the city's transportation problem. He declares that the five-cent fares should hold for the time, but that the city ought to prepare immediately for a new agreement with the company, an agreement which would be for five, ten or fifteen years, but not more.

"We can't get anywhere by the present policy," declared Ald. Smith today. "The fare question has gotten to be a joke. The people don't mind paying five-cent fares. And we can't expect the company to promise anything definitely until we offer them a new agreement."

Ald. Smith was in Toronto yesterday with T. G. Meredith, city solicitor, and today the ward four representative expressed the opinion that the railway question here would be fixed up with satisfaction all round. He does not believe, that the railway board will be brought in.

"I am going to bring in a motion for a new agreement with the company right away," said Ald. Smith.

First Straw Hat Graces Season

Comfort, Not Style, Is Sought by Owner.

At least one straw hat in London has had its first outing this year. Not its first year, perhaps, but its first time in the open this season.

An elderly gentleman was observed in his garden, collecting rubbish and generally tidying up, and he wore a straw hat. It was old, sunburnt and a bit disreputable. The band was a moldy green, and the brim has a gas.

"Who's ahead of the season," he grunted when asked if he was not a bit premature in the matter of his hat. "Temperature is the only thing that makes a season. The date is nothing to do with it. I felt hot and I changed my cap for this old relic. That's all. If I'm out of style it cannot be helped. As long as I am comfortable, that's all I'm worrying about."

LABOR MAY COMPRISE ONE-THIRD PARLIAMENT

One of Proposals For Reform of Italian Constitution.

Associated Press Despatch.
Rome, March 25.—One of the chief recommendations to be presented by the commission of eighteen for revision of the Italian constitution is that one-third of the parliament be composed of representatives of labor unions, it is declared in press reports on the commission's work.

Among the other changes reported to be in process of evolution is a provision requiring all workers to become members of a big union, divided only in categories such as metal workers, carpenters, etc. The proposition would also provide compulsory arbitration of all labor disputes.

MOTORISTS AT OWN RISK WHEN ON CHESTER STREET

Motor cars that travel on Chester street, ordering on Westminster township, do so at their own risk. Deputy Reeve Boler stated this morning, following a conference with City Engineer Near.

Chester street has been in a deplorable state for several weeks, owing principally to the fact that a sewer was laid along the street last fall.

Mr. Boler states that a number of motor cars have been badly mired that it was necessary to drag them out with teams.

"The engineer is dragging the road today and tomorrow, which should help a lot," commented Mr. Boler.

PARENTS MUST KEEP BOYSHOME

Delinquent Citizens Will Be Brought Into Court and Fined.

ACTION IS STARTED

Law States Youngsters Must Not Idle on Street After Nine o'Clock.

Action will be taken to punish parents who permit children to run at large late at night, according to a statement made this morning. The mayor has taken up with police and juvenile court authorities sections of the children's protection act and as a result steps will be taken to prosecute delinquent parents.

The section of the act to which the mayor and other authorities draw attention reads: "(1) No child shall loiter in any public place after 9 o'clock in the evening or be there unless accompanied by his parents or guardian or an adult appointed by the parent or adult to accompany such child."

SHOT DOWN BY MANIAC, DOCTOR NOT IMPROVED

Telegram States Dr. George Wilson Still Lies in Critical Condition.

Dr. George Wilson, formerly of this city, who was shot through the shoulder by a maniac at his home in Vancouver on Tuesday, remains in a serious condition at the Vancouver general hospital, according to a telegram received by his brother, Dr. James D. Wilson, of London, this morning.

Little change for the better has been reported, the telegram stating that Dr. Wilson was "struggling." Dr. James Wilson sent two telegrams to Vancouver this morning to gain further information regarding his brother's condition.

The shooting happened on Tuesday morning, when a crazed man called at Dr. Wilson's office and at close quarters fired a bullet through his shoulder. The maniac was immediately placed under arrest and remanded to jail.

Dr. Wilson is a very well known in London. He practiced here for a number of years prior to the war. After his return from France he took up his residence in Vancouver.

PICKS, SHOVELS AND RAKES AT WORK IN C.N.R. YARDS

The Canadian National railway yards are undergoing a thorough house-cleaning. This morning a work train hauled by one of the veteran engines of the old Grand Trunk steamed into the yards with a gang of men.

From several cars stepped the workmen, armed with picks, shovels and rakes. They will clean up the yards from one end to the other.

WITH THE PRINCE

G. Ward Price, Famous Foreign Correspondent, Will Accompany the Prince of Wales on Tour as Representative of The London Advertiser—Watch for Mr. Price's Despatches.

Tour South Africa and South America with the Prince of Wales. The world's most famous globe-trotter will leave England on Saturday on the fourth and last of his imperial trips to the vast empire he will some day rule. He will visit all parts of the British dominions he has not yet seen.

When the prince sets foot in West Africa on April 4 he will face a prospect as enchanting as any that ever befell a fairy prince out of Grimm or Anderson.

The tour will be graphically described for The Advertiser by G. Ward Price, famous special correspondent of the London Daily Mail. Through arrangements with the Daily Mail, readers of The Advertiser will be able to follow each step of the swing through two continents.

G. Ward Price's work as a war and foreign correspondent has won him an international reputation. He was with the Turkish army in the Balkan war of 1912, with the French army at the battle of the Marne, with the Belgian army on the Yser, and at the Dardanelles. He was appointed official war correspondent for the whole of the London press at the Dardanelles, and in Saloniki in 1915. His "The Story of Saloniki" is one of the outstanding books published on the war.



SWAM IN THAMES YESTERDAY.

Harold "Mickey" McIntosh (left) and Raymond "Red" Askew (right) couldn't wait until the 24th of May to indulge in spring's first swim. They are bathing enthusiasts and yesterday, at the rear of the Trafalgar public school, discarded all their clothes to plunge in the water of the Thames. They claim to have set a record in London for early bathing. "The water was cold," they said this morning, "but it sure was fun."

Spring Building Greets City With \$40,000 In Permits Issued In Last Three Days

Inspector Receives Twenty-Four Applications as Spring Boom Starts.

SOME IMPROVEMENTS

In the past three days 24 building permits have been issued from the office of the acting building inspector, eight of these authorizing the construction of dwelling houses. Nearly \$40,000 worth of building will become possible through these permits.

Dwelling houses authorized are: J. Hill, \$4,900, 14 Southgate; G. Burrows, \$3,500, 136 Adelaide; J. Cornwall, two at \$1,600 each, Hyla avenue; A. Livey, \$2,700, 50 Glenwood; Sid Jones, \$13,000, Regent; J. Murphy, two at \$2,000 each.

Other permits issued include: Sid Jones, \$250 garage, Piccadilly; Hyatt brothers, \$1,100 repairs, 238 Clarence; Hyatt brothers, \$300 re-roofing, 122 Carling; T. Copp, \$350 metal shed, 85 York; G. W. Baker, \$100, re-roofing, 372 Maitland; J. Welner, \$100 garage, 422 King; M. Kilmer, \$1,500 alterations, 360 Colborne; W. E. Dodd, \$400 addition, 289 Queen's; T. E. Clarke, \$150, garage, 750 Maitland; H. W. Chandler, \$125, window, 327 Ridout; R. Mitchell, \$200 veranda, 163 John; W. E. Dreaney, A. Wicks, \$150, veranda, 464 Pall Mall; O. H. Moxley, \$300, garage, 50 Glenwood.

Bachelors Are Taught to Cook

Associated Press Despatch.

London, March 26.—Bachelors are being taught to cook at a school opened recently at Battersea, one of the London boroughs. The purpose of the authorities is to show unmarried men how to help themselves and be a bit more independent of the restaurants. The teacher is a woman.

U. S. WARSHIPS FAIL TO HIT AIR TARGETS

Forty-Four Guns Fire Twenty Rounds at Dummies Towed by Planes.

Associated Press Despatch.
San Pedro, Cal., March 26.—Forty-four anti-aircraft guns on the eleven dreadnoughts, in twenty rounds of fire during practice yesterday, failed to hit the eight sleeve targets towed by aeroplanes at about 6,000 feet altitude, according to officers on the U.S.S. Aroostock, aeroplane tender. Seventy miles off shore, these mighty fortified floating cities, dashing in battle line at a speed of 18 knots (20½ miles) an hour, cut loose with all the gunnery power they had. It was the supreme test of their effectiveness, against an enemy fleet represented by towed targets simulating battleships, floating targets indicating destroyers, and aerial sleeves of cloth towed by bombing aeroplanes representing enemy aircraft.

WOMEN SEEK REMOVAL OF COMMERCIALIZED VICE

Canadian Press Despatch.
Montreal, March 26.—A representative delegation of ladies from the various societies of Montreal waited on Mayor Duquette yesterday at the city hall and presented a petition endorsed by some fifty-five societies, asking the city authorities to "remove the unspeakable blot of tolerated commercialized vice." The delegation arose from the report prepared by Mr. Justice Coderre, who presided at the recent police investigation, and who made a pitiless condemnation of certain conditions existing in this city.

WILL PAVE 20-MILE STRETCH

Twenty-Mile Section From Delaware to Strathburn To Be Constructed This Year.

DEPUTATION HEARD

Hon. G. S. Henry Tells Middlesex Officials Request Will Gain Favorable Action.

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Correspondent.

Toronto, March 26.—Consideration for several requests bearing upon highways matters in Middlesex county, was promised by Hon. G. S. Henry, minister of public works and highways, to a deputation from the county council which waited on him at Queen's Park today.

The deputation, consisting of Warden Allan McPherson, ex-Warden William Ross and J. S. Cousins of Westminster township, asked for continuation of the "movement of the Longwood road to Strathburn; for the elimination of deep ditches in Westminster township, and for the extension of the suburban area through Hyde Park and the paving of the Sarnia gravel road in preference to the fifth concession road.

With reference to the Longwood road, Warden McPherson pointed out that if the full 20 miles were paved at once, detours would only be necessitated for one season, instead of being extended over two years.

"The deputation is thinking along that line," Hon. Mr. Henry admitted. The minister also announced that legislation is now being drafted, which will provide for the return to villages of 75 per cent of the expenditure on township roads, and to towns of 50 per cent of their expenditure.

In the matter of Westminster township drainage, Mr. Henry explained that the present deep ditches were in the nature of an experiment, and that the department's future policy would depend on how they worked out.

Speaking in support of the proposal to the paving of the Sarnia gravel road, Mr. Ross stated that public opinion in the district involved legislation is now being drafted, which will provide for the return to villages of 75 per cent of the expenditure on township roads, and to towns of 50 per cent of their expenditure.

GUELPH TAX RATE HAS BEEN SET AT 39.12 MILLS

Canadian Press Despatch.
Guelph, March 26.—The tax rate for the city of Guelph was definitely fixed at 39½ mills at the council meeting last night. There was little opposition to the rate, the members of the council believing the increase of nearly three mills over last year as essential to meet the requirements for the current year. Recognition was given to the demands of the general hospital for funds to meet overdrafts and to provide a new and modern heating plant, and debentures will be issued to meet the latter requirement.

DAVID KIRKWOOD REFUSES PROTECTION OF THE POLICE

Associated Press Despatch.
London, March 26.—The Daily Mail says that David Kirkwood, Labor member of parliament, has received so many threatening letters in consequence of his attacks on the Prince of Wales in the House of Commons and elsewhere, that the Glasgow branch of the National Union of Railwaymen has taken up the matter with the home secretary. The latter is said to have promised Mr. Kirkwood full investigation of the threats and to have offered him police protection, which he has refused.

Today's Radio

Radio programs, which The Advertiser has been publishing one day in advance, are now being published for "today" in response to requests from subscribers.

Radio programs of all leading stations appear daily in the right-hand column of the comics page—see page 15 today.