Weather-Fair and colder

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Delegates at Meeting This Morning Want Estimates of the Probable Earnings and Much Other Matter Relative to Road-Trip Over L. and P. S. This Afternoon.

The proposed electrification of the London, Huron and Bruce Rallway was the subject of discussion at a large meeting of delegates and members of the special local committee held in the city council chamber on Wednesday forenoon, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"That the hydro-electric power commission of Ontario be requested to approach the Dominion Government with a view to acquiring, leasing or securing running rights over what is known as the London, Huron and Bruce Rallway, on behalf of the municipalities through which it passes.

"That the commission be also requested with a report showing that the estimated cost of the line, equipped ready for satisfactory service, together with an estimate of the probable future earnings, operating costs, etc.. as provided by the radial rallway act, "That copies of this resolution be sent to the secretary of said commission and to the department of railways and canals, Ottawa, respectively, as well as a request to the councils of the various municipalities interested, asking them to take similar action."

Mayor Little, in welcoming the delegates, said he appreciated the fine response which had been made by the various municipalities interested in accepting the invitation of the special committee to come and discuss the probable of the probable for the probable of the various municipalities interested in accepting the invitation of the special committee to come and discuss the probable of the probable of the probable of the various municipalities interested in accepting the invitation of the special committee to come and discuss the probable of the probable

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Common Practice.

cepting the invitation of the special committee to come and discuss the problem.

Ald. J. C. Wilson was voted to the hair, and briefly supplemented the mayor's remarks. He then called upon raffly Pocock, vice-chairman of the condon railway commission, to address a meeting of the condon railway commission, to address a meeting of the condon railway commission, to address a meeting of the condon railway commission, to address a meeting of the condon railway commission, to address a meeting of the condon railway commission, to address a meeting of the condon railway commission and condon railway commission. electrification if the reports of the en-

gineers were favorable.

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Prof. L. A. Wood Gives Fig-WOULD COST \$4,000,Q00 Price of Material Has Ad-

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gathered in. Martin, a lad of 16 years of age, was arrested shortly afterward at Gravenhurst. Then followed the capture of Spaulding at his home, the arrest of Meharg at his father's home near St. Thomas, and the capture of proposal to electrify the L., H. and B., Horning at Whitby. figures were given by Professor L. A.

## [Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Feb. 23.—With the purpose of further preserving the Independence of parliament, Andrew McMaster, of Brome, has placed on the order paper a public bill which provides that no minister of the crown shall at the same time be a director in any complex of the costs of the crown shall at the same time be a director in any complex of the costs of the crown shall at the same time be a director in any complex of the costs of the crown shall at the same time be a director in any complex of the costs of construction and equipment for electric roads during the period 1915-21. Professor Wood indicate the rise in costs of construction and equipment and equipment of the costs of the construction and equipment of the costs of the construction and equipment of the costs of construction and equipment of the costs of the construction and equipment of the costs of the construction and equipment of the costs of **PARLIAMENT SUMMARY**

PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY. Ottawa, Feb. 23 .- In the Com-

A spirited debate took place to ward the close of the night session, when H. H. Stevens (Vancouver Centre) was speaking. William Duff challenged some of his remarks with regard to Hon. Mackenzie King, and the Speaker Intervened. Mr. Stevens challenged the leader of the Opposition and the Liberals generally to resign and seek a test in a general election. Hon. C. J. Doherty, C. J. Fournier, Arthur Trahan, W. E. Fulton and Dr. Fontaine were among the other

speakers.
Several Important amendments to the regulations governing locations in the Mackenzie River oil fields were approved by cabinet council. Western Unionists at caucus yesterday declared freight rates a menace to the wheat growing in-Speaker Bolduc of the Senate and

The bill provides a period of fitteen days for retirement following election to the ministry and the penalty for following election to the ministry and the penalty for failure to do so within the specified time is forfeiture of the offender's scat, in parliament. As somewhat similar provision is a contained in the Railway act which declares that no member of the Railway Commission shall be addirector of, or interested in any company or organization coming under the jurisdiction of the board. Fifty days is given to get fid of such connections. One of the courts of appeal from the Railway Commission is the Cabinet. It would therefore seem natural that the same rule should apply to the members of the latter body.

There are few members of the Cabinet who would not be affected by this bill should it pass. Some of them, are directors of one or more. If the parliamentary guide Hon. F. B. McCurdy, minister of public works, is described as director of the Nova Scotia Car Works, Eastern Trust Company and Halifax Electric Tramways. Hon C. C. Ballantyne, minister of marine, is a director of the Shewin Williams Paint Company, Limited, "and several other companies." Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, is a director of the Montreal City and District Savings Bank, and so on and so forth.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLDER. Toronto, Feb. 23—8 am.

Today—West to northwest winds; light snowfalls and flurries, and becoming the colder. Speaker Rhodes of the House of Commons were sworn in as privy councillors. The debate was adjourned by C. R. Harrison (Nipissing) at 10:30 p.m. in the Senate: Senator Crosby and Hon. P. E.

Blondin continued the debate on the Senator Lynch - Staunton gave notice of a bill to amend the gold and silver marking act.
Senator Power asked permission of the chamber to disassociate the department of soldiers' civil re-

establishment from his criticism of

the government's administration.
Senator Turiff adjourned the debate at 10 o'clock.
PARLIAMENT TODAY. Amendments to election act governing lists for the Ontarlo prohi-bition referendum will be up for second reading.

House will resume sittings at 2 o'lock. No night sitting.

Senate today: Chamber will resume sittings at 2 o'clock, and continue debate on the throne speech. There will be no

night sitting. STILL SUFFERING AS

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—Canadian; Press.— Sir Robert Borden is still confined to his bed suffering from the effects of a heavy fall which he sustained while

ESTABLISH NEW SERVICE. Havana, Feb. 23.—Establishment of a new service between Cuban and European ports is contemplated by the Cunard Line, which will use two vessels of large tonnage in the work. Officials of the company expect to mangurate the service next June.

# FOUR HUNDRED PRESENT AT 63RD

Particular of Contact at the Manning Session.

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Origin of Blaze Is Mystery—Several Patients Escape in the Excitement, But Are Recaptured — Firemen's Efforts Prevent Spread of Flames to Other Sections of the Structure.

Hamilton, Feb. 23.—The Orchard alarm. Fanned by a high northwest House wing of the Ontario Hospital for the Insane, one of the principal build. The entire stand of the institution was the Insane, one of the principal buildings on the grounds, was swept by fire this morning. There was no loss of life, Five hundred patients were confined in the building, a four-story brick structure, with slate roof and wooden interior. The origin of the fire is a mystery. The blaze broke out in the women's section on the top floor, at the north end of the building. Attendants at about 11:30 found flames shooting through the roof, and immediately sounded the staff of the institution was pressure to rescue the patients, who were marched into the main building and accommodated there temporarily. Some of the patients escaped. One man was found hiding in the technology, and two others were captured on John street north.

At 1:30 p.m. the fire was under control, with the one building practically guited. Several of the patients who escaped in the excitement of rescue, have been recaptured.

## A. F. OF L. PLAN TO **COMBAT OPEN SHOPS**

Called by Samuel Gompers.

Washington, Feb. 23. — Representatives of the 109 national and international unions affiliated in the American Federation of Labor gathered here today in an extraordinary conference for the purpose of organizing to meet attacks on the union labor movement.

The conference, called by President Gompers, is considered one of epochal importance and is one of the few of its kind ever held in the history of the federation.

Mr. Sauve—This is a question of

federation.

The first business was the presentation by the executive council of a "bill of rights" and recommendations for a labor program. The council framed its report after being in continuous session nearly all day yesterday.

While the council's program was not made public, it was understood to provide for a campaign by organized labor to combat anti-union shops, wage reductions, compulsory arbitration, labor injunctions and "open shop" propaganda. One of the proposals before the conference, it was said, calls for a publicity campaign by the federation to offset the propaganda of enemies of union labor.

Mr. Sauve—This is a question of privitiege.

The Speaker—I think.not. Here the incident closed, and the sexpected, however, that Mr. Sauve will submit notice of motion today.

ACQUIT JAP SOLDIER

WHO SHOT U. S. OFFICER

Tokio., Feb. 22.—A finding of not guilty has been rendered by the court-martial which tried Toshigora Ogasa-

propaganda of enemies of union labor. DUKE GUNTHER DEAD. npress Augusta Victoria, is dead at

#### SAUVE WILL INTRODUCE MOTION TO INVESTIGATE QUEBEC LIQUOR TRADE

Quebec, Feb. 23 .- Canadian Press. The liquor scandal which was promised Conference at Washtington Is by Mr. Arthur Sauve, leader of the Op- J. H. Lawson Given Benefit of position, last week, is still hanging fire In the House yesterday Mr. Sauve stated: "I said at the last sitting that I would bring in a notice of motion ask. ing for an investigation concerning cer.

WHO SHOT U. S. OFFICER

erlin, Feb. 23.—Duke Ernst Gunther of former chleswig-Holstein, brother of former ficially announced by the war departant of the slumbered the slumbered than odd drink while he slumbered the Empress Augusta Victoria, is dead at ment today. The trial was on the announced here.

with a warning.

Took Milk Money.

Took Milk Money.
A juvenile, charged with stealing money from milk bottles on doorsteps of Beaconsfield avenue residents was this morning remanded for a week. It was said that a policeman found that the lad had looked into several bottles, but found only tickets. At one place he took some money, so the officer took charge of him.

# Officials of Royal Arch Masons Who Are Attending Session Here WITNESS DECLARES HE SAW MRS. TRUMBLE WITH PISTOL IN HER HAND FEW SECONDS AFTER SHOT WAS FIRED

# SPRACKLIN TRIAL EXPIRES

Spracklin's officers to the Chappell House on the morning of the slaving.

R. L. Brackin's counsel for the defence, stated, however, that the death of Deslippe will have no material effect on the progress of the trial, as evidence submitted by him at the inquest will be placed before the court.

Deslippe was the man who was found outside the Chappell House on the morning of the shooting in a battered condition by Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin and his squad of inspectors.

Upon the arrival at the Chappell House of Spracklin and his efficers Deslippe was found leaning against a wall in conversation with the keeper of the hotel, Beverly Trumble.

According to the evidence given by Spracklin at the inquest. Trumble left the scene when he arrived, after exchanging a few words with him regarding-Deslippe's condition. Deslippe bore the marks of a physical encounter, and it was assumed by Spracklin that there had been a fight in the Chappell House.

## TWO QUARTS OF ALE **BEFORE SUPPER, TWO** AFTER, THEN PAPER

Doubt by Magistrate Graydon.

and was discharged this morning.
On February 10 a case of gin arrived at Lawson's home, 37 Maitland street. On February 16 a case of 24 quarts of ale arrived. On February 19 License Inspector J. E. Keenleyside and Police Inspector Thomas Lucas arrived and found that all the ale had een consumed, and that six of the twelve quarts of gin had disappeared.
All the empty bottles were there.
Lawson said that he was accustomed

to drink two quarts of ale before he partook of his supper, and two after

martial which tried Toshigora Ogasa-wara, the sentry who shot Lieut. Lang-don of the United States ship Albany of the United States ship albany report that Russians were good ale-drinkers.

The court remarked that supreme ourt judges had contended that a man should not be convicted on suspicion and therefore discharged the prisoner

For breaking city bylaws Fred Banting, R. M. Morrison, W. Rosenblum, N. Arnell and W. Hughes were assessed \$2 each.

STAR WITNESS Jack Bannan, Who Was at the Chappell House On Night of Shooting, Creates Sensation When He Testifies This Morning—Presiding Judge Rebukes Spectators Who Applaud at Admission of Witness—Sheriff Is Ordered to Make Arrests, But No One Confesses to Hand-Clapping

London, Feb. 23.—Men incar-cerated in Wandsworth Prison may be given a business educa-tion as a result of the interest tion as a result of the interest aroused there recently by a lecture on the "Romance of Business." Many of the prisoners asked for further talks on business, and a number of them, on invitation from the presiding chaplain, questioned the lecturer, asking whether practical instruction could not be given that would make them useful in business offices after they were released. ness offices after they were re-leased.

Those who attended were, for

most part first offenders who had records for good behavior and all were anxious to find new openings in life when their sen teness expire. It is understood the prisoners may be taught shorthand, typewriting, ele-mentary banking and commercial correspondence.

# Girl Defending Mother Kills

Babel Lance, 15 years of age, stabben in guerilla warfare would be extreme James H. Lawson was given the benefit of a doubt in the mind of Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon as to whether he was selling liquor or not, whether he was selling liquor or not. against the girl, and her mother is he ing held as a material witness.

According to the girl, the police say her father was choking her mother. She tried to get him to stop, but he told he to "go away."

MONTENEGRINS DECLARE HOLY WAR ON SERBS

London, Feb. 22.—A wireless mes sage from Berlin today says that ac cording to Swiss reports the Montene-grins have declared a holy war against the Serbians. Two Serbian regiments have occupied Cettinje, Montenegro,

# Be Heard in London

One of the most unique events ever held in London will be the radio concert, which will be given in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium the first week of next month by the Y. M. C. A. Radio Club. The club purposes getting in touch with a theatre in Pittsburg, where a wireless apparatus is installed and arrange so that it will directly send to London without any interference: In order that every person will be able to hear the concert plainly, a huge megaphone will be erected on the stage of the Auditorium.

# **OPEN CAMPAIGN** AGAINST JAPS

Russian Soviet Forces Concentrating in Eastern Siberia.

Harbin, Manchurla, Feb. 23 .- Military operations by the Russian Bolsheviki against Japanese forces in Siberia are believed to be foreshadowed by con-centration of soviet troops in the eastern end of the country. There were 50,000 Bolshevik soldiers in Chita recently, and more are said to be arriving at intervals.

Troops are distributed along the whole line of railway from Chita east to the Manchurian frontier. At Manchuli, on the border, Bolshevik organizations have been formed and are asserted to be smartly from the Manchurian from the manual from the Manchurian from the M be smuggling agents through into Man. churia for the work of propaganda.

The Bolsheviki fear, according to in-Her Father lormation received here, that the sup-anese may create an opposition "buf-fer state" in the Primorsk region by spring, in which event they might make formation received here, that the Jap-Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 23.—Elizabeth Bolshevik troops, whose long experience

### SOVIET FORCES LOSE HEAVILY FROM FIRE OF FRENCH WARSHIPS

Tiflis Reported Still in Hands of Georgians.

partok of his supper, and two the meal. Then he read the paper.

"You couldn't read much of the paper if you drank that much," remarked the magistrate.

Friends Helped Themselves.

The gin had been consumed by himself and some friends, Lawson claimed, while some Russians had helped dispose of the ale, It was the practice, too, of some of Lawson's friends to take an odd drink while he slumbered.

Magistrate Graydon confirmed the report that Russians were good ale-

#### ITALIAN COMMUNISTS HOLD DEMONSTRATIONS

London, Feb. 23 .- Com tempted a display of all their forces throughout Italy on Monday during Nationalist demonstrations which occurred during the day, says a Central News dispatch from Rome. At Bari, a city on the east coast of Italy two Extremist deputies were wounded by the Nationalists, and a general strike was declared. A Communist demonstration failed at Turin, owing to the intervention of Deputy Misiano, a Bolshevik, who was escorted by 100

# Today—West to northwest winds; light snowfalls and flurries, and becomting colder. Thursday—Fair and for the colder. Temperatures. The following were the his lowest temperatures during the 24 hours Rain Cloudy Cloudy Fair Cloudy Snow Cloudy Cloudy Cloudy Cloudy Cloudy Cloudy Cloudy Cloudy Cloudy Halifax ...... 26 4 Cloudy Minus (—) means below zeroo. Weather Notes. A depression now centred over the Georgian Bay is increasing in energy, while pressure is highest in the Middle Pacific States. Show has fallen over the greater portion of Ontario. Elsewhere the weather has been fain.

#### MAKES PARACHUTE **DROP 23,000 FEET**

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

Fort Sill, Ark., Feb. 23.—What is believed by aerial officers here to be a world's altitude record for a parachute jump was established yesterday when Sergt. Ensel Chambers jumped from an aeroplane, piloted by Lieut. Wagner, at a height of 23,000 feet, during an aerial circus at Post Field. The previous record is said to be 20,900 feet. Chambers landed six miles from his take-off.

#### Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 44; lowest, 22. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 34; lowest, 32. SIR ROBERT BORDEN IS RESULT OF BAD FALL

walking through the Hall of Fame to the parliamentary library.

## EXPECTING COMPANY?

No need to worry how to amuse them. Just call at The Advertiser Contest Office for a supply of charts on the puzzle, and have a little contest of your own, with rules to fit the occasion. Any number can work. By offering prizes to those getting the best result in a given length of time you will find you have planned a pleasant evening for your friends. The charts will cost you nothing except your trouble to write or ask for them at the Contest Office. 110 Dundas street.