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MAYOR TO MOVE TO SUE CITY GAS CO. FOR \$25,000

Soft Iron Instead of Chilled Steel In Murrell's Cell

WILL ASK ACTION BY CITY AGAINST CITY GAS COMPANY

Mayor Wenige To Move To Institute Suit To Recover Charges Which He Says Are Illegal.

\$65,000 INVOLVED

At the next session of the city council, Mayor Wenige will give notice that he will move that the municipality of London take immediate action against the City Gas Company to recover \$65,000.

His words indicate that this amount was illegally received by the gas corporation from its patrons and he is determined to have a "show-down" in the supreme court of the province of Ontario, in accordance with the provisions of his inaugural address of January last. And the mayor recommends and urges this action irrespective of the opinion of the city solicitor T. G. Meredith, available several months ago, that the city would stand but little, if any, chance of success, if the move would be decided ill-advised.

Cities President.

The mayor stated today that the council should act upon his recommendation regardless of the city solicitor's opinion, basing his argument on the fact that in 1921 the city council effected legal action against the Street Railway corporation and seized and kept its main money, although the city solicitor had advised against such a drastic move.

It was Mayor Wenige, at that time an alderman from ward one, who moved that the Street Railway receipts be seized and subsequently he instituted action in the county courts against the local gas concern.

"I still maintain that the patrons of the City Gas Company have the right to recover this money and with the assistance of a majority of the members of the city council I mean to take this question to the courts."

"When I took this case out to the courts before, Judge Judd told me that I had a moral as well as a legal right to recover this money. But still he declared that he could not award me a judgment. I fail to understand why a person can sue when the court agrees that there exists a moral and legal right to do so."

Mayor Wenige explains that the case will be pursued along different lines if the aldermen will vote as he advises. A majority of the council will be required to project the issue into the legal arena and the mayor anticipates that this will be forthcoming despite the council's prior attitude to the contrary.

STATES COLLEGIATE SPACE INADEQUATE

Principal Miller Declares London Needs More High School Accommodation.

New collegiate buildings in the city of London are essential if the students are to be properly housed, according to a statement made by Principal Miller this morning.

Mr. Miller said that with the expectation of an enrollment this year of 1,450 and the large entrance classes who will pass next June, the accommodation is at present inadequate.

He was most emphatic in expressing the opinion that the city ought to be done, particularly in the east end, where 235 pupils are now being accommodated in the old Princess Avenue School, a building most unsuitable for this purpose.

"We need more modern collegiate buildings, and we must have them if the pupils are to receive the consideration and tuition due them. The city council should be made to see that fact and to realize that it is of the utmost importance. The public schools have now sufficient accommodation to take care of the next three or four years, but the colleges, although people evidently think there are enough, must have more buildings. I expect that a new building will be undertaken, but whether this year or next, I cannot say."

AMERICANS THINK LIQUOR FROM NEWFOUNDLAND

Associated Press Despatch.

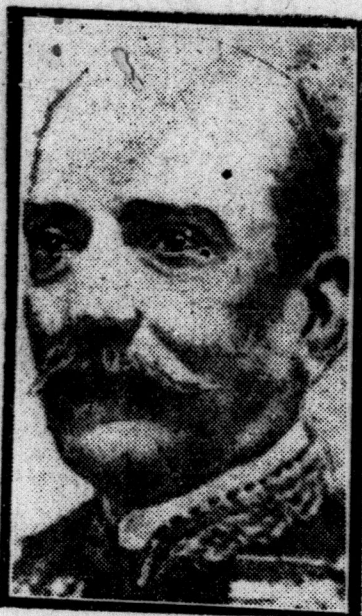
St. John's, Nfld., Sept. 18.—It is understood here that the American revenue authorities are turning their attention to Newfoundland to seek explanation of the source of big liquor shipments that are finding their way into America. They believe that the bootleggers have begun to exploit this country and its seamen. An agent of the American government is expected here shortly to conduct an investigation.

FRANCO-BELGIAN OFFICIALS SEIZE TRILLION MARKS

Associated Press Despatch.

Coblenz, Sept. 18.—German currency to the amount of one trillion marks was seized last evening at Ecken by the Franco-Belgian authorities. At Recklinghausen and Dortmund a total of seven hundred billion marks was seized.

Striking German telegraph employees have resumed work.



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HEAD OF BOARD SAYS EXPENSES HEAVY AT FAIR

J. H. Saunders States Possibility of Having To Ask For Aid.

AMOUNT UNCERTAIN

"It's impossible to tell just how much we shall have to ask from the city as a result of the introduction of the 25-cent admission fee for the year's Western Fair," said J. H. Saunders, president of the fair board, today. "There were several extra expenses on which we had not figured, and the new Manufacturers' Building cost us more to run than we anticipated. When all the expenses have been met, and checks sent to prize winners, we shall be in a position to know what our financial position is."

"At the present time, all I can say is that I hope we shall not have to come to the city for any help at all. That is what I always hoped for, but the future will see whether we have made the fair of 1923 a financial success or not. There was a good turnout to the fair, but I think that with warmer weather we might have had a very much larger crowd."

"Every sideline which featured in the fair this year cost us more than last year. We had to overcome more than the increased overhead which costs to the 25-cent admission owing to this increase, so that when the figures are all in it will be shown that the increased overhead which we had no way of calculating accurately last year, or even in the spring of this year, constituted a serious burden to the finances of the fair."

WORKMAN SERIOUSLY HURT IN SAWMILL AT LINDSAY

Canadian Press Despatch.

Lindsay, Ont., Sept. 18.—George Gensler, an employee of the Digby Lumber Company here, was almost disemboweled when he was operating an edger in the mill. A piece of board flew from the saw with terrific force, striking him in the abdomen. His condition is very critical.

SEVERE SHOCK NOTICED BY RESIDENTS OF MALTA

Associated Press Despatch.

Malta, Sept. 18.—A severe shock of several seconds' duration occurred here at 7:35 this morning. Many buildings were badly shaken, but no damage has been reported so far. The churches were filled with worshippers attending mass when the shock came. Large cracks are noticeable in many of the buildings.

DECLARES COUNTY JAILS ARE BREEDERS OF CRIME

Associated Press Despatch.

Boston, Sept. 18.—The county jail was denounced as a crime-breeder by Joseph F. Fishman, former federal inspector of prisons, in an address prepared for delivery before the American Prison Association today.

"The county jail," he said, "is a den of crime, a breeding place of crime, a place of disease and degeneracy."

Fishman declared that these venerable and ill-equipped institutions played an important part in increasing the amount of crime, and that the number of criminals owing to overcrowding, mingling of innocent and guilty and other conditions.

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Next Week He Will Inspect Border Cities Hydro-Operated Railway.

The Border Cities hydro-operated street railway service will be inspected next week by City Engineer W. P. Near, upon the invitation of the hydro experts.

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SOFT IRON BARS IN MURRELL CELL, NOT HARD STEEL

Despite Statements to Contrary, Improvement in County Jail Has Not Been Made.

MEETING IS CALLED

Despite all statements to the contrary, the jail bars that strangled the bloodless revolution in Spain, who has been sworn in as premier as an outcome of disturbances in that country.

It has been stated that the road to a warmer climate of which evangelists talk is paved with good intentions, and if this is the case the authorities have paved several miles of the highway that lead to Satan's domain, for the intention has been all along to see that chilled steel bars caged the Murrells once they were caught—but it was never done. The matter has been handled over by county councillors for these many months, but action has been absent although it was understood that authorized repairs to the jail, including Murrell's cell, had been carried out.

However, The Advertiser learned today that on unimpeachable authority that no chilled bars had been placed in the window of the room where Murrell is confined, and although the strictest possible watch is being kept day and night on Murrell by armed guards, the fact remains that the authorities are more or less uneasy, especially as the day of the supreme court sittings draws near.

It is learned that nothing further in the matter will be done until after Murrell's trial, as officials don't want to move Murrell to another cell while his own is being made stronger.

The jail committee of this city council will meet on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the County Buildings, when the Murrell matter will be discussed and a conclusion reached. Reeve Allan MacPherson of Glencoe is chairman of the jail committee.

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NEW BALKAN WAR LOOMS AS RESULT OF ITALY'S ACTION

Giardino as Dictator of Fiume Is Meeting Vigorous Opposition.

PLANNING BLOCKADE

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

Paris, Sept. 18.—Renewed threat of a Balkan war was seen here today in the action of Italy as appointing General Giardino as virtual minister dictator of Fiume, following resignation of the regent.

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DEALERS WAIT PUBLIC APPROVAL OF ALBERTA COAL

London Fuel Merchants State Demand Will Determine Amount Ordered.

PRICE ABOUT \$12

If demands for Alberta coal warrants it, half a dozen local coal merchants will procure the western fuel in large quantities this winter for local consumption. With the freight rate at \$7 a ton, as announced by Sir Henry Thornton this morning, it will be possible to sell Alberta coal in London at about \$12 a ton.

A few dealers vigorously condemn any action to "unload" Alberta fuel on the public, claiming it is greatly inferior to Pennsylvania anthracite. These dealers refuse to handle the Canadian product unless the general demand forces their hand. Others, however, are ready to supply customers with any quantity and as soon as applications are sent in, they will be filled as rapidly as possible.

Merchants recommend, therefore, that citizens wishing to try Alberta coal, make their wants known immediately so applications may be made to the provincial minister of mines in time to permit shipment from the prairie province before Oct. 31, the final date set by Sir Henry Thornton for Alberta operators to have their product on the way to Ontario.

Representatives of Chantler Bros., Day & Son, and other retailers expressed readiness to fill any public demand that may arise. Chantler Bros. stated their experience with the product. What impression they received as to its merits was early this year when The Advertiser sent them samples for experimental purposes. The results were most satisfactory, and they believe Alberta coal to be of an exceptionally high quality.

Order Any Amount.

"Since Alberta coal has been brought before the public, we have only had one quotation from operators. However, with the new freight rate, several agents there will probably be several agents in this city during the next two weeks, and it is our customers so desired, we will place orders for any amount. The main thing is to become connected with a reliable agent, who can guarantee the quality of the coal. Our experience with the best quality of the coal is a very satisfactory one, and there appears to be no reason why the public should not use it."

Another merchant, who asked his name withheld, was staunchly opposed to bringing in the Alberta coal, as its first move against the Giardino regime. All supplies and traffic into the Fiuman state will be suspended.

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SIR ADAM BECK

Yesterday afternoon Sir Adam Beck and several members of the board of works, street railway officials and numerous ratepayers visited the Richmond street paving project when the member for London and his engineers outlined their complaints of alleged faulty construction. Here we see Sir Adam pointing out to Ald. Ed. Hayden railway ties which fail to measure, he states, to the standard set by the hydro experts.

ISLAND OF SICILY SHAKEN VIOLENTLY BY EARTHQUAKE

No Reports of Any Fatalities As Result of Shocks Yet Received.

Associated Press Despatch.

Syracuse, Sicily, Sept. 18.—A violent earthquake shock was felt here at 7:32 o'clock this morning.

The entire island of Sicily, on which the volcano Mount Etna is situated, has been frequently shaken by violent earth shocks, many of which have proved highly destructive to life and property. Syracuse, on the east coast of the island occupying part of the site of ancient Syracuse, which was a great centre of Greek culture, and later the capital of the Western Hellenic world, reaching the height of its greatness about the beginning of the fourth century.

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