

STATES MANAGER SYSTEM IN CITY BRINGS HARMONY

R. F. Armstrong Addresses Representatives of City Clubs at Banquet.

DEMOCRATIC PLAN

Declares, However, Politics Play Large Part in Present Plan.

Firmly convinced through his personal experiences in municipal affairs that the commission manager form of city government is the most successful and is a great aid toward preserving civic harmony, R. F. Armstrong, of the Citizens' Research Institute of Canada, outlined before about 60 representative businessmen of the city his plan of this form of government, at a joint banquet of the city clubs in the Tecumseh House at noon today.

Mr. Armstrong has specialized in engineering work for many years, and during the war had charge of the water supply for the Canadian forces during the 1918 drive. Since 1918 he has been city manager at Woodstock, New Brunswick.

Commencing his address, Mr. Armstrong declared that he did not have any special form of government to recommend for London, pointing out that he was not fully conversant with conditions in the Forest City.

"There are four major forms of government," he said. "The first is the decentralized system with a mayor, engineer and other commissioners. The argument in favor of this form is that it is the most democratic, but then politics has a chance to play where the decentralized system is used."

"Then there is the commission form, as in Woodstock, N. B., where the city managers are in their positions year after year. They are continually learning local conditions, and are able to govern the city more efficiently. Although there is overlapping in this system and its scope is somewhat limited, the case of Woodstock, N. B., shows that the centralized form can be made successful."

Like Commission.
"The centralized mayor plan is very much like the commission form except that the mayor handles the

Nicol Proposes Changes In Tax On Motor Vehicles

Would Be Placed According to Horsepower—Weight Would Replace Charge on Gasoline.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Sherbrooke, Que., May 30.—Proposed changes in the taxation of motor vehicles and possible tax on railroads were the features of an address given by the Hon. Jacob Nicol, provincial treasurer, before the local branch of the Rotary Club last night. The proposed changes in the motor

vehicle tax include the taxation according to horsepower. Taxation according to weight of car would finally replace taxation on gasoline. The provincial treasurer contended that this additional taxation had become necessary owing to the heavy damages caused to roads, and held that one service should not be asked to bear the expenses of another.

News From the Churches

PLANS FOR BAZAAR.

Plans for a bazaar to be held in the fall was the chief business discussed at the meeting of the Ladies' Aid of Hiale Street Church held yesterday afternoon, over which Mrs. W. L. Tabbot presided. Arrangements were also made for a garden party. Rev. L. W. Reid gave an interesting little address, and a solo by Mrs. Rush was also enjoyed.

WILLING WORKERS BUSY.
The Willing Workers of Wellington Street Methodist Church were busy sewing blocks for a quilt, also cutting

executive work instead of the managers.

"Dayton was the first city to bring the commission manager form of government to the front. It is so simple and direct that the people know who is responsible for everything. You don't have the cumbersome organization that many cities have where it is hard to trace responsibility."

In the commission manager form of government all red tape is done away with. Mr. Armstrong said, and a politician have very little chance to play a part.

One big argument in its favor is that it seems to be conducive to harmony in cities.

Eliminates "Squabbles."
The squabbling between departments about relative authority in many cities is also eliminated as have been proved where this plan has been tried.

Quoting from the City Manager Association year book, the speaker gave the names of many cities in the United States that have installed the commission manager plan with great success.

"When I returned from overseas and before I undertook to start the mayor plan in New Brunswick, I took a trip through the United States and talked to authorities in

out pictures for scrap books at the meeting of the band, held yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Henry Maul supervised the sewing.

SERVICE OF PRAISE.
The service of praise, which is being given by the Knox Church choir tonight, will probably be the last service of this nature held in the church, and a large audience is expected. The choir, which is directed by Charles Perry, will be assisted by Mrs. W. B. Wortman, soprano, Mrs. W. H. R. Smith, reader, and Miss Pauline Tetter Wilson, cellist.

cities where this plan was in force. My findings so pleased me that I was convinced that it could be worked successfully in Woodstock, New Brunswick.

PLOT IS DISCOVERED TO WIPE OUT POLES

Arsenal Bomb Intended To Exterminate Government Is Found.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.
Copenhagen, May 30.—A plot to practically exterminate the Polish government by simultaneous assassination of its highest members has been discovered in Warsaw, according to despatches from that city today. An arsenal bomb was also found.

The discoveries were made in connection with investigation of recent bomb outrages in a newspaper office and at the university. Documents establishing a connection between Warsaw and Berlin anarchists, were confiscated by the police.

YOUNG DOPESTERS IN POLICE COURT REMANDED WEEK

Three Drug Addicts Ask To Be Sent to Ontario Hospital For Cure.

ALL IN ILL-HEALTH

Doctor Advises Dope Fiends Should Be Sent to Hospital For Treatment.

George "Dago" Morris, William Ferguson and Bruce Boyd, who were remanded two weeks ago in the police court when they appeared in answer to a charge of vagrancy, were further remanded for one week today in order that arrangements might be made for their detention.

All three today pleaded guilty to using drugs, and Dr. Wilson, the police physician, gave evidence to the effect that needle marks were visible on the arms and bodies of all the prisoners. They were not in a good state of health, he said, and advised that if possible they should be sent to the Ontario Hospital. It would take at least two years to break them of the drug habit.

Police evidence showed that they were arrested the morning of May 22 at the corner of Richmond and Piccadilly. When brought to the station and searched, needles, syringes and other paraphernalia of the drug addict were found in the possession of two of them. William Blathway, a police officer employed by the C. P. R., stated that on May 14 he had a complaint from the C. P. R. station that three men were hanging about. He had gone to the station and found Morris, Ferguson and Boyd, had warned them away from the railroad property.

No Regular Work.
Evidence given by Sergeants Oakley and Tomlin, and P. C. Pope showed that none of the accused had been in regular employment. Morris had been a cigar maker, working for a man called Smith, and William Ferguson, a barber by trade, had been peddling shoe laces in the city for some time.

Boyd who said he had been employed by the receiving hospital in Detroit until a few weeks ago claimed that up to three months ago he had never touched any form of drug. According to the police Boyd has been convicted some fifteen times in the last eight years of violations of

the O. T. A. of disorderly conduct, and of causing damage to property.

Plead Leniency.
They pleaded for leniency asking that their sentence allow them to go to the Ontario Hospital rather than to any other place of detention, stating they were willing to stay there until such time as they were cured. The court remanded them for a week pending further inquiries as to their final detention.

Mrs. Sarah Sheur, who keeps a small store at the corner of Clarence and Horton streets, was charged in the police court today with selling cigarettes to a minor, Harry Hill. On May 25, policeman saw Harry walking down Clarence street, smoking cigarettes. Questioning the boy, who refused to tell where he had got them, he took him to the station. Later on the boy had said Mrs. Sheur sold him the cigarettes, and when taken back to the store, had admitted that was where he got them.

In the box this morning, Harry Hill, who will be 16 in September, admitted that he had told the police a lie in order to get out of custody, and that he had got about \$100 to buy the tobacco for him. Mrs. Sheur and her husband corroborated the boy's evidence.

There are several previous convictions against the Sheurs for breaches of the Lord's Day act and for selling tobacco to minors. In dismissing the case, the court issued a stringent warning to them that if they appeared again and were convicted they were liable to a heavy sentence.

Boy Incongruous.
Hill treated the whole affair most nonchalantly and was regarded by the court as being much in need of correction. After hearing from his father that he was quite out of parental control and was going to work or go to school, he was remanded for a week so Mr. Kelly, the Children's Aid inspector, might look into the case and find some kind of work for him.

Albert Haines was fined \$5 and costs when found guilty of driving a car without the cut-out open on the King street bridge on May 22.

Frank Jennings was sentenced to \$200 or three months for a violation of the O. T. A., and with having liquor in his car. Jennings, who belongs to St. Thomas, pleaded guilty, and in reply to the court as to how he came to be carrying whiskey on him, said, "That's just it—why does a fellow do things like that?"

'PAT' OF MURRELL GANG IDENTIFIED BY HIS WIFE

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Identification of "Pat" as her husband her misery is complete.

How Pat Escaped.
It is now possible to give an authentic account of Pat's actions. Brydges in his fight from Melbourne until he disappeared in the low swampy land that lies between Brydges and Komoka.

The man who was known to have separated from the Murrells at Melbourne, and when last seen was near Mount Brydges with half the townspeople of Melbourne and the London police on his trail. The first resident of Mount Brydges who actually saw Pat was Harvey Mitchell, a cooper, who lives a mile this side of the village. He was sitting the supper with Mrs. Mitchell when they noticed a man walking through their road, about a field's width from the road. He was in his shirt sleeves, carried his coat, and looked much fatigued. They did not pay particular attention to the stranger, as they had not yet heard of the murder in Melbourne. After supper Mitchell walked to the village, and found the people greatly excited, and all talking about the murder.

Threatened to Shoot.
The police cars surrounded the block, and just as they were going to comb the square, Jabez Short, a farmer whose land lies on the side-man lying in the half-grown fall wheat near the gateway of his farm. He challenged him, and said: "Now, ever, was unarmed."

My man, I've got you. You had better put up your hands." Short, however, was unarmed, and knowing this, Pat coolly got up and started across the fields toward the bush on the farm owned by Robert Miles. Short followed him, calling to the police, and they went at a trot toward the bush. Short succeeded in drawing the attention of Roy Fishen, a neighbor, who thought he was heading off a steer in his field. He got a glimpse of the nature of the chase, when, coming over a rise in the field, they were bought up short by Pat, who told them to drop or he'd shoot them. They did as instructed, and Norton got away into Miles' bush.

Pat then turned to the left, and ran across the field on the far side of the woods, and crossed the third concession road to Miles' garage, where he stole the farmer's Ford car and headed back through the line of pursuit into Mount Brydges, and north on the same road. The car was driven at a terrific pace, and the pursuers, not expecting him to be in a car, let him through, thinking he was going for reinforcements. The car carried him to the farm of Jim Lipsett, when the engine went wrong, and he abandoned the car, and went calmly across the Lipsett farm into the bush and the swamp beyond it. He was accosted by Lipsett as he entered the gate, and told the farmer to watch the road, and that he would be "into" the bush and head off the fugitive.

His race across Lipsett's farm is the last seen of him, until he forced his wife to peddle a super for him, self and two others at the Bogue Farm at Lambeth. Since that time, he has completely disappeared.

SCORES OF FAMILIES FLEE BURNING HOMES

Special to The Advertiser.
Philadelphia, May 30.—One hundred families were forced to flee from their homes in scanty attire early today when fire of unknown origin swept through the yards of the Bell Charcoal Company, spreading to eight houses on Montgomery avenue, and for a time threatened to wipe out forty other dwellings.

The blaze started in charcoal stored in the yard. Fanned by a stiff breeze, the yard was soon a roaring furnace, and flames licked across a street to the three-story brick structures.

BALDWIN TO DEAL WITH REPARATIONS AT NEW CONCLAVE

Immediate Object of the New Cabinet Is To Clear Up the Indemnity Tangle.

IS UNIFYING FORCE

Prime Minister Is Favorably Received by All Shades of Political Opinion.

By HAL O'FLAHERTY.
Special Cable to The London Advertiser and Chicago Daily News, Copyright.

London, May 30.—Having completed the formalities of his induction into office, Stanley Baldwin, Great Britain's new prime minister, has indicated clearly to his colleagues his intention of dealing with the reparations question before taking up any other issue and that the immediate object of British diplomacy will be to arrange for a new conference. Mr. Baldwin agrees with Lord Curzon upon the general principles involved and wants, above everything else, allied solidarity in the discussion of the next German note.

Toward this end, Great Britain will join forces with Belgium, Italy and France in writing the reply, thereby throwing the whole Ruhr problem into a general conference setting. Nothing official has been received in London regarding Belgium's note to France, outlining new terms, but it is believed that this new line of action offers every possibility of united action and perhaps a high road to a complete settlement. Reports from Berlin strike the most optimistic note in many months, especially the latest move in the Reichstag to offer the allies terms making them partners in the main productive activities of German economic life.

It is believed here that Curzon's persuasive efforts exerted upon Berlin induced the German Government to outline a plan, handing over German land and house property for the purpose of taxation, while all industrial, mercantile and financial concerns will issue bonds, based on a certain proportion of the capital, which will be available only for the purpose of reparations.

In more ways than one this proposal from Germany flies in the face of the reported details of the new Belgian plan and arouses an intense desire among the businessmen to see matters thrashed out in a new conference.

Mr. Baldwin is hailed today by the newspapers as an extremely popular prime minister, all shades of opinion accepting him as a great unifying force to domestic, as well as foreign politics. He has not attained a complete reunion of the Conservative party, but he has given promises that the differences should be healed soon. On the surface his reception by the party members and by the House of Commons is practically unanimous, but underneath lie many bitter disappointments. At the party conclave, the old peers waved their top hats in saluting him, but they also waved farewell to any chance of a peer becoming prime minister.

FUNERAL OF MRS. ARMSTRONG.
The funeral of Nina Armstrong, wife of Dr. E. L. Armstrong, who died Tuesday morning after a lingering illness, will be held from the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Harrison, 671 Dundas street.

Mrs. Harrison was a resident of London all her life. She was an active worker in the Dundas Street Methodist Church, having had charge of the primary department of the Sunday school for several years. She was associated formerly with the Y. W. C. A. in organizing and instructing several classes in domestic science. She attended Western University in this city and the Ontario Ladies' College at Whitby.

Mrs. Harrison is survived by her husband, father and mother and one brother, Arthur.

The services will be conducted by Rev. J. Garbutt of the Dundas Street Methodist Church and Rev. A. J. Thomas of Windsor, a former pastor. Interment will be made in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

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