

INTERNATIONAL ISLAND TO PREVENT WAR, IS UNIQUE PLAN OF FORMER LONDONER.

Dr. H. Lyons Hunt, who Once Practiced Here, Would Have World Court Located On Neutral Island, Which Would Serve As An Assurance of Peace.

Directs Revue

Claiming that he has since his youth planned in an effort to formulate some scheme that would nullify and do away with warfare, Dr. H. Lyons Hunt, a former practicing physician in this city...

Dr. Hunt will be remembered to Londoners as Dr. Howell Hunt. He left here some years ago and spent some time in New York. Later he went to Paris, where he has since been practicing surgery. He is mentioned in the newspaper article as being an American surgeon who is at present in Paris, where his fame as an operator has called him. He has received letters from persons of prominence all over America, endorsing his plans.

INTERNATIONAL ISLAND

Lately and without going extensively into detail, Mr. Hunt's scheme to bring about world peace involves the internationalization of an island by the various Governments. This island would be occupied by an international court, an international commission, an international army and navy, an international commissioner of army and navy, an international commission, a language commission, an anti-war propaganda commission and an international police force.

STANLEY MEREDITH, who is in charge of the melodrama and minstrel show being presented by the Ethmar Club at the Collegiate next Tuesday.

ETIMAR REVUE PROMISES MUCH

Minstrel Show and One Act Melodrama to be Presented.

The Ethmar Club, of St. Paul's Cathedral, is presenting next Tuesday night at the Collegiate Institute a program of more than ordinary merit. The first part of the program consists of a one act melodrama by Clarence Dune, entitled "Shivering Shocks," and the second part a minstrel show written and performed by the members, entitled "A Club Sandwich."

LEAGUE AIDS BULLYING

The doctor describes the present condition of the League of Nations as a scheme that accords of bullying and the kind of due esteem nations of lesser strength.

ASK SUPPORT IN BUILDING CHURCH

Manor Park Citizens To Sell Bricks. Citizens of London interested in establishing a new outpost of militant Christianity are being urged this week by Manor Park citizens to buy one or more bricks to be used in the erection of a Sunday school room in connection with the Church of the Epiphany.

ANNUAL LUNCHEON OF TEACHERS' GUILD

Miss Irene Isaacs Guest of Honor At Noonday Affair. The annual luncheon of the London Women's Teachers' Guild was held at noon today at the Tecumseh House, with an attendance of over 100 guild members and a number of special guests.

ANNUAL MEETING OF MASONIC HALL, LTD.

John Graham Re-elected President—Successful Year Financially Reported. Reports received at last night's annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Masonic Hall, Limited, showed that the fraternal corporation had during the past 12 months, and the customary cash dividend was passed.

Service Saesmen Wanted

Men for hard work and rapid promotion, who can find things to be done, without the help of a manager and several assistants. Men who get to work on time in the morning, and do not impart the lives of others in an attempt to be first on their way home at night.

FUNERAL OF VIVIAN REEVE

The funeral of Vivian Reeve, 253 Sydney street, who died suddenly on Thursday, was held today from his residence to Woodland Cemetery. Rev. James McKay, of New St. James' Presbyterian Church, conducted the services. The bearers were A. E. Neil, S. B. Gorwell, R. Webster, W. T. Brown, W. Mooney and W. D. Beamer.

DISCUSS SMALL COUNCIL

The small council or city manager form of government in London will be discussed by members of the Round Table Club at their next meeting, Friday evening, March 7. Some time ago the Chamber of Commerce took a members' vote on the question, the result of which was almost unanimous in favor of its adoption.

DISCUSS WATERWORKS EXTENSION IN CITY

Public Utilities Commission to Deal With Several Matters. Water works extension, 10 per cent. guarantee and number of other matters in connection with operation of the city's water system will be given an airing at next Thursday afternoon's meeting of the Public Utilities Commission.

LARGE DECREASE IN LOCAL EXCISE RECEIPTS

Amounts To \$33,777, According To Local Custom Officers. IMPORT SALES TAX SMALL. Receipts On Imported Goods Dropped \$27,240 In February.

Substantial increases in receipts on domestic excise taxes and duties failed to offset decreases in customs with the result that the report for February of total receipts at customs headquarters here registered a decrease aggregating \$23,777.33. Despite this setback and a similar one last month, however, the receipts for the 11 months of the fiscal year, which close at the end of March, still show a balance of \$275,029.51.

The second largest falling off was in the receipts for sales tax on imports, which amounted to \$18,074.48. This, however, is not surprising, in view of the fact that the reconstruction from the former method of collecting sales tax to that now in vogue. This method will eventually be made up in another department and the sales tax on imports, due to the change, will continue to dwindle.

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WOULD RELIEVE CITIES OF COST OF HIGHWAYS

Galt Chamber of Commerce Advocates Government Petition. A petition asking the Provincial Government to relieve the respective districts of the province of paying any portion of the cost of the country highways will shortly be presented, following the action of the Galt Chamber of Commerce in passing a resolution to this effect.

ALDERMEN REMIND HIM OF SCHOOL YOUNGSTERS

Ald. Douglass Raps Attitude of No. 2 Committee On Estimates. "No. 1 committee will continue to carry on its duties in the best interests of the citizens, whether No. 2 committee co-operates with us or not," Chairman Douglass, of the former committee declared today. "We will cut out estimates to the lowest possible point and No. 2 committee wants to spend a lot of money just for the fun of it, they will probably do so. If they want to act like a lot of schoolboys we will help it. But the citizens want December will say who is right or wrong. The attitude of some of the aldermen is the same this year as it was last year. Those on No. 2 now who were on No. 1 last year are showing the same tactics of opposition that were displayed by them throughout 1923. However, our committee will proceed with our program, regardless of what No. 2 may say or do."

ITALIAN CLAIMS HE NEEDS PROTECTION

R. Rizzi, an Italian, 202 Simcoe street, has appealed for protection against a gang of his own countrymen, who are alleged to be terrorizing him with miserable and fearful existence. For no apparent reason a number of men who live in his neighborhood have gone out to his door and threatened to treat him with undisguised contempt. To the Free Press Rizzi stated that he had several times been threatened by these men, but he has refused to endure this mistreatment longer he appealed to the police and asked for their aid in putting a stop to the tactics. If the gang continues to resort to this attack, Rizzi who has a near neighbor, will institute legal proceedings, he stated.

WHEEL SPLITS—Old age got the better of one of the ancient vehicles on the London street railway yesterday at noon when a noisy groaning along the tracks of a Richmond street car, Central avenue, one of the front wheels split and pushed a section of the truck into the road. Although the car was well loaded at the time no one was injured and the motorman succeeded in stopping it within a few feet.

DECISION RESERVED—The hearing of appeal board concluded its deliberations of three reappraisals of ex-service men late on Friday afternoon, reserving decision in each case. The board, consisting of Dr. B. L. Wickware and Commissioners C. B. Reilly and Col. J. Roy, will not sit in this city again until late in March. WRIT FOR \$75.—J. D. Sinclair has issued a writ through his solicitors, Messrs. Gunn & Murray, against Messrs. Murphy, Gunn & Murray, executors of the estate of the late Thomas H. Gregory, claiming \$75.81 balance due on account of plaintiffs share of the profits of a business carried on by the plaintiff and the late Thomas H. Gregory. The case will come up at the next session of the county court.

Market Pigeons Must Remain, Say Citizens In Indignant Letters

Take 'Citizen' To Task For His Subtly Ironical Note On Abolition of Birds' Squirrels and Other 'Nuisances.'

When The Free Press suggested that here and there a voice might be raised in protest against the destruction of market pigeons, feathered pests, they were not far astray, for from their quarters have objections flowed in. The market pigeons have many friends, there is no doubt of that. Not a committee to the contrary, and efforts to dislodge them from their quarters are going to prove interesting. A Citizen rather touched off the fireworks yesterday when he launched his subtly ironical article regarding the situation. This morning's mail brought in a few remarks from various other citizens on the matter and doubtless many more will be forthcoming. The view expressed of our expressing their views. Sixty-year-old traditions cannot be thus casually brushed aside. The board has established a sentimental attraction that no snapshot judgment is going to affect.

DEFENSES PIGEONS.

Editor Free Press: In your issue of yesterday a citizen has been rebuffed or is rejecting the intended elimination of Market Clerk Maker's birds, he would be more likely to be respected. He should take into consideration that God made the birds for a purpose. As for the robin, he eats about one-half dozen worms and cherries in the spring, before the cherries are ripe, to one cherry which he eats later in the season. For the good of all, save the birds. THE BETTER CITIZEN.

ELIMINATE FLIVVERS

Editor Free Press: I feel you must hear, in answer to our maker's "No Citizen's" letter, concerning the "such noisy and destructive pests," including the most harmless "pigeon." He claims that through the noise of these pests he cannot sleep in the morning, and that he has to buy cherries to make up for what the so-called pests have done. To relieve the citizens of the burden of city taxes, he proposes to kill them off. Well, the first thing I and many others think is, that he should get rid of earlier at night, and get his rest. If he is such a light sleeper, and when the "glorious sonnet" awakes him in the morning, get up and pick his cherries before the thieves attack his trees; in this way he may save more towards helping him pay his taxes than depriving the innocent pigeon of his life.

PUT HIM IN BIRD CAGE.

Editor Free Press: Your correspondent, Walter A. McCutcheon Compliments Paper On Issue. R. D. McDonald has received a letter from Walter McCutcheon, manager of Oak Hall, Limited, at Hamilton, who received one of several hundred copies of the "glorious sonnet" retaining the Thistle Club Anniversary Supplement, sent out by Mr. McDonald. Mr. McCutcheon compliments The Free Press on the anniversary supplement, and laudates the Thistle Club on its growing list of achievements. "It is a pity," Mr. McCutcheon writes, "that you proposed of your own building as you might now be the proud possessor of a church. It is rumored that the Hamilton district, that the London Thistle Club has its own Masonic lodge, and it seems apparent from this supplement that you have accepted the honor of building a church. Mr. McDonald is also in receipt of letters from many other former Londoners who expressed their interest in the Thistle Club supplement published by The Free Press, and congratulate its members on their prosperity."

SHORTER AND SHORTER

For both day and evening dress, skirts are considerably shorter and there is a tendency in blouses and baggies toward fitted effects. 2 1/2-pound package 25c 5-pound package 45c 8-pound package 60c

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LOCK WATER FOR FIRE PROTECTION

Home Destroyed on Giles Street As a Result. PETITION IS STARTED Residents Ask Hydrant Service For District.

As a result of the disastrous fire that occurred the other night and resulted in complete destruction of a home on Giles street, East London, residents of the district to-day started the circulation of a petition to be presented to the Public Utilities Commission asking for the installation of city water services. It has been definitely established that the recent fire might have been overcome had there been proper fire protection available. Owing to the absence of city water, however, the local fire department could do little or nothing and the beautiful home just recently purchased crumbled away while its owner stood helpless. Frederick J. Howard, 163 Highbury avenue, who started the circulation of a petition to-day, states that there are at least 500 people in the Giles street and Highbury avenue district. And it is understood that, with one or two exceptions, every individual resident is prepared to sign a petition asking for extension of the water mains to this district. It is not likely that any difficulty will be experienced for the Public Utilities Commission recently extended its mains for fire protection purposes out to the village of Byron. And in every case where a request has been made for main extension in districts adjoining the city the commissioners have acceded to the demand of the ratepayers, so long as the necessary financial guarantee is made. The Public Utilities Commission will hold its regular semi-monthly meeting next Thursday and it is likely that the petition from this latest East End district will be ready for submission at that time.

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DEGREE TEAM MAKES FIRST APPEARANCE

Impressive ceremony conducted by Langemark, L. O. L. members, on Thursday evening, marked the initial appearance of the newly formed degree team of Langemark, L. O. L., No. 2875, which conducted a most impressive ceremony and presented a splendid appearance in their uniforms of purple gowns, trimmed with gold braid, well set off by the orange colors and white plumes. In the future all degree work will be conducted by this team, the inception of which is largely responsible to the indefatigable efforts of Rev. J. G. Spring.

1923 STATEMENT OF BOARD READY MONDAY

Was Expected That Books For Past Year Should Have Been Closed To-Day. There will be no financial statement in connection with last year's operation of the city's educational system until Monday. It was expected that the books would have been closed and a statement of the final standing of the Board of Education at the end of 1923 available to-day. Inspector Greer announced at noon, however, that while the city treasurer's department was busy working on this it would be impossible to issue a complete detailed report until the first of the week. It is expected, however, that there will be a surplus of approximately \$7,000 in the public school account and in spite of a slight deficit in the collegiate accounts, it is believed that the year's operation will be concluded without an overdraft.

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JAIL FOUNDATION BUILT FOR KEEPS

Tough Job Making Hole In Wall. MIGHT LET SYD DO IT Believed He Could Cut Through In Short Time.

The foundations of the county jail were "built for keeps," a fact that is being demonstrated to the distress of the men who are engaged in the task of connecting the registry building with the jail building's heating plant. In order to carry out the orders of the heating committee which, a few days ago decided on that method to curtail the cost of separate heating, it has been found necessary to chip a hole through the foundation below the level of the ground, on a line with the steam tile which are being laid in trenches, and the work has already taken the greater part of two days. As yet the foundation has not been pierced. One of the officials in an adjoining office overlooking the scene of the sweat-producing, result-defying job, suggests a novel scheme. He claims, however, would accomplish the job quickly and without cost. His idea is "Let Syd Murrell do it."

"Suppose," this canny official offered, "someone in the deal, slips Syd a hammer and a coal chisel, or a crow-bar, warily tips him off the job—some spot, Syd would purchase that wall in half an hour, whereas these men can't get through it in two days." And then came the added assurance with a hint of a smile: "and the two men out there could catch Syd as he came out, and put him back inside."

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