

W.C.R. HOPES FOR FIVE-CENT FARE

Winnipeg Speculators Again Lose Heavily As Wheat Falls

RAILWAY OFFICIALS WILL MEET

Franchise Question Will Be Discussed at Gathering of Officers Tomorrow.

SMALL DIVIDEND

No Session Arranged Yet With Members of City Council by Mayor.

Franchise problems of the London street railway company will be discussed tomorrow afternoon when the annual business meeting of the company will be held. Renewal of the present franchise, following its expiration on March 8 is hoped for by the company and it is understood that representations will be made to the city council to have fares remain at five cents per ride.

According to the present agreement the seven and nine tickets for a quarter rate goes into effect after March 8 and no public action has been taken to prevent this. However, it is authoritatively stated that the company could not expect to carry on under such an agreement and make money. There are some advocates of a compromise and the provision of six tickets for 25 cents. When the matter was up in council last month, the aldermen authorized the mayor to go ahead and arrange for a meeting with the street railway officials in order that the whole matter of the franchise could be discussed if necessary. More particular reference is required on paying for this year, the mayor states.

More Co-operation.

"I have not yet arranged a meeting," the mayor told a reporter, and intimated that it would not likely be held until after the company's annual meeting. According to his wish, having said so, he is on his way to the city street and on Oxford street and he says the company can co-operate with the city more than it has during recent years.

"The question of fares has been temporarily settled by the Ontario legislature," says his worship. "When the lower fares are returned on March 8 it will be the duty of the council to ask that they take effect on that date. All depends on developments that will take place from time to time. In the meantime it is our duty to see that the act is carried out."

Further than that the mayor has offered little information on the street railway question. According to brief statements at tomorrow's annual meeting. It is likely that a small dividend will be declared, though the approved financial statement for the year cannot be secured until after the shareholders' meeting. President Currie will be in the city tomorrow, and will preside during the election of directors and other proceedings at the company's office.

The Weather

Mostly fair, with rising temperature; light snow.

Wednesday—southwest wind; mostly fair and milder.

The pressure is high from the St. Lawrence valley across the great lakes to the Mississippi valley, and relatively low off the Atlantic coast and over British Columbia.

The weather has been cold from Ontario eastward, with snow in Quebec and the maritime provinces, and fair and milder in the west.

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MRS. PHILIP SNOWDEN.

wife of the chancellor of the exchequer in the British Labor cabinet, who arrived in London this afternoon to speak at the Canadian club. Mrs. Snowden is at present making an extensive tour of Canada. She condemns the bolshevik and sees a great future for British Labor.

Musher's Drive With Anti-Toxin Eclipses Sub-Arctic Records

Russia To Get Metric System

Moscow, Feb. 3.—A French scientific mission has arrived here to study the application of the metric system to Russia. The mission has offered the concessions committee of the government to undertake the organization for the making of metric scales, weight, measures and other appliances.

CONVICTED BANDITS ARE GIVEN NEW TRIAL

Man's Declarations Win Point For Two Sentenced to 14 Years, With Lashes.

Montreal, Feb. 3.—Barney Shukal and Louis Wrubelsky, who were both sentenced to serve 14 years in the penitentiary, and to receive seven strokes of the lash for highway robbery, will be given a new trial, on the strength of declarations made by Nierri to crown officers during the prosecution of the Banque d'Hochelaga hold-up and murder case.

Chief Judge DeCarle of the court of special sessions, has fixed the new trial for March 10 next, following a ruling handed down by the court of appeal, division of three judges, which held that the case should be re-opened.

Shukal and Wrubelsky were found guilty of holding up and robbing the Standard Shirt Company.

Following Nierri's declarations both men were released on bail from St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary.

FINNISH GOVERNMENT SEEKING WAR CREDITS

Helsinki, Finland, Feb. 3.—The Finnish government is seeking a war emergency credit of 100,000,000 Finnish marks from foreign banks. Negotiation of such a loan was suggested by the government committee entrusted with the task of seeing to it that Finland be prepared both economically and industrially for the emergency of war. It considers the step advised as necessary, since Finland cannot herself produce foodstuffs and war materials in sufficient quantities, but must depend upon foreign supplies.

CANADIAN BANK MAN IN NEW YORK PASSES

New York, Feb. 3.—Alfred G. Fry, second agent in New York of the Bank of Montreal, died today at the Roosevelt hospital, a victim of typhoid. He has been ill for only a few days.

DAMAGE ACTION IS DISMISSED

Miss Marjorie Whitaker Fails To Recover \$3,000 Asked in Suit.

OBJECT IN ROAD

Mrs. James Baxter, in Defence, Claims Car Was Driven Carefully.

An action brought in the supreme court here by Miss Marjorie Whitaker against Mrs. James Baxter to recover \$3,000 for damages which she received when riding in the defendant's car, was dismissed today by Mr. Justice Rose with costs.

Miss Whitaker, giving evidence, stated that together with Mrs. Sarah Hunt and Mrs. P. McPherson, she was a passenger in Mrs. Baxter's car on May 27 of last year on the way to Brantford to play in a golf tournament. At the foot of a slight hill near Paris the car turned to the left and struck the fence. She was thrown against a log of golf clubs which was standing up in the car near her and received injuries to her right eye. She also claimed that she suffered from shock after the accident. Her expenses included, Dr. W. H. Guel of Paris, \$100; Dr. W. J. Brown, London, \$85; Dr. S. M. Fisher of London, \$95; a hospital bill at St. Joseph's of \$90.40, and the expenses of herself and a trained nurse, during a holiday in Muskoka, for \$174. Miss Whitaker claimed that there was negligence on the part of the driver, Mrs. Baxter, and that she speed of the car was excessive in view of the condition of the road.

Mrs. Baxter stated that the accident was caused by a car striking a piece of a log lying in the road covered with dust and gravel, and that she had driven carefully on all parts of the trip.

Met the Onus.

In summing up, Mr. Justice Rose said: "The defendant has absolutely met the onus which is placed upon her. Please see Page 13, Column 6."

DOUBLE MURDER LAID TO 7-YEAR-OLD GIRL

Los Angeles Child Caught in Alleged Attempt to Feed Poison to Another.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 3.—Seven-year-old Alisa Thompson is under observation at the psychopathic ward of the General hospital here today as a result of an inquiry conducted by the police in the course of which the child was alleged to have confessed that she murdered her two little sisters in Dauphin, Man., two years ago. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Thompson, formerly of Dauphin.

Investigation of little Alisa by the police here followed an alleged attempt to kill members of the family where she is boarding.

The child is accused of mixing ant and acid from a radio battery and attempting to induce several persons to eat it. When they refused, she is said to have attacked Maxine Platts, aged 6, and slashed her wrists with a safety razor blade. Officers said that the child admitted the charge, and that she explained: "I guess I did it because I am so mean."

JAPANESE CRUISERS REACH ESQUIMAULT

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 3.—Three war-scared cruisers, the Asama, Yukumo and Isomori, now training ships of the Japanese navy, arrived at Esquimault yesterday on the last leg of their 20,000-mile cruise. Twenty-one rounds from the batteries at Esquimault boomed an official welcome as the Asama, flagship of Vice-Admiral Saburo Hyakutake, entered the harbor.

ALL FORESTRY AEROPLANES TO HAVE WIRELESS SOON

Sault Ste. Marie, Feb. 3.—All of the 14 airships of the Ontario forestry branch will be equipped with wireless to give them communication with the land stations when they start on their regular patrols in the spring. Captain Roy Maxwell, chief of the service, stated today. The aeroplanes will be assembled in the middle of February to be ready for the spring opening.

CRIMINAL TRAIT MAY BE CURED BY OPERATION

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 3.—Dr. C. W. Presnall of the army, was admitted to Johns Hopkins hospital today for treatment of alleged criminal tendencies. An operation may be performed later.

According to despatches from Denver, Dr. Presnall was charged with murdering his wife. The United States veterans' bureau became interested in his case, and permission was granted for his removal to Johns Hopkins.



ABE ORPEN.

Toronto race track owner, whose appeal against the decision following the action of the attorney-general to collect a betting tax has been dismissed by the appellate court.

PRINCIPALS FAVOR FERGUSON'S PLANS

Many Collegiate Heads Disagree With Opinion of Dr. Bruce Taylor.

Toronto, Feb. 3.—Principals of the collegiate institutes in the province appear to be overwhelmingly in favor of the suggestion made by Premier Ferguson that the courses in colleges should be supplemented in order to take the students to the end of the second year of university work.

Of nine principals interviewed by The Advertiser, only one expressed himself in agreement with the views of Dr. Bruce Taylor, principal of Queen's university, who takes objection to the premier's plan.

Dr. Taylor, in a recent speech, declared there were too few instructors in collegiate institutes who were capable of teaching such advanced classes, also that the institutes did not possess adequate equipment, particularly for courses in physics and chemistry, and that the cost of acquiring such equipment would be prohibitive. Dr. Taylor further stated that a matriculant of 18 years of age should be in the type of environment proved by the universities.

PUP IN SEARCH OF FORTUNE RIDES STREET CAR EACH DAY

Chases Money Boxes in Store, Then Hurries Home For Lunch.

ARRIVES ON TIME

A healthy foxterrier pup with a keen eye and a taste for adventure is out seeking a fortune.

The terrier lives in Pottersburg. A short time ago he realized that there must be some attraction downtown else the folks would not be in such a hurry to get there by riding a street car. He decided to join in the morning shopping rush.

He slipped into a Dundas car unobserved, and when the car reached Richmond street, he alighted with the workers and shoppers. R. H. Dowler's store looked attractive, and when a woman and her young son stepped in, the terrier went along with them.

Since then he has been a regular morning visitor. He took a fancy to the place. Money is his chief pursuit in life, but he never catches up with it. He loves to watch the little cash boxes swing along on the overhead wires. He takes great delight in racing down the aisles to come to an abrupt stop at the end of the store just as the whirling boxes of coins click into the office above.

Rarely does the popular pup fail to reach the store by 10:30 in the morning. He makes a cursory inspection of the store, as he had more than just a personal interest in it. Then when a sale is rung up, he starts his mad race for money. Ten or fifteen minutes later he takes his leave, waits for a Dundas car and gets back to Pottersburg in time for lunch.

The Dowler employees do not know the pup's name or just where in Pottersburg he lives. They only know that he arrives about the same time each morning and has his little race with the floating coin.

One salesman says that the owner came in the store once when the dog was there, and they both looked surprised upon meeting so unexpectedly. Each one thought the other to be in Pottersburg. They returned together.

MRS. SCOTT DURAND,

who is reported to have cleaned up \$1,500,000 in the recent wheat boom. While moving in exclusive North Shore circles in Chicago she calls herself a dirt farmer on the ground that she operates a dairy farm at Lake Bluff, Ill.

NEW ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TO UNITED STATES NAMED

Rome, Feb. 3.—Giacomo de Martino, recent Italian envoy at Tokio, has been appointed ambassador to Washington. It was officially announced today. It was understood that Ambassador de Martino will leave for the United States within ten days.

DR. SUN IS WEAKER.

Peking, Feb. 3.—The condition of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, noted Chinese statesman, who was recently operated on for cancer, continues to grow weaker. His pulse registered 110 today.

CAVE EXPLORER GROWING WEAKER IN LIVING TOMB

Boulder on Collins' Foot Continues to Baffle Ingenuity of Man.

STILL CHEERFUL

Drip, Drip of Water Tortures Man Held Prisoner in Kentucky Cavern.

Associated Press Despatch.

Cave City, Ky., Feb. 3.—Pallid of face, his lips purple and his strength fast ebbing, Floyd Collins early today lay in a mole-like hole in Sand Cave, waiting for someone, something to release his foot, held down by a huge boulder which fell upon it when he was exploring the cave Friday morning.

For 24 hours he was alone, the constant drip, drip of water from melting snow and ice on the surface growing more deadly monotonous hour by hour.

Saturday he was found, and since that time scores of men have tried in vain to rescue him. Persons all over the country have been trying to help, too, for many suggestions have been received by telegraph—but the ingenuity of man has gone for naught. In the narrow crevice hardly large enough for a small man to squirm through, the boulder, immovable, has held Collins while the constant dripping of the water has created a torture chamber such as was known only in ages past.

For hours men have pecked away at the boulder with tools, and others have tugged at a rope fastened about the victim's body. He has been moved five inches in four days. But, hopes, stronger than the jaded bodies of the rescuers, held out today and renewed efforts were being made to pull Collins from his living tomb. Apparently only the most primitive methods will be successful if anything is to be done. A compressed air drill was rushed here from Louisville, but experienced cave men said there was grave danger that the vibrations would loosen other rock and cause the narrow passage to collapse, so it was not used. Still optimistic, but himself facing a complete breakdown, Collins has entered into a scheme to extract him from the vice nature created for one who would dare to explore the subterranean caverns.

For two days when another enormous boulder fell and blocked his egress from Crystal cave after he had penetrated new found passages.

VOTE FOR UNION.

Calgary, Feb. 3.—Churches at Gamble, Carbon and Swallow, towns near here, have voted unanimously to remain in the United Church of Canada.

FORTUNES ARE LOST IN WHEAT

Speculators on Winnipeg Grain Exchange Again Suffer Heavy Loss.

TRADERS IN PA

Fight With One Another To Retain Holdings as the Crash Comes.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, Feb. 3.—Speculators on the Winnipeg grain exchange received another rude jolt this morning when the bottom literally fell out of the wheat market at the opening of the session. The decline today, like that of the previous week, was of a panicky character, May sliding back to the \$2 level after the opening quotations, for a loss ranging from 3 1/2 to 8 3/4 cents.

The drop represents a recession of 20 cents since the peak was reached about ten days ago. The July future suffered a similar fate with a setback of 1/2 cent, which showed the price below the \$2 mark. October was 5 1/2 cents lower at \$1.55.

The coarse grains also were swamped in the flood of selling pressure, barley dropping, 6 1/2 cents, flax 4 1/2 to 5 1/4 cents, rye from 7 cents to 8 1/2 cents below yesterday's closing figures.

Pit traders fought with one another in their anxiety to execute orders, and many were closed out without a chance of saving their investments. The bearish movement is attributed to enormous world shipments and reluctance of the consumer to follow the steady advance.

HISTORIC CHURCH FALLS TO FLAMES

College Street Baptist Church of Toronto Destroyed, Estimated Loss of \$100,000.

Special to The Advertiser. By a Staff Correspondent.

Toronto, Feb. 3.—College street Baptist church, one of the historic churches of the city, was completely destroyed by fire that broke out at about 5 o'clock this morning and ate its way through the structure in less than an hour.

The loss, it is estimated, will run between \$75,000 and \$100,000. The total insurance on the building is not more than \$30,000.

An over-heated furnace is believed to have been the cause of the fire. Hose and ladder sections from all stations west of the Don, under Deputy Chief George Simola, responded to the call. By this time the fire was racing through the rear of the church and eating its way into the roof. Four high-pressure pumps and sixteen lines of hose were put into play. Eleven hose wagons, four hook and ladder and four pumps were on the scene.

The church was to have celebrated its fifty-second anniversary next Sunday, and special services were to have been held in the Sunday school section of the building.

The pastor, Rev. Dr. A. J. Vining, told The Advertiser that he understood there was \$30,000 insurance. "But this is a very small amount compared to the damage done," said he. "I believe the loss will be very heavy. I doubt whether the church could be rebuilt. But Dr. Vining stated, 'We must carry on our work.'"

Officials of the church, while the fire was in progress, were not prepared to say whether the church would be rebuilt. But Dr. Vining stated, "We must carry on our work."

"ONE WING" CUTTER HAS WAIVED EXTRADITION

Associated Press Despatch.

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 3.—Frank ("One Wing") Cutter, 49, former Syracuse postoffice employee, and said by police to be one of the directors of the largest drug distributing agencies operating between Syracuse and Montreal, waived extradition on charges of conspiracy, possession and sale of narcotics, before United States Commissioner Harvey D. Henderson yesterday, and was held for the federal grand jury in default of bail of \$5,000.

A younger brother of Cutter, 19 years a drug addict, whose arrest in a hotel Friday resulted in apprehension of his brother and seizure of \$4,000 worth of drugs in an apartment, waived extradition on similar charges, and was committed in default of the same amount of bail.

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DEPUTIES' RESIGNATIONS CREATING SENSATION

Associated Press Despatch.

Rome, Feb. 3.—The resignation of several deputies from the Fascist party is emphasized by the opposition newspapers and minimized by the government organs. The retirement of such men as Eduardo Torre is causing somewhat of a sensation. Deputy Torre occupied a leading position both in organizing the Fascist party in Piedmont and later in successfully reorganizing the Italian railways as high commissioner. His work in re-establishing the lines is said to have been one of the chief reasons for amendment of the deficit in the Italian budget.

Deputy Torre, in an interview, said he had resigned because of attacks launched against him by some of the Fascist newspapers.

Co-operation

Back in the stone age a husky chap heaved a rock at one that was feeble. The feeble individual had divided to his present state by days and nights of horror. He sought the last word to a cross-word puzzle but could not find it.

According to the story, he spread the tale of his abuse to a friend in night school and learned that he also had kept off the main street since the husky one had come.

After that they spent all their time together plotting to overcome the champ of the rock throwers.

Time passed and they were unmolested. They gained a bit of courage. The husky one heaved no stones. Then the truth dawned. Together he was afraid of them. That was the start of it all. It resulted in the word co-operation.

Since then co-operation has been worked to the limit. Sisters are famous for it in regard to dresses; bandits have been known to put up with the inconvenience of six in a car in order to make use of it. When a group of financiers want to put across something really smooth, they snatch at it. But they call it co-operating. They never co-operate—it isn't safe.

In the past ten years we have heard the word co-operation as often as home-brew, dollar-down and tariff. Nations are doing it, so are farmers, vets, drys, chambers of commerce, city councils and churches. It is something that has been brought in to aid an unsettled world, it has shown as a hope and a protection. Even some husbands and wives are considering it seriously.—A.W.J.E.