

CITY MAY BAN STREET CURB GAS STATIONS

Council Legislation Following Hamilton's Lead Liable To Be Retroactive.

'RATHER VEXED QUESTION'

Toronto, Windsor and Woodstock Already Have Ordinances Governing Depots.

The matter of "existing and future" gasoline curb stations in the city was referred by the council at its last meeting to No. 2 committee, and that body will give it some consideration Tuesday night. The council's action came at the conclusion of a rather heated debate, one of several debates which have arisen of late at various meetings over what is now being termed this "rather vexed question."

The city is without a bylaw governing the installation of gasoline tanks, the absence of one, or any other measure of control, being the method adopted by the council to abrogate the city from responsibility should accidents or damage result from the installation of these tanks.

Of late, the number of stations has increased rapidly. Within a few weeks twelve were placed, mostly in the downtown section. Protests against the installation of some districts, and the city men, and these became so insistent that finally action was taken to stop the installation of a couple of tanks. This brought protests from the other side, a demand for a definite regulation from the council, and a statement that the tanks would be removed in any way.

May Remove Some Tanks.

While one committee was considering the matter, the other committee took it up and finally it reached the council. The responsibility was then placed with No. 2 committee. The resolution which the council adopted, reading: "Existing and future gasoline and curb stations, is taken by some of the officials at the city hall to indicate that it is the intention to make whatever regulations are adopted retroactive, and it is said that some of the stations already installed will have to come out."

Realizing the important task which the board of works has ahead of it, and desiring to assist so far as possible in securing this new legislation, the best possible plan that would care for the interests of the whole city and those more vitally interested in the installation and use of these tanks. The advertiser took the matter up with a number of centers with a view of learning how they handle it.

The matter was gone into thoroughly. The law on the question, the attitude of the provincial fire marshal, was sought, and this information is given below. Copies of bylaws, in force in other centers, also permit forms and agreement blanks, which were gathered at the same time, will be turned over by the advertiser to City Clerk Baker for study and use by the committee.

It has been asked on several occasions, if the city has the power to control the location of these curb stations. Under the municipal act, the city has full control of its streets, and as these curb stations are being erected on the streets, the city had power under the act to control their location. Furthermore, under the same act, specific powers are given a municipality to control the handling of gasoline. This is in respect to fire prevention and fire prevention. Subsection 27 of Section 392 of the act says a council may pass a bylaw "for prohibiting or regulating the keeping or storing of gasoline or benzene, and prescribing the materials of which the vessels containing it shall be composed, and the classes of buildings in which it may be stored or kept for sale, and for making regulations for the prevention of fires and accidents from the combustion or explosion of such substances."

Anticipate Legislation.

During the recent discussion before the council, it was hinted that within a year legislation would be forthcoming that would ban these curb stations from the streets. The impression was left with the committee that such action would come from the provincial fire marshal. If such a law were in the making, a local measure of control would be useless. The advertiser wrote Fire Marshal Heaton, asking if

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TEN BURN TO DEATH IN GOTHAM

China War Lord Busy Despite Arms Parley

SEEKS TO GAIN FULL CONTROL BY FEDERATION

Marshal Chang Tso-lin's Attitude May Precipitate Civil War.

FACTIONS PREPARING

Foreign Powers May Interfere in China's Domestic Affairs.

BULLETIN.
Washington, Nov. 14.—It was officially announced for the British delegation today that at tomorrow's session of the arms conference Commissioner Arthur J. Balfour will make a speech on behalf of Great Britain accepting "in principle" the Hughes proposals for limitation of naval armament.

BY WM. PHILIP SIMMS.
(Written Expressly for The London Advertiser.)

Washington, Nov. 14.—The arms conference here, when it reconvenes Tuesday forenoon, may be called upon to face a dramatic and far-reaching change in China's status, according to a high authority in the confidence of Chinese officials.

The calling of a national convention, the resignation of President Hsu Shih-chang, a struggle between Peking and a coalition of Eastern and Southern China, and the unification of the country along entirely new lines are among the sensations forecast.

The war lord of Manchuria, Marshal Chang Tso-lin, commonly spoken of as China's real boss, is reported as being disgruntled. Further, he is said to be flirting with Dr. Sun Yat-sen's faction in Canton, where a "rebel" government has been set up. Marshal Chang and Dr. Sun, according to information emanating from Peking may join hands in an effort to gain control of the country.

Call for Convention.

Meantime, Gen. Wu Pei-fu, commanding the Yangtze River Valley, or Central China, the richest part of the country, is working with Peking against both Chang Tso-lin and Dr. Sun. His idea is to call a national convention, unite the nation, and elect a new president.

The present president of China, Hsu Shih-chang, would resign office, it is said, immediately after the national convention had assembled and thus leave the way open for an election. President Hsu is known to be desirous of quitting office even now.

It is suggested that Gen. Li Yuan-hung, vice-president of China, under President Yuan Shih-kai, then president upon the death of Yuan, might be induced to accept the presidency again.

Behind this movement is a nationwide demand for a China on the order of the United States, but with much more power left to the states, or provinces, and less to the central government.

Unless foreign powers interfere with China's domestic aspirations, a government patterned along these lines is considered a certainty.

Favor Federation.

Dr. Sun, General Wu and the Peking government, despite their differences, all favor a system of virtually autonomous provinces joined in a federation with a central government of limited powers.

But a showdown between the rival factions, and even a brief civil war, may be necessary before it can be determined how the new government is to function.

Should Marshal Chang march on Peking from the north, and Dr. Sun

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How I'd Make Our London A Bigger and Better City

FRANK WHITE.

BY HELEN McMILLAN.
A large, iron-grey man with a suggestion of power in his glance—such is Frank White, who gave me his opinion on London's needs from the familiar precincts of his own armchair at his home on King street.

Mr. White believes that in suggesting plans for London's betterment, the most important fact to keep in mind is London's already high tax rate. Perhaps that very fact is one of the points to which London could turn in the making of improvements, Mr. White declares.

London needs a very great many things, but those things cost money," he says, "and it is a question whether it is wise to consider improvements which must send the tax rate up higher than ever. Public works which can be executed in the winter and thus help out the unemployment situation should be the main consideration at the present time, especially as the Government is offering to come to the city's aid in assuming part of the cost of such undertakings."

Raps Unsightly Structures.
Perhaps the most interesting suggestion that comes from Mr. White is for a new department in the city's government, a department to deal with the location and type of London's buildings in such a way that it would be impossible for a department to put up a blank wall on one of the principal streets of the city.

"I would suggest that a department of the city's government be given authority to pass on the suitability of certain buildings in certain sections of the city," says Mr. White. "Or, if the municipal act does not permit of such a department, let that act be amended to give all cities and towns power to prevent a repetition of the mistake which allowed the placing of the blank wall of a large building on one of the main streets of the city. Perhaps the Provincial Government might establish a municipal department where matters of this kind could be dealt with."

Proper designation of London's streets at the street corners is another matter which Mr. White believes the city could consider with advantage. Mr. White speaks very seriously for the most part, but he is not abrupt, but occasionally he smiles, and his smile makes you feel quite at home with him.

It was such a smile as this which accompanied his suggestion for better street designation. Whether he recalled some humorous incident which was the outcome of not being able to find a certain street in London, or whether he was just feeling good, I do not know. But it was the sort of smile that made me feel good, too, and I enjoyed the interview from then on much more than at the beginning.

Wants Streets Marked.
On the subject of street marking, Mr. White believes that something on the order of the illuminated sign to be placed on the street corner electric light posts, might be used with advantage to point out the names of the streets and the numbers included within the block.

This would be a great boon to the city, especially in the winter months when the pavements are covered with snow, and the names engraved there, cannot be discerned.

Mr. White would ask for better railroad passenger terminals in London and better direction of passengers going and coming.

He believes that the present station accommodation in London is very inadequate for a city of its size, and that finer entrances to the city would give a better impression to the visitors who come to it and who advertise it abroad.

He would complete the paved road to Springfield.

Wants Public Interest.
Most earnestly he desires for more interest in public matters on the part of the citizens of London, not only at election time but throughout the whole year. He is of the opinion that one of the big drawbacks to London's advancement as a city is the failure of the majority of her citizens to take any in-

Tells Civic Needs

Deplores Unsightly Structures on London's Streets.



FRANK WHITE.

Interest in public affairs save when it comes time for them to poll their votes, and many of them not even then.

"If our citizens took more interest in public matters throughout the whole year, a larger percentage of our voters would express themselves at the polls," he claims.

He also appeals for less fault-finding with those whom the citizens vote into office, asking the people of London to remember that those whom they elect to office are their own choice and should be supported as such.

Finally he points out how much better it would be for the city were less of the money of its citizens invested in mining and oil ventures of a speculative nature and more were available for solid investments in their own city.

THE WEATHER

TUESDAY—FAIR AND MILD.

Toronto, Nov. 14.—8 a.m. Forecasts.

Today—Moderate winds, cloudy, with a few local showers.

Tomorrow—Mostly fair and comparatively mild.

Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	46	40	Rain
Calgary	46	14	Clear
Winnipeg	24	14	Cloudy
Port Arthur	30	22	Cloudy
Toronto	34	32	Cloudy
Ottawa	30	20	Snow
Montreal	32	22	Cloudy
Quebec	36	28	Fair
St. John	38	26	Cloudy
Halifax	38	26	Cloudy

Weather Notes.

The disturbance which was near the middle Atlantic coast on Saturday moved quickly northeast with increasing energy, giving gales in Eastern Nova Scotia Saturday night and in Newfoundland on Sunday.

The weather now is mostly overcast, rather cold in Quebec and Northern Ontario. Elsewhere fairly mild.

AWAITS ACTION ON PINE LAWN ROOFING ORDER

Housing Commission Finds No Move Has Yet Been Made.

TIME LIMIT ENDS TODAY

Plan To Repair Defects With \$2,000 Unpaid Original Contractor.

Monday, Nov. 14, was the last date set by the housing commission for the contractor and architect to make a start on replacing the roofs of the Pine Lawn houses, 42 in number. No move has been made at the last meeting of the commission.

City Clerk Baker states that he has received a letter from the contractor, H. Hayman, which will come before the commission at its next meeting. He declined to reveal the nature of the communication.

However, it was learned that the latter declines to carry out the order of the commission to replace the roofs.

When the commission fixed a time limit on when the work should be undertaken it did so after the contractors and architect had ignored a first request that the work be done. The resolution passed at the last meeting declared that if the contractor and architect would not replace the roofs, the commission would have the work done by others and pay for it out of the money which the commission held back on the two officials as part of their contract price. This is about \$2,000. It is estimated that this amount will be sufficient to do the work, but failing this the proviso was made that action should be taken to recover any sum which the commission itself had to lay out.

BRANTFORD POPULATION NOW PLACED AT 29,365

Brantford, Ont., Nov. 14.—Correspondence between W. F. Cockshutt and R. H. Coats, Dominion statistician, shows that the population of this city is now placed at 29,365, and that of the riding of Brantford at 32,248.

Letter-Carriers Will Take Along Stamps For Sale

It has come to the notice of the postoffice department that it is the common practice of senders of parcels to leave such parcels outside of parcel receptacles and on top of street letter boxes to be taken away by the collector on his rounds.

This practice provides the opportunity for serious loss, for which the postal service is frequently blamed. The postoffice department will not consider parcels left on top of parcel receptacles and street letter boxes as being posted, and any loss which occurs in this manner is a matter entirely outside the jurisdiction and operation of the postal service.

A postoffice department memorandum says: "Commenting on 15th November, 1921, letter carriers shall carry for sale a stock of postage stamp books sufficient to meet the demands of purchasers on their routes."

ROTARIANS TO HELP EDUCATE BOYS IN NEED

Members of Club Take Definite Action Following Lloyd Houlding's Appeal.

DISCUSS JUVENILE COURT

Jared Vining Declares Time Is Opportune For the City Council To Act.

Following an appeal by Lloyd M. Houlding, boys' secretary of the Y. M. C. A., eighteen members of the London Rotary Club volunteered to take an active interest in the careers of none local boys between the ages of 10 and 13 years, whose fathers served overseas during the war, and were either disabled, ill or handicapped by large families, so that these youths cannot be properly cared for and educated.

The Rotarians will visit the homes of these boys, and will provide them with employment during spare hours, so that they may earn funds to purchase their own clothing and assist in keeping their respective homes together.

"These boys, if not properly cared for, are the delinquents of tomorrow," declared Secretary Houlding. It is the intention of the Rotary Club to extend these efforts later, with these nine boys as a nucleus in the movement. The club also decided to assist in the "stick to school" movement, and to provide means for boys to obtain education which they might otherwise be deprived of owing to the financial condition of their parents.

Vining Enters Plea.

Jared Vining entered a plea for these youths and obtained the sanction of the club for his committee to extend its efforts in this direction. He stated that there are 301 boys exempted in this city from attending public school, and suggested that these boys for night school be provided for them.

He also outlined the juvenile court situation in this city.

"The position is now that it is to the city council's advantage," he declared, "where it has been for a year. Action is hoped for but with not very great confidence."

He mentioned the cases of a 15-year-old boy in the county jail here and five youths in the Victoria Industrial School, who, he asserted, would not be in these institutions were a juvenile court in existence.

"They are all bright kids," he concluded.

B. K. Sandwell Speaks.

A plea for more encouragement to Canadian authors by more reading of Canadian literature, was addressed to the club by B. K. Sandwell, secretary of the Canadian Authors' Association, and editor of the Canadian Bookman.

"The literature written by Canadians for Canadians should be read by Canadians," he asserted. "We have to have more readers, and the only method to obtain them is to convert Canadians to become readers of Canadian literature."

Could Limit Membership.

George Copeland also addressed the meeting, which was held in the Tecumseh Hotel, briefly pointing out the value of limited membership in the Rotary Club. He sketched the history of this organization from its inception in Chicago in 1905, with a membership of four.

The club decided on motion of Rev. G. A. Lechlitter to telegraph greetings to the Disarmament conference now in session at Washington. President Yen-dall announced that Sir Harry Lauder will address the members of the club and their wives at a luncheon to be staged at the Masonic Temple Dec. 2.

Arrayed In Glory

Queen Wears Crown, Pearls and Many Jewels.



QUEEN SOPHIE.

QUEENS really wear crowns and ropes of pearls and glittering jewels and decorations. Look at Queen Sophie of Greece. She's 50, though she appears younger.

WENIGE OUTLINES STAND FOR MAYOR

Favors Commission Government and Juvenile Court.

Ald. G. A. Wenige, who returned on Saturday from Chicago, where he attended the International Bicycle and Cycle Dealers' convention, of which body he was elected vice-president and came within seven votes of being elected president, on Monday announced the platform on which he will stand for the mayoralty.

"First of all," said Ald. Wenige, "I intend to stand on business principles only."

In his written platform he declares in favor of commission form of government, with a city manager, finance manager and purchasing agent. "These," he says, "must be all big men in every sense of the word." He gives details as to how he would work out the system, outlining the duties of the manager, finance head and purchasing agent.

On the street railway question, he believes that if the matter is taken up without fear or favor it can be easily settled. He calls for an entirely new franchise as a means of dealing with the gas problem.

Opposes Wage Cut.

He does not favor a cut in civic wages, but believes that better supervision will bring better results for the money. He expresses the opinion that there are too many employees at the city hall and would live up to the procedure bylaw in calling for tenders on all work, letting the work to the lowest bidder. He would insist on the lowest wage clause in all contracts.

Touching on the juvenile court, he

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TRAPPED WHEN FIRE DESTROYS 5-STORY HOME

More Than a Score Injured in Endeavor To Reach Safety.

FIVE BODIES RECOVERED

Victim Falls to Death After Clinging to Window Ledge.

New York, Nov. 14.—Ten lives were lost and more than a score of people injured in a fire of unknown origin, which partially destroyed a five-story tenement house on West 17th street before dawn today. The building was occupied by fifteen families, mostly Armenians and Greeks.

Nine were burned to death and the tenth died in a fall from a ledge, where he had clung until exhausted.

Five bodies, all unidentified, were found huddled together near a doorway on the fifth floor of the building, and firemen state there are four more bodies in the ruins.

Investigation by firemen showed the fire had originated in the basement and roared up the shaft to the second floor, where it "mushroomed," spreading through the four upper stories of the building. The fire had gained a good headway before being discovered, and when the firemen arrived the flames were pouring out of the windows of the second and third stories.

Many of the people who lived in the tenement groped their way to windows, where they clung to ledges and screamed for help.

One man became exhausted while clinging to a window ledge and fell to the street, suffering a fractured skull.

PREVENTS DUKE FROM SPEAKING

London, Nov. 14.—The Duke of Devonshire was given a distinctly hostile reception when attempting to address a League of Nations meeting at Chislewick, and it was impossible for him to deliver his speech. The animus against him was ostensibly inspired by his being a landowner in that district, although it was equally obvious that the disturbance had been carefully organized by a section of the community which regularly practices disorder at public meetings.

The Duke of Devonshire was the immediate predecessor of Lord Blyth of Viny as governor-general of Canada.

N. Y. CHEFS WILL TOSS PANCAKES

New York, N. Y., Nov. 14.—A pancake tossing contest between French chefs, each manipulating four frying pans at one time, will be one of the features of the National Hotel's Exposition, which opened here today. Each contestant will toss 100 pancakes for the decision.

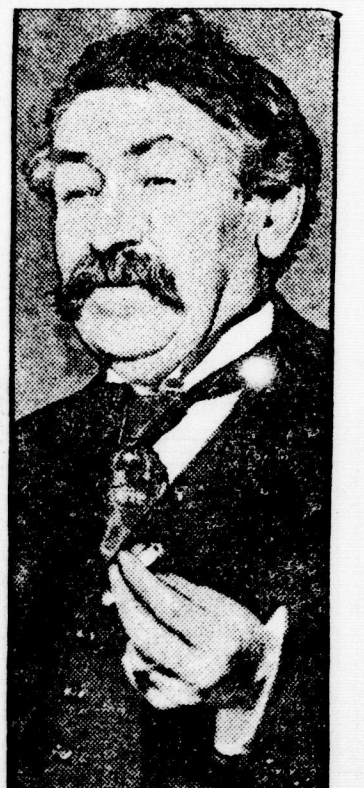
Yes, Women of East and West, Determined to Forever Ban War's Grim Horrors, Are Voicing Their Views In No Uncertain Manner at the Arms Parley



THIS group of women accompanied Madame Kajf Yajima of Japan to the White House at Washington where she presented President Harding with the peace petition signed by more than 10,000 Japanese women. Left to right, front row, Mrs. Karl Baldwin, Miss Morita of Japan, Madame Yajima, Ann Gordon, president of the W. C. T. U., Mrs. Ellis A. Yost; second row, Lida Hafford, Federation of Women's Clubs, Miss McArthur, Y.W.C.A., Mrs. Maud Wood Parks, National League of Women Voters, M.C.A., Topping, interpreter, and Mrs. W. F. McDowell.



MRS. WARREN G. HARDING, America's first lady of the land, planting the first elm at the head of International avenue, on the Lincoln Memorial grounds, the ceremony taking place as delegates from far corners of the earth were assembling for arms parley in Pan-American Building.



PREMIER BRIAND'S peculiar expression is due to the fact that a delegate from the far east has just told him a "dry" joke. He heads the French delegation.



LITTLE BETTY SZE is opposed to disarmament because, you see, the only favor she knows anything about are those in which she posed for the picture above—her mother's. Her daddy is a Chinese delegate.