

DEPORTMENT ON THE CITY STAGES MIGHT BE BETTER

Social Service Council, However, Says Conditions on the Whole Are Satisfactory.

PLEASED WITH COURT

Members Rejoiced at Decision in Favor of Juvenile Court For London.

Reports which covered a year's activities in every phase of social service work in the city were tendered by the secretary, Rev. T. D. McCullough, at last night's annual meeting of the local branch of the Social Service Council of Ontario.

Election of officers, which was scheduled for the session was postponed until an adjourned meeting, giving way to an excellent address on social hygiene by Dr. H. W. Hill of the Institute of Public Health.

Although the report provided that there was still some room for improvement in the "dialogue and deportment of some so-called entertainers on the local stages," it was in many respects eminently satisfactory and members evinced much pleasure, particularly over the reference made to the juvenile court proceedings, which read: "After years of effort and constant agitation, we are now in view of the consummation of our wishes in regard to the juvenile court. United action has been taken by the organizations representative of the city and the city council. These acting together agreed upon the establishment of the juvenile court. The gratification of the attorney-general and the order-in-council confirming the same are now anxiously awaited and we are looking forward to word declaring the appointment. With wise leadership and a strong juvenile court committee are looking for better conditions among juvenile offenders of the city and earnestly strive the loyal support of all units of the council to that end."

References to Dance Halls.

The reference to the supervision of public dance halls indicated that complaints from time to time had been registered that the conditions provided for in the public dance halls act of 1922 were not always observed, but specific cases or statements of misconduct were hard to secure and difficult to prove.

The report further stated that with the exercise of diligence over night these may be reduced to a minimum and a wholesome atmosphere secured.

The report concerning motion pictures and vaudeville stated that many of the plays had been made by the secretary during the course of the year and that he was gratified to be able to report improvement in the tone and quality of the motion pictures now presented. He indicated, however, that there was still room for vigilance and especially so with regard to advertising and the sale of tickets. The report emphasized the fact that the provincial censor board had set its face resolutely against a return of the Arbuckle films.

Scores Racing Tips.

"Race track betting and other forms of gambling are prevalent in this as in other communities of the province," the report stated. "During the past year, through the dissemination of betting news, tips, and other means, a great number of our citizens are induced to take a chance and play the races. If this vice were confined to those who could well afford it, apart from the moral degradation it entails, it might not be so objectionable, but with the facilities for placing small bets, many of the youths, and indeed some girls are drawn into the vice of gambling. Foot races and other places of resort are a fruitful breeding ground for this type of vice."

It was indicated that good progress was being made in the application of the minimum wage act to all branches of industry.

The report also dealt with the administration of the mothers' allowance act, family relations, the matter of parolees, prisoners, organization of relief work, playgrounds, operation of the illegitimate act, law enforcement, the social service extension course and social hygiene.

CONGESTION PREVAILS ON WELSH COAL DOCKS

Trimmers Persist in Refusal To Work Three Shifts in 24 Hours.

Associated Press Despatch. London, March 2.—Considerable congestion prevails on the Welsh docks as the result of the inundation of continental forces after supplies of coal. At least 600,000 tons of coal have been ordered by Germany. The coal trimmers persist in refusal to work three shifts in 24 hours, except on such terms as the employers regard as exorbitant, and the consequence is that thousands of miners remain idle. The weekly earnings of the coal trimmers are three times as much as those of the men who actually haul the coal out of its native bed in the mines.

URGES NATIONAL SYSTEM OF BANKING BE INSTITUTED

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, March 2.—A motion, urging upon the Dominion Parliament that instead of attempting to revise the bank act, a national banking system be established and the present system be done away with, has been adopted by the United Farmers of Canada.

Charlie and Pola Settle Twenty-Four Hour Battle

Comedian Denies He Is Too Poor To Wed or Too Busy—Pays Visit to Tempestuous One.

Special Cable to The Advertiser. Los Angeles, Cal., March 2.—Pola Negri and Charlie Chaplin have patched up their romance. In twenty-four stormy hours the two film stars whose engagement was announced at Monterey a few weeks ago, have travelled the course which some one had in mind when they wrote about true love not running smoothly. For they have had a quarrel and made it all up again within the span of a day.

The trouble all started when Pola Negri read in the papers that Charlie said he was too busy to get married right now; that this was a workday world and that he had to work and had little time for other things. Besides Chaplin was quoted as saying he was too poor to get married.

The tempestuous Pola didn't like it. So late yesterday she told the world

that it was all off between her and Charlie. It probably was, but not for long, because when late evening came Charlie's automobile rolled up to Pola's apartment and Charlie was admitted to the presence of the beautiful Pola. Then early today Miss Negri said she would see the newspaper men.

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FARMERS JUST PAY HIGHER WAGES OR GO WITHOUT HELP

Employment Bureau Head Predicts Acute Labor Shortage Within Next Few Weeks.

HOLD UP FARM WORK

Many Farmers Want Men Now, But Laborers Won't Accept Wages Offered.

Unless the farmers in this district offer more attractive wages for labor they are going to experience the greatest difficulty in securing help for the spring seeding and plowing. This is the belief of John C. Spencer, superintendent of the London Employment Bureau, who, judging from present conditions, states that in his opinion there will be a scarcity of farm labor within the next month or six weeks.

Mr. Spencer went further to say that he could place many men on farms at the present time if the wages were available. But the average unemployed man would rather remain idle than work on a farm.

Many Applications In. "Every day we are receiving applications from farmers desiring experienced labor," he said, "and we cannot begin to fill all the orders. The salaries offered range from \$25 to \$40 a month with board for experienced help. The spring work hasn't begun on the farms as yet, and until the seeding and plowing starts it is customary to pay a minimum wage. After that the pay will be raised according to the ability of the man."

The experienced farm laborer has to use his head just as much on a farm as he has to in a factory. As the mechanic or the men in factories operating machines, the superintendent declared, "Some men know that anybody at all can do farm work. That idea is erroneous."

Labor Shortage Sure. "The man who has spent years at farm work is an expert and he naturally considers himself to be worth more money than the farmers are offering today. That is one of the obstacles we encounter in filling vacancies on farms."

By April 1, the farmers will be clamoring for help. Mr. Spencer pointed out. This has been the case every year. The average farmer can handle the work himself during the winter months, but when the snow clears away he will have to have help. He will be asking the aid of the local employment bureau.

Comparative figures received by the London office, which is the center for Western Ontario, show that the wages paid to farm laborers in this part of the province. Reports from the Chatham office show that the pay in that district ranges from \$25 to \$40 a month, and these figures are standard in many other centers.

LONDON MAY VET TAX BARRACKS STUDENTS

Action of Urban Trustees May Bring Decision From Government.

Hopes of the members of the London Board of Education to secure payment for students from Wolsey Barracks, attending city schools, are revived by the action of the Urban School Trustees' Association, when at its convention in Brantford this week it voted unanimously to ask the provincial and federal government to bear the burden of educating these children.

If either of the governments take action on this recommendation, the City of London will be enriched by annual fees amounting in all to \$2,500. At the present time several students, who would not be able to pay taxes to the city because they do not pay on a federal reserve, are attending public schools. For many months the city has endeavored to shift the burden, but so far has been unsuccessful.

Members of the London deputation returned from the convention last night. They are highly pleased with the success of the mission and that London will win the convention for 1925. The convention voted in favor of Kingston because the meeting for the past three years have been held in Western Ontario.

TALL YOUTH DECEIVES OFFICIAL IN CITY PLAN

Attendance Officer Orders Boy, 15, Six Feet Tall, Back to School.

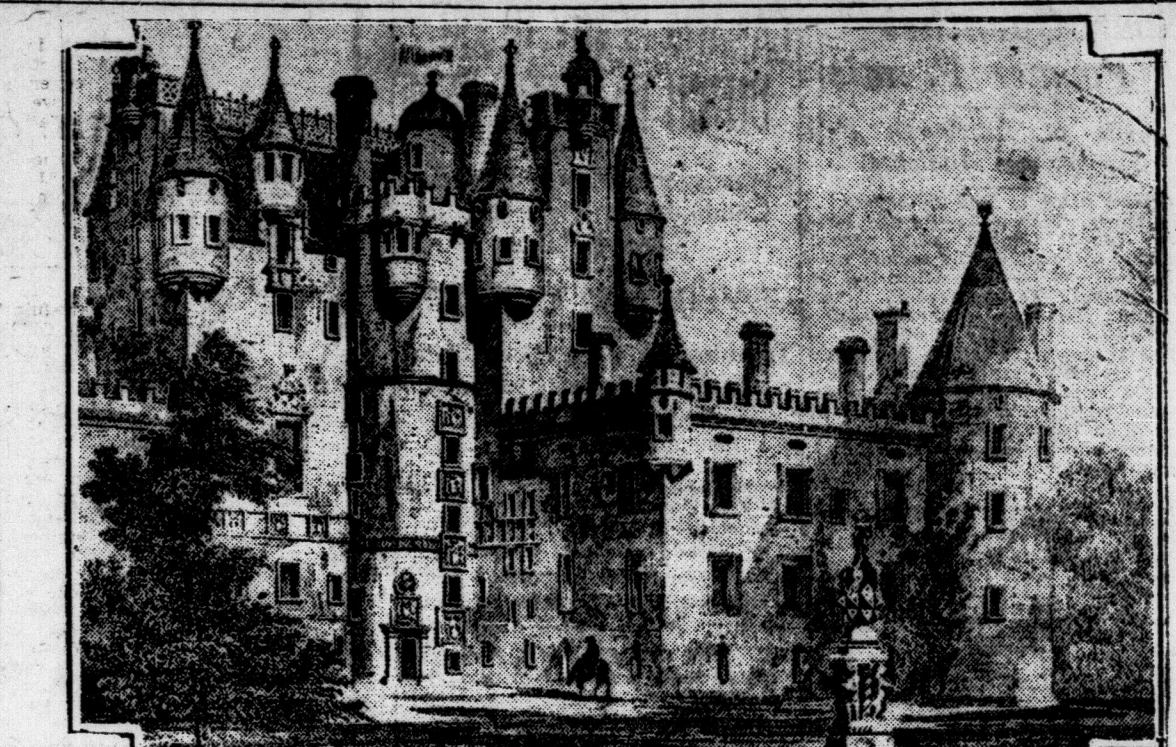
Because an official in a certain factory judged by appearance the heads of the firm nearly as tall as themselves, a young man, 15 years of age, was employed for a job in the mechanical department, stating that he was 17 years of age. Promptly he was given work.

Dr. Weir, attendance officer, in his daily rounds discovered that a certain boy, 15 years of age, had been missing from school several days. An investigation followed and it was eventually discovered that the boy was 15 years of age, five feet tall and the 15-year-old boy was the one and same person. He was working under an assumed name.

Dr. Weir decided not to press the case against the firm.

HENRY BOLTON. Henry Bolton, 69, died today at the residence of his brother, George H. Bolton, 18, concession 3, West Nisour Township. The funeral will be held from the brother's residence at 2 o'clock Monday. Burial will be made at Webster Cemetery.

CHIEF AITKEN STILL IN BED. Although still confined to the house as a result of his having been overcome by smoke at the Pergin fire early yesterday morning, Fire Chief John Aitken is reported to be much improved today. He will return to duty the first part of next week.



POINTS OUT NECESSITY OF TAKING EXERCISE

Dr. Smith Addresses Kiwanis Club at Regular Noon Luncheon.

URGES SHORT SLEEP

States Man, 40, Without Vigor, Has Lost Interest in Life.

Along practical lines which might be applied to the daily life of a business or professional man, Dr. Smith, physical director at Western University, addressed the Kiwanis Club at their regular meeting today on the subject of "Health," driving home the thought that as a man exercises innate power to subdue and control his emotions, grief, anger and the others, to such an extent did he influence the state of his physical well-being.

The new scheme in our schools and universities today," he said, "is to replace the specialization of athletic teams and track meets, with an effort to turn out the entire student body healthy specimens of manhood and womanhood."

Not To Be Disregarded.

"When you look into yourself you are a physical being with physical needs, which cannot be disregarded. Too many men regard middle life as the stopping point. Too many of our boys and girls feel dead and are a mother into the discard. And it is a fallacy! Life is not a process that ends at 30 or 40, and the man who cannot look ahead with the vigor of youth at the forty mark has ceased to have any interest in life. There must be for every man to preserve health a period each week of rest and recreation. A daily nap of 15 to 20 minutes in your chair at your office, or before you retire, will do it. Every man ought to have muscular effort equal to a walk of 10 or 12 miles. And the man who doesn't have it will pay for it."

No Strenuous Work.

"We are not called upon to do the work that our grandfathers did—to hoe wood and to chop trees. But the fact remains that many of us in sedentary occupations have not sufficient hard work to keep the nation's quality of manhood up to the standard which our forefathers set."

The program was rounded out with a revival of various features of the new famous Kingston minstrel show, at which the members of the band, Miss Lenore Coughlin, pianist, and Miss Lila Proctor, soprano, who sang with Tom Yule's quartet.

ASKS DUTY ON FLAX COMING INTO CANADA

Deputation From Western Ontario Waits on Hon. W. S. Fielding Today.

Special to The Advertiser. Ottawa, March 2.—A deputation of Western Ontario flax growers will wait on Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, this afternoon, to ask for the imposition of a duty on flax yarns now coming into the country. The growers complain that the flax yarns now being largely used in Canada for the manufacture of carpets, rugs and sacks.

In the event of not securing tariff protection, the flax men, it is said, will press for a government subsidy.

A. F. HEALY MAJORITY DROPS TO 1,167 VOTES

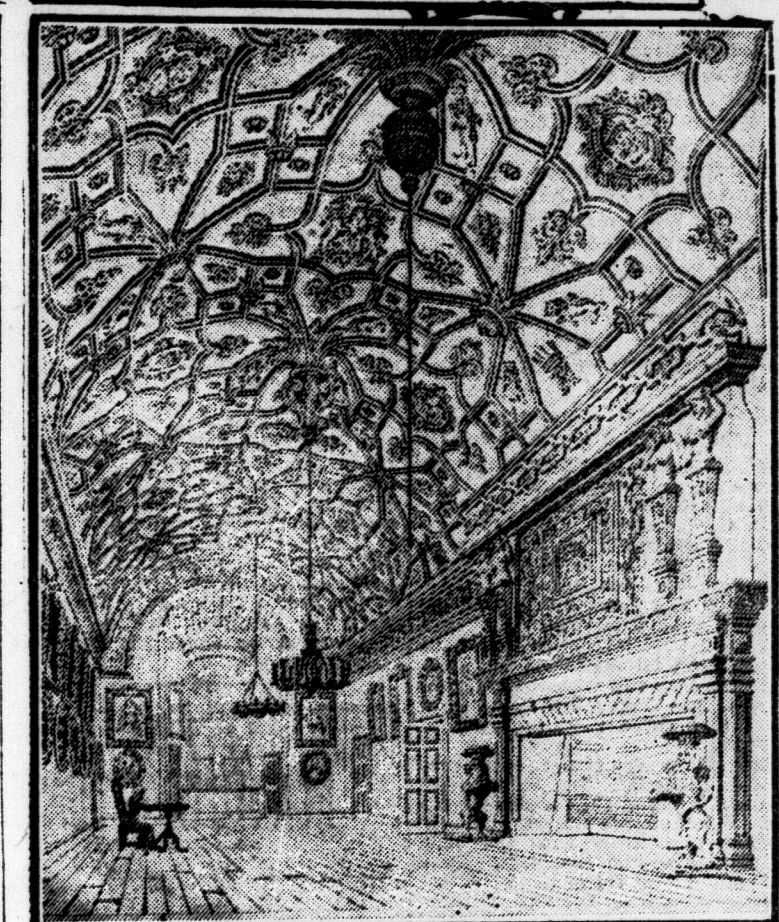
Three Polls Yet To Hear From May Bring This Up To 1,350 Votes.

Canadian Press Despatch. Windsor, March 2.—With three tally polls to hear from it is not expected that the majority of A. F. Healy's Conservative forces in the North Essex by-election, will exceed 1,350 votes. Figures compiled this afternoon, give Healy a lead of 1,167. Conservative forces are expected to be able to compete in price with the foreign products, especially from Italy, although the Canadian yarn is superior in many ways. Italian yarns are now being largely used in Canada for the manufacture of carpets, rugs and sacks.

The Border Cities including Windsor and Detroit, have given Col. S. C. Robinson, the Conservative candidate, a lead of 689. The Healy majority in the district is 1,167. Ford and Sandwich went strongly for Healy. Windsor and Walkerville rolled up a substantial vote for Robinson.

SHOULD EXTEND PENSIONS.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, March 2.—T. G. McBride, Progressive member for Carleton Place, has given notice of a motion in the house that "inasmuch as pensions are now payable to engineers and conductors of the National Railways, the same privileges should be extended to the maintenance-of-way employees and shop laborers of the system."



Exterior and interior views of Glamis Castle, ancestral home of the Earl of Strathmore, and his daughter, Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, fiancée of the Duke of York.

STATUS OF DWELLING BOTHERS THE COURT

Judgment Reserved For Week in Action For O. T. A. Violation.

AUTHORITIES ASKED

Crown Attorney Will Produce Legal Opinions on Contention Raised in Case.

Judgment was reserved for one week in the case of Gordon Goldberg, tried in the police court today on a charge of having liquor in a place other than a private dwelling, contrary to the provisions of the Ontario Temperance Act.

Goldberg is a boarder at the home of Mrs. Rachel Cohen, 124 Clarence street, who was convicted in police court yesterday and fined \$100 for keeping liquor for sale.

When the police raided the home they found twelve bottles of Gold's brandy in the bedroom. Provincial Officer T. Y. Stratton stated. The other officers were not sure that the liquor was found in this bedroom. Stratton declared the liquor was found between the bed and the register.

Where Was It Found? Witnesses in the defence stated the location of the room was such that liquor could not have been found in the place the officer mentioned.

At her trial, Mrs. Cohen declared that the liquor belonged to the family and was not the property of Goldberg. When the officers made the raid, she claimed all the liquor as hers.

Goldberg has been convicted last July of having liquor in a place other than a private dwelling. The prosecution sought to prove that this was a conviction for the same offence. A place other than a private dwelling within the meaning of the O. T. A.

READS BULLETIN BOARD AND SAVES THREE CENTS

It is a matter of common knowledge that the most selfish man in history was the fellow who dug his own grave that he might apply the money to a more expensive coffin for himself and that the smallest man was the one who gave his son a magifying glass and told the boy to look at some fish worms when he asked for a dime to see the rattlesnakes at the circus, but the closest man came to light just this morning.

He came along to a stationery store in the east end about 9:15 and instead of walking inside and plunking down three pennies for a morning paper, picked up one of the bulletin boards from outside the shop and proceeded to read the news it contained.

There he was in the center of the sidewalk, holding the heavy board in front of him and getting first hand and absolutely free inside dope on the world's events of the last 24 hours while every man, woman and child who passed stopped to wonder at the strange sight, which was, as they would say in old Lodo, "something that isn't done."

DANGER OF HOSTILITIES IN THE RUHR, FEARED

Situation Considered More Serious Than When Occupation Advance Began.

U. S. WILL INTERVENE

German Industrialist Warns Against French Hunger Blockade.

Associated Press Despatch. New York, March 2.—A special to The Tribune from Washington says that so serious is the situation in the Ruhr now regarded in the United States capital that "one would not be surprised at an outbreak of hostilities which would lead to a renewal of war at any moment."

"Not even at the moment the French troops began their advance into that region," the dispatch continues, "was the danger of hostilities so great as now, in the opinion of a Washington official."

The paper adds that the uncertainties of developments in the Near East, as well as the Ruhr situation, "add to the feeling of apprehension in Washington."

U. S. WILL INTERVENE?

Special Cable to The Advertiser. Hamm, Germany, March 2.—The United States will intervene in the Ruhr if France attempts a "hunger blockade," Dr. Klönne, noted German industrialist, declared in a speech here. Dr. Klönne credited American Ambassador Houghton with the declaration that the United States might take over the provisioning of the occupied area under such circumstances.

The American embassy, however, flatly denied that Ambassador Houghton had made any such statement.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

Dusseldorf, March 2.—The struggle of wills in the Ruhr centered today on the issue of taxation.

Following an announcement by the German government that all goods upon which taxes had been paid to the French and Belgians will be confiscated by the civil authorities, Gen. De Goutte announced the invaders' plan.

Collection of taxes on Ruhr products is the new Franco-Belgian scheme in securing a portion of the reparations payments when they are missing through occupation. Gen. De Goutte today decreed such collections effective on all wines, tobacco and cigarettes sold in the occupied area.

Hotels and citizens who pay these taxes, in defiance of their government's orders, will be given protection by the French and Belgians. The situation narrows down to the shopkeeper being forced to decide whether, when he makes a sale of articles on the tax list, he prefers to pay up to 40 per cent to the French and Belgians and run the risk of having the goods confiscated, or whether he chooses to refuse payment to the invaders and have them seize and confiscate the goods.