

TALK OF EXECUTIONS A "STUPID BLUNDER"

MAYOR WOULD EXCUSE MINOR LORD'S DAY ACT BREACHES

CITY HEAD WANTS THE POLICE TO "GO EASY"

Mayor Wenig To Confer With Chief Brrell On Sunday Sale By Drug Stores.

POLICEMEN ACCUSED OF PLAYING SPIES' PART

Arrests For Petty Violations of Lord's Day Act Are Scored By Mayor Wenig.

Because he believes the city police are entirely too active in enforcing minor infractions of the Lord's Day Act, particularly in prosecuting drug stores which sell a five-cent chocolate bar on Sunday, Mayor Wenig is planning to have a conference with Chief of Police Brrell to see what can be done. Several complaints have recently been made to the mayor regarding this situation, and he has promised to take the question up with the police department.

According to the complaint, the members of the police force, or some of them, act as spies on the drug stores on Sundays. They stand around the windows, where they cannot be seen readily, and watch for sales of candy and cigars. It was stated that Mayor Wenig stated that the police should not interfere with such petty things.

"We are living in a different age when this Lord's Day Act was first drafted," Mayor Wenig explained. "It is a piece of absolute foolishness to have a man to police candy because he is selling a five-cent chocolate bar on Sunday. The drug stores keep open on Sundays for the convenience of the public, and it is nothing short of a nuisance to summons them if they sell 10 cents worth of candy on Sunday. I will take this question up with Chief Brrell to see what can be done."

The mayor was informed that the police of other cities do not enforce the Lord's Day Act so strictly as it is enforced here. While the drug stores do not want to be allowed to sell candy on Sunday, they do not feel that they should be persecuted because they sell a few candies for the counter on a Sunday.

DEAD CLINTON MAN KILLED BY MOTOR

Bert Beacom, 88, Dies of Injuries Received In Accident.

Special to London Free Press. LONDON, April 1.—Robert Beacom died at 2:30 this morning in the Clinton hospital as the result of an accident on Monday afternoon. He was 88 years of age and was residing at 250 St. George street. He was driving a car and was struck by a motor car on the corner of St. George and St. James streets. He was seriously injured, having a fractured skull, a fractured spine and a fractured hip. He was taken to the hospital and remained unconscious until he died early this morning.

POSTAL WORKER DROPS DEAD

Stevenson Dropped Dead. He Had Been an Employee of the Government for About Three Years and Had Not Been in Good Health Recently.

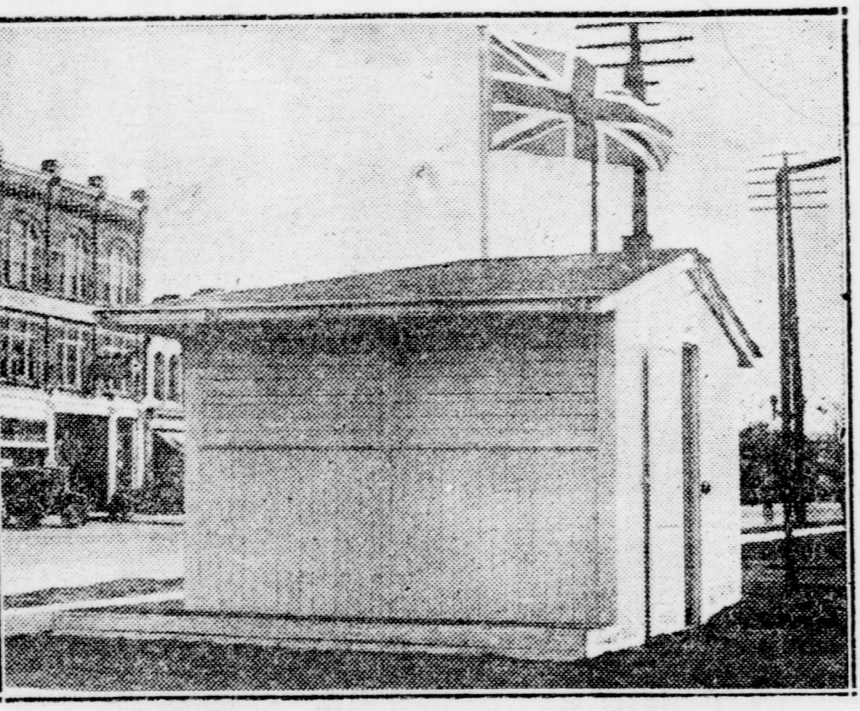
TORONTO, April 1.—While performing his duties of cleaning Government offices at terminal postal station "A," here, early this morning, R. J. Stevenson dropped dead. He had been an employee of the Government for about three years and had not been in good health recently.

WATER THE PEANUT KING IS DENIED LICENSE TO PEDDLE IN CITY'S RIVERSIDE PARK

Vendor, Terror and Deed of Little Children, Will Wares In Park's Leafy No More.

There will be small boys and girls about James Lamport, uncrowned peanut king, and hand out bright kernels for hot roasted peanuts, but Peter, as he is known among the juvenile population, has had a peddler's license, Peter for a card which would give him the right to follow his pushcart through the streets of London, but was refused his license.

London's New City Hall?



This is the building on the Federal Square that has aroused so much curiosity recently. Some still maintain that it is the first instalment of a new city hall, but the truth is, that it is to be a soft drink and ice cream booth. Note the beautiful building, nicely painted, surmounted by a flag.

STREET RAILWAY COMPANY RESTORES 7 AND 9-TICKET RATE ON ALL ITS LINES

New City Hall Begun and C. N. R. Engineers Arrive Next Week To Begin Track Elevation and New C. N. R. Depot. — Joyous News Reaches City To-Day.

The London Street Railway Company has decided to accede to the demands of the City Council in the matter of fares, and the old seven and nine for a quarter tickets will be placed on sale commencing at 6 o'clock this evening. This is the information that was gathered from a notice posted in the street railway barns, and Mayor Wenig has stated that the police should not interfere with such petty things.

WOMAN FORGER IS GIVEN YEAR TERM

Elma Tangredi, 18 and Married, Goes To Reformatory.

Elma Tangredi, 18 years old and married, was today sentenced to one year in the Ontario reformatory for uttering a forged check made out for \$175 and drawn upon the account of ex-Adm. James A. Tanock. The sentence was imposed by Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon in city police court today.

WOMAN FINED ON PILFERING COUNT

Defense Submitted Peculiar Mental Make-Up of Women.

Have ribbons, gloves and fancy articles of wearing apparel an attraction for the ladies that men do not appreciate? Howard Cluff, acting on behalf of Helen Temple, 36 years old, convicted in city police court a week ago of the theft of a pair of gloves from a local store, submitted, when the woman appeared for sentence today, that this might be so.

ENVAY TO SPAIN RESIGNS

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Alexander P. Moore has resigned as ambassador to Spain. No decision as to acceptance of the resignation has been reached.

STRATFORD MAN DIES

The death occurred this morning in St. Joseph's Hospital of Thomas Henry Walker, in his 68th year, a resident of Stratford who had been receiving treatment here for a long illness. The funeral service will be held to-morrow afternoon from the G. E. Logan funeral home at 2 o'clock and interment will be made in Stratford.

THE WEATHER

CLOUDY. Forecasts—Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay: Northerly winds; fair in the West, light snow or rain in eastern districts. Thursday: Partly cloudy, not much change in temperature. NOTES: A depression which was off the Middle Atlantic coast yesterday has moved northward into the Maritime Provinces, causing fresh to strong winds and heavy rains from Montreal eastward. The weather has been mostly fair and rather mild in Ontario and the West.

ENTRANCE STUDENTS TO WRITE ON TESTS

Examinations To Be Held Commencing This Month On Work Since September 1.

HELP DECIDE PROMOTING PUPILS TO HIGH SCHOOLS

Principals Will Base Their Confidential Recommendations On Results.

Instructions have been issued by the London Collegiate entrance board for the holding of examinations on the year's work for all grade eight students. The tests will commence this month and are particularly important, since they will largely determine whether the candidates will be advanced into high school without being required to write departmental examinations.

PASS ON YEAR'S WORK

It is the policy of the educational officials this year to promote as many students as possible into Collegiate purely on their year's work. The principal takes into consideration the general application and attention of the pupil during the year, but is largely guided in his recommendations by the standing which the individual scholar obtains on the tests which are being set for the next few weeks.

"JOY" PROFITS IN LEGAL TENTACLES

Receipts, Prizes and Other Matters Involved In Problem.

LOTTERIES ARE ILLEGAL. The failure of the promoters of the "Joy Week" celebration here last week to supply funds to defray the expense of a national lottery in connection with an automobile and other prizes, besides wages, etc., has created an interesting point of law, according to information obtained from reliable sources today.

PRINCESS MAFALDA MAY MARRY BELGIAN HEIR

VORDEGHERA, Italy, April 1.—Reports again are in circulation regarding the possible engagement of Princess Mafalda, second daughter of King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena, to the Duke of Brabant, heir-apparent to the Belgian throne, in the presence here of the duke as a guest of the Italian royal family.

Goes To Windsor

GORDON PHILIP, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, who has accepted a similar position at the border city.



\$100,000 GRANT FOR SANATORIUM IS NOW ASSURED

Nearly All of Amount Needed Locally Raised To Obtain Government's \$50,000 Grant.

MAKE INSTITUTION ONE OF BEST IN DOMINION

Hospital Acreage Increased On Monday To 438 Acres—Beck's Great Philanthropy Extolled.

With the \$50,000 grant from the Ontario Legislature voted yesterday for the special building program of the Queen Alexandra Sanatorium, the dream of its supporters to build up the finest institution of its kind in Ontario is within a few months of realization. The expenditure of \$100,000 for the final improvements was half achieved last fall with the completion of the central heating system for the heating of the separate cottages, to replace the old coal heaters. Only a few thousand dollars are now required to qualify for this grant from the Provincial Government, which will be spent in making the patients' quarters more comfortable and more efficient. The new central heating plant is almost complete now and only this grant is required in order that the program of placing the patients' accommodations on the highest possible basis in equipment and construction.

GORDON PHILIP GOES TO WINDSOR

Chamber of Commerce Secretary Accepts New Post.

WORK HERE IS LAUDED

President Dowler Pays Tribute To His Career.

Gordon Philip, secretary of the London Chamber of Commerce, announced today his acceptance of the secretaryship of the Windsor Border Chamber of Commerce and Industry, which will be the local chamber by May 1. He will take over the position left vacant by the removal of F. Maclure Scandlers to the Board of Trade of St. John, New Brunswick.

LOTTERIES ARE ILLEGAL

The secretary of the chamber will remain here until the United Welfare campaign has been completed and other projects and business of the chamber have been completely concluded to date.

PRISONERS, RELEASED, FEAR APRIL 1ST JOKE

Both Men Given Liberty On Order of Ontario License Board.

Two more prisoners at the county jail have left without completing their sentence following recommendations made by the Provincial License Board. Both were serving time for violations of the O. T. A.

CONTRARY TO LAW

The "Joy Week" lottery, therefore, is contrary to law, even though the proceeds were in aid of a charitable organization and the holders of the lucky number tickets have little comeback. In the matter of a civil suit for wages left unpaid as a result of the lottery, but the avenue likely to achieve the best result, it is pointed out, is to make application to the provincial treasurer for an order restraining the carnival promoters from holding shows in other cities in the province, which, it is said, they intend to do.

ALBERTA MAN A SUICIDE

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 1.—D. R. Lewis, 41, a recent arrival in the city from Alberta, last night shot himself through the head at the home of his brother-in-law, dying almost immediately.

Public School Girl Has Found \$200 On Streets In the Past Two Years

Kathleen Sweet, of Simcoe School, 14 Years Old, Establishes Unique Record—Money Was Restored To Owners and Girl Rewarded.

FOUND \$188

On one occasion Miss Sweet sighted a suspicious looking bundle lying near the sidewalk. Her heart beat a bit faster as she picked it up and she could hardly believe her eyes when bill after bill of large denomination was unfolded. The "roll" contained no less than \$188, and had been dropped by a man who gave Kathleen a ten-spot as her commission.

MISSING LINKS IN TRANSFER OF BONDS

Purchase From Mr. Biggs Shown On Books, But No Sale To Him.

ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE PROBING SEVERAL DEALS

BY W. E. ELLIOTT. Free Press Staff Correspondent. TORONTO, April 1.—The bond deals which evidence has credited to Hon. F. C. Biggs in connection with the Provincial Securities Company—a mushroom concern formed during the time of the Drury Government to exploit a profitable entry to Government business—were probed this morning by the public accounts committee. Mr. Biggs himself was present and when told that the committee was trying to fathom the entries on the books of the Browning, Harris, Northey Company, which showed extensive purchases of bonds from him, he replied, vigorously: "That is what I am trying to do."

ONE LINK MISSING

The investigation revealed in the main the one situation—the Provincial Securities Company had made substantial profits in its bond deals with the Government and had purchased certain bonds. These bonds were later shown by the Browning, Harris, Northey books to have been bought from Mr. Biggs. No sale of the bonds from the Provincial Securities Company was shown, and the ledger sheets containing the details of their purchase by the Browning, Harris, Northey Company were missing.

BIGGS WANTS TO APPEAR

At one point Mr. Biggs said that he (Continued On Page Seventeen.)

Appellate Judge Saved From Having To Decide Height At Which Lady's Heel Becomes Dangerous

Suit of Mrs. Leckie Against Owners of Hamilton Building Is Withdrawn.

TORONTO, April 1.—The judges of the appellate court will not have to pass on the delicate question as to the height at which a lady's heel becomes dangerous. They will not have to examine the shoe worn by Mrs. Sadie Leckie, of Hamilton, and filed as an exhibit in her action against William Tomes and Alexander M. Lewis. Mrs. Leckie's appeal from the decision of Mr. Justice Kelly dismissing her action against Tomes and Lewis as owners of the building at the corner of King street and Proctor boulevard in Hamilton, has been withdrawn, each party paying own costs.

EMPLOYMENT GIVEN THROUGH LABOR BUREAU

Employment for 20 men was given the local employment bureau today by C. Spencer, superintendent, stating applicants were taken by the C. T. M. men will be engaged in laying and according to Mr. Spencer the 500 men from the railroad has placed with the local office. He reports the men will be taken in gangs of 25 or more.

C.P.R. REDUCES RANKS OF JOBLESS BY 20

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FIGURES GIVEN OUT BY CURRIE

Former Commander Says Punishment Details of C.E.F. Concern Only the Dominion.

SEES BLOW STRUCK AT IMPERIAL FRIENDSHIP. Explains Why 25 Canadian Were Executed and No Australians.

MONTREAL, April 1.—Show a London dispatch in which Secretary of War, was credited with stating in the House of Commons in reply to a question, that 25 members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force were executed during the war for military offenses, five New Zealanders and no Australians. Arthur Currie, formerly commander-in-chief of the Canadian Corps, made the following statement: "It is most unfortunate that figures as those given in the cable have been asked for and it is hard to what conceivable good anyone can derive from the information conveyed. It seems, however, a little hard to plain why such question should be asked or answered in the British House of Commons without reference to Canada. The matter is one which concerns Canada alone."

"The subject of military execution was always painful, was one never excepted when necessary, and is lamentable to have it reawakened. There is, however, another aspect of the matter. The answer given by secretary of war makes a most unflattering comparison between Canadian and Australian soldiers. The governments of the dominions never gave their autonomy over their own troops, but, as a discipline was concerned, this authority was delegated more or less completely to the commander-in-chief of the British armies in France. principle is definitely stated in agreement between the war department and the minister of overseas military forces of Canada in 1918. Aust. delegated authority on this point completely to the British. For this, no court-martial on an Australian soldier could take place without the approval of the British government. The situation was perfectly well understood and realized. "I do not wish to make any reflection on the conduct of the Australian 25 Canadians were, proved nothing whatever. If the facts of the case reported by the Canadian Press are correct, I consider the British Government has committed another stupid blunder and struck a dangerous blow to imperial friendship."