

THE WEATHER:
NORTHERLY WINDS, FAIR, COOL.
TOMORROW—FAIR, COOLER.

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CENOTAPH PLAN IS URGED BY ALL East End Collegiate Argument To Be Opened By Board

NEW TAX PUT ON DANCES

Government Serves Notice of
Additional Levy, Bringing
Total To 30 Per Cent.

WILL PETITION

Amusement Directors Association
Will Carry Protest to
Provincial Treasurer
Tuesday.

Abrupt notification from the Ontario amusement tax department to dance hall owners in Western Ontario that amusement tax must be collected not only on tickets of admission, but on tickets for each individual dance, has stirred twenty-one members of the Amusement Directors' Association of Western Ontario to strong protest.

The notification was received on May 5 in the form of a letter from H. R. Boul of the amusement tax department. As yet the tax has not been collected in Western Ontario dance halls. The Amusement Directors' Association held a meeting last week, and it was decided to present their case in person on Tuesday next to Hon. William Price, provincial treasurer.

Would Close Halls.

According to George E. Eccleston, president of the association; W. H. Baines, secretary, and J. H. Hopkins of the Port Stanley casino, if the legislation is allowed it may result in the closing of dance halls altogether. The tax, which would amount to about 30 per cent, is altogether too high, they stated to The Advertiser today. It would seriously affect employment for musicians, as dance halls may find it necessary to cut the number of men they would usually use in an orchestra, and it will undoubtedly mean that dance halls will only be able to operate two nights a week instead of four or six.

The following letter received by dance hall owners in the province Continued on Page 3, Column 3.

MRS. MUIRHEAD WINS \$10,000 SUIT

Judgment Is Given Against
Frank Bamed of This
City.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Niagara Falls, May 14.—Mrs. Carrie Muirhead of this city was awarded ten thousand dollars and costs at Welland assizes today in her action against Frank Bamed of London, Ont., for the death of her husband, Smylie Muirhead, here on Sept. 23 last, when Muirhead was run down by Bamed's car. Bamed was arrested and tried on a charge of murder, but was convicted of manslaughter and is now serving a prison term.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Moderate north-east winds; fine and cool today and Friday.

Pressure is now highest over northern Ontario and Quebec and lowest near the middle Atlantic coast. The weather is fine throughout the dominion.

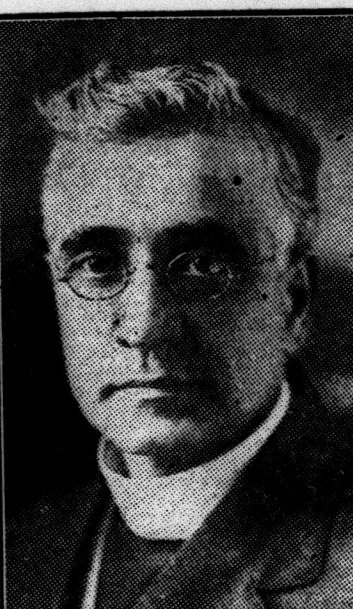
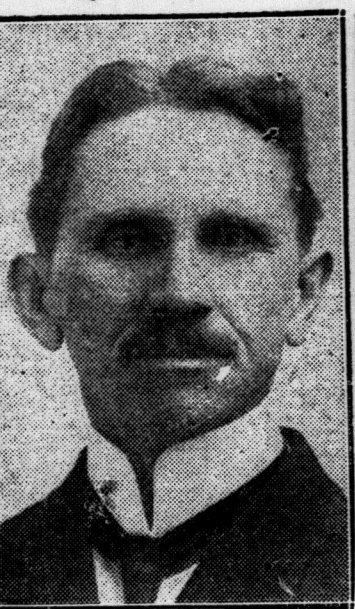
Temperatures.

Stations.	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	70	52	Clear
Calgary	74	48	Fair
Winnipeg	68	38	Clear
Port Arthur	54	49	Fair
Perry Sound	56	34	Clear
Toronto	67	44	Fair
Kingston	56	42	Fair
Ottawa	62	48	Fair
Montreal	62	44	Cloudy
Quebec	60	38	Cloudy
Father Point	44	36	Cloudy
St. John	60	44	Cloudy
Halifax	70	40	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 73; lowest, 48.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 69; lowest, 46.
Sun rises at 4:54 a.m. and sets at 7:55 p.m. (Standard time.)
Barometric Readings.
Wednesday—8 p.m., 29.15.
Today—8 a.m., 29.25.

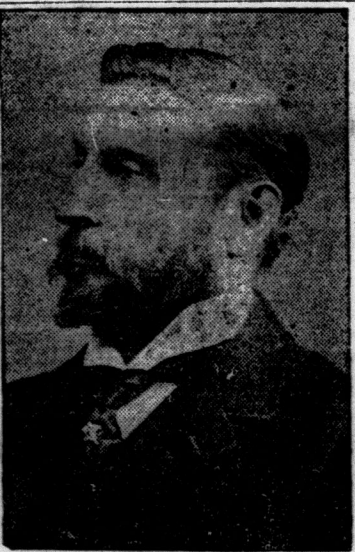
May Be New Head of Methodists



PROMINENT FIGURES IN METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Above on the left is Rev. Herbert J. Uren, Colborne street Methodist church, London, who, as president of the London Methodist conference, will convene the 42nd annual session of that body in this city on Monday next. On the right is Rev. A. E. M. Thomson, M.A., B.D., pastor of Centennial Methodist church, London, in which the conference will be held, and who, it is generally accepted, will be chosen as president of the conference for the ensuing transition year after the consummation of church union on June 10. Mr. Thomson was runner-up to Mr. Uren for the presidency last year, and thus far no other name has been advanced for the high honor this year.

EAST HIGH PROBLEM AGAIN FACES BOARD



SIR H. RIDER HAGGARD, famous British novelist, whose death occurred today at his home in London, England.

SIR RIDER HAGGARD DIES IN ENGLAND

Famous British Author Passes
Away After Brief
Illness.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, May 14.—Sir H. Rider Haggard, the author, died here today, after a brief illness.

Sir Henry Rider Haggard was born at Bridenham, Norfolk, June 22, 1856. He engaged in government service in South Africa, and while a young man became celebrated as a writer of romance and tales of adventure with African backgrounds.

DIPLOMATS RECEIVED BY VON HINDENBURG

Another Busy Program Marks
New President's Third
Day in Office.

Associated Press Despatch.
Berlin, May 14.—President von Hindenburg faced another busy program today, his third day in office, featured chiefly by a reception to the diplomatic corps.
Several high German officials participated in the reception to the diplomats, including Chancellor Luther, Foreign Minister Stresemann, Executive Secretary Meisner, Foreign Under-Secretary von Schubert and the official diplomatic introducer, von Guelich.

PROTEST STREETS WITH OIL

Motorists Complain of Damage
To Tires Through Excess
Oil On Roads.

ENGINEER EXPLAINS

Near Says Only Half of Street
Oiled—Sand On Bad
Spots.

Numerous complaints are being registered by garage men, motorists and taxi drivers that certain city streets have been so well oiled that their tires are injured by driving over them. On the other hand the city engineer claims that the only men who have a just complaint are private users who must cross the oiled half of the street to get into their garages.

The usual complaint concludes, "Why not put sand on the roads as soon as they are oiled?" and the city engineer replies, "You might as well leave the oil in the refineries as put on sand immediately after application. If you do that you prevent the oil being absorbed by the road, which is the very thing you are trying to do."

It depends on the state of the particular road as to how long it takes to dry up the oil, according to Mr. Near. Some roads will dry up a full application in half an hour; others will take two or three days. Mr. Near says that where there are large pools of oil not being absorbed sand is spread on the pool, just enough to dry up the spot.

According to one indignant College avenue resident, however, this is not being done, and the city engineer's department appears to be in for a warm time during the next few days.

ASK ONTARIO AID IN SCHOOL COSTS

London Township Taxpayers
Feel 25-Mill Rate Too
Big a Problem.

With a school rate of 25 mills, London township taxpayers in S. S. No. 23 feel that their tax bill is much too burdensome, and have prepared a petition that will be presented to Premier Ferguson in the near future, asking that the province bear some share of the cost.
S. S. No. 23 is just beyond the city limits, east on Dundas street. It is a small section with small holdings and a large school section. In view of this fact, the taxpayers in S. S. No. 23 expect that Premier Ferguson will help them in paying for the large school that has been an absolute necessity in their district.

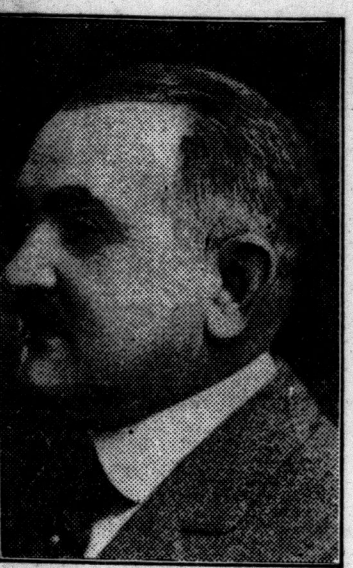
Boy Pleads In Vain To Save Puppy from Constable's Gun

Bandits Grab
\$20,000 Payroll

Associated Press Despatch.
Cambridge, Mass., May 14.—Six men in a touring car held up the cashier of the Lever Brothers Company in East Cambridge today and escaped with a payroll of \$20,000. The hold-up occurred directly in front of the company's plant. One shot was fired through the windshield of an automobile occupied by the cashier of the company.

ARGENTINE FLIER UNHURT WHEN SEAPLANE TOPPLES

Associated Press Despatch.
Osaka, Japan, May 14.—Major Pedro Zanni, Argentine aviator, and his two companions escaped injury in an accident here this morning when their seaplane overturned while attempting to take off for Kasumikaura to resume their world flight, interrupted last year. The plane was towed to land and lifted ashore by a crane.



DR. K. P. R. NEVILLE, M.A., F.R.S., registrar of the University of Western Ontario, who will represent Western at the Canadian universities conference at Halifax on June 2 to 4 inclusive.

PRINCE SEES SNAKE PARK

Shudders As Deadly Reptiles
Are Handled By African
Attendants.

COMPARED TO HADES

By WARD PRICE.
Special Correspondent of The Advertiser
and The North American News.

Port Elizabeth, Union of South Africa, May 14.—Up to the present time in his whole tour of Africa, the Prince of Wales has been shown nothing so fascinating and gruesome as a snake park which he saw here today. His terse comment was "it is very like my idea of Hades". The parallel was apt for there was something very Dantesque in the sight of these trees filled with festooned bunches of writhing particolored snakes with malice in their eyes and each one capable and eager to deal its own form of swift, silent death.

The snake park has an attractive exterior and the interior looks like a pretty little sunken Dutch garden with pools on which water lilies, toy trees and shrubs are thriving around a closely cropped lawn, where in puff adders lie coiled and king coals with hoods bared are ready to strike.

There are two black attendants, one of whom has been bitten five times. They descended into the arena and protected by leather gloves which they wore, succeeded in dexterously catching venomous terrors by their tails while they swung them towards the royal party for inspection. Then they squeezed open the jaws of the puff adder and made him shed from his curved fangs the yellow poison which brings death with in an hour. The prince shuddered at the sight of so many deadly reptiles.

WOMAN IS ACQUITTED OF TORONTO MURDER

Mrs. Pearl Huckaluck Declares
Act Committed To Pro-
tect Own Life.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, May 13.—Mrs. Pearl Huckaluck was acquitted this afternoon of the charge of murdering Peter Huckaluck, with whom she lived.

She was pronounced by the jury not guilty, on the ground that she believed her own life to be in danger from Peter Huckaluck. The jury found her to be sane at the present time, but were then ordered by Mr. Justice Kelly to retire once more and reach a decision as to whether she was sane or insane at the time of the shooting.

The killing of Huckaluck occurred two years ago and the woman has since been an inmate of the asylum for the insane.

PRINCE ANXIOUS TO VISIT NIPEGON ON NEXT TRIP

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, May 14.—Neil McDougall, who five years ago showed the Prince of Wales how to hook speckled trout along the banks of the Nipigon river, told the Toronto women's press club here today of a letter written by His royal highness' secretary shortly before departing for South Africa. Referring to Mr. McDougall's renewed invitation for a moose hunt, the secretary expressed the prince's delight at the proposal and stated that he would certainly make arrangements to stop off at Nipigon on his next visit to the E. P. Ranch which he hoped would be next fall—"that is, provided you don't try to marry him off," the letter concluded, naively.

Strong Approval Is Given Cenotaph Plan of I.O.D.E. But Choice of Site Varies

Municipal Chapter Warmly
Commended For Initiative in
Proposing New Memorial.

VARIOUS SITES

Richmond Street, Victoria Park
and the Armories Are All
Suggested.

There seems to be no doubt that London should have a cenotaph, now proposed by the Daughters of the Empire, and discussed yesterday by the Municipal chapter.

It is pointed out as a regrettable fact that there has been no place in London to which citizens might come to pay sacred tribute to the men who sacrificed their lives in the recent war. It is true that in the War Memorial Children's hospital London has a wonderful living memorial to the dead. But the hospital provides no place at which ceremonies may be held. Practically every other city, town and village in the province has set aside a spot and placed a memorial upon it.

Such were the opinions expressed by the regents of the I. O. D. E. chapters of the city and prominent citizens this morning, when approached by the Advertiser on the subject. There was a great diversity of opinion as to where such a cenotaph should be erected, but that it should be erected some place, was practically a general opinion. The feeling also was that the monument should be one worthy of London, not just an inexpensive pillar.

Various Sites Suggested.

Suggestions as to the site of a cenotaph included the intersection of Central avenue and Richmond street, Victoria park, the lawn in front of the armories, and in front of the new city hall. This latter suggestion was qualified by the statement that the city hall be erected shortly. The federal square was mentioned in this connection.

Herbert Spittal, president of the Rotary club, stated: "I don't know of any spot in the city more adapted to a war memorial than the island at Central avenue and Richmond streets. It is a natural beauty spot and affords plenty of room for the erection of a cenotaph. Another good feature of the location is that it centers one of the city's main traffic highways. The I. O. D. E. is to be commended for taking the initiative in the project."

Henry Wray, president of the London G. W. V. A., shared this opinion. "The I. O. D. E. will, I am sure, win the support of all in their scheme," he said. "I am delighted to see some organization make the move that will give London a suitable war memorial. For location and all round suitability the corner of Richmond street and Central avenue cannot be beaten. This site, I believe, was advanced before, but no action was taken at the time."

Traffic Would Interfere

Col. E. C. Dean, A.D.O.C., Military District No. 1, and Lieut.-Col. F. B. Ware, A.A.G. and Q.M.C., believe that the erection of the cenotaph should take place where ceremonies would be held in memory of the war.

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MRS. A. E. MILLER, regent of the Municipal chapter, I. O. D. E., which is initiating the move to erect a cenotaph in London in memory of the soldier dead of the recent war. The project is meeting with general favor.

'NO MERGER FOR US' DECLARES INGRAM

Big Local Firm Not Interested
in Ontario Department
Store Combine.

The firm of Smallman and Ingram Limited is not interested in a merger which may take place between fifty of the largest department stores in Ontario, as announced in a Washington despatch this morning.

"We are not going into any mergers," said Gordon Ingram president of the company this morning. "There was some talk of several stores combining. I believe that a meeting was held in Toronto on Tuesday when some 15 representatives met to discuss an amalgamation. No representative went from our firm."

The report from Washington was received from the United States consul at Kingston, Ontario.

ESSEX WOMAN'S SANITY STILL MATTER OF DOUBT

No further report has been made by Dr. James D. Wilson, jail physician, and Dr. Stevenson, of the Ontario hospital, regarding the mental condition of the Essex woman deported from Detroit last Saturday on the grounds that she was insane.

A preliminary examination made by the insanity experts went to show that the woman was normal, although in a nervous condition. Should a second examination prove to the doctors that the patient is normal, she will likely be handed over to her relatives in Essex.

BRITAIN MOVES TO BAR REDS

Baldwin Cabinet Shows Alarm
As Communistic Influence
Spreads.

PLOT IS DISCOVERED

Foreign Radicals Likely To Be
Prevented From Attending
Glasgow Parley.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, May 14.—Alarm over the growth of communism in Great Britain, which has been voiced recently, seems to have invaded the British cabinet, and now it is understood the advisability of refusing all foreign communists permission to enter the country for the annual conference of British communists at Glasgow, on May 31, is being considered.

The cabinet's reported attitude is regarded more or less as an admission of the government's anxiety over the rapid growth of the communist element since the barriers to its members entering this country were removed by the late labor government.

It is understood the question of barring foreign radicals from the affairs of English communists was brought before the cabinet several weeks ago as the result of Scotland Yard investigations which led to the discovery of an alleged plot against Foreign Secretary Chamberlain.

At that time the newspapers gained from Scotland Yard an admission that its detectives had been busy investigating the activities of the radicals in England. The investigations are understood to have revealed that several hundred foreign communists entered England during last year and that they have worked since that time distributing propaganda and conducting meetings throughout the country. Their activities have been especially centered in the mining districts of Wales and the industrial regions of North England and Scotland.

TALK RECTORY SITE IN EAST TOWN HALL

Public Meeting of East End
Citizens Tonight—Offi-
cials To Be Present.

East end citizens will hold a mass meeting tonight in the east end town hall for the purpose of protesting against the tearing down of Rectory street public school building to make way for the new east end collegiate.

H. A. Swindall, Ashland avenue, informed the Advertiser this morning that the mayor and the chairman of the board of education, as well as a number of aldermen and members of the board, had been promised to be present to discuss the situation.

Mr. Swindall disclaimed the "main force" plan of surrounding the school with a posse and indicated that tonight's meeting would be conducted along orderly lines, which will permit of a full and proper discussion of the whole matter.

FRANCE WOULD ADMIT GERMANY TO LEAGUE

Cabinet Approves Conciliatory
Terms in Notes—Evacua-
tion Is Possibility.

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, May 13.—Two notes written by M. Briand, the foreign minister, one having to do with the requirements for German disarmament before Cologne is evacuated, and the other dealing with Germany's offer of a security pact, were unanimously approved by the French cabinet yesterday.

The disarmament note is a compromise between the French and British views and may be made the text of the communication the council of ambassadors will send to Germany. If Germany complies with the terms there is a probability that the evacuation of the territory would take place within a few months.

M. Briand's reply to the German guarantee pact offer lays down as an essential condition of signature that Germany be first admitted to the league of nations. It also insists that such a pact must not in any way injure the rights and interests of central European states.

Men You Know—Harry Morgan



HARRY MORGAN, manager of the London branch of the Canadian General Electric Company, born in Toronto, Mr. Morgan lived there until nine years ago, when he was transferred to this city. He is a member of the Kiwanis, Canadian and London Motor clubs, and is an active Shriner, being elected this year to the vice-presidency of the Mocha patrol club. Aquatic sports have always had a strong appeal for Mr. Morgan, and the Queen City knew him as a skilful singles and doubles paddler. He is a charter member of the Beach Canoe club, Toronto. Electricity, mechanics and motoring are his present hobbies.