

STEVENSON SCOUTS IDEA OF DESERTING HIS PARTY

Laughs at Story of Contemplated Switch to Liberals—Explains Why He Did Not Attend Caucus—Sees Possibility of Two Members for City.

ADMITTS CHILD COURT NOW A FARCE

While he did not respond to the summons from headquarters by attending the caucus, Dr. H. A. Stevenson, M. P. for London, scouts even the mere suggestion that he contemplates a bolt to the Liberal ranks.

As a matter of fact, when approached this morning by an Advertiser representative, the local member was scanning a report to that effect in the local Conservative organ and emitted several hearty guffaws when questioned as to the possibility of such a development.

Dr. Stevenson acknowledges that there are those who appeared to be enjoying themselves, supposedly at his expense, but he intimates broadly that it will be a case of "the who chucks last, chuckles best."

Not Deserting Party.
"All talk," he declared promptly. "I understand that someone said it on the street. There is certainly nothing to it. I am not deserting my party for the Liberal forces, and have not even contemplated such action. I suppose it makes good reading for some people, however. I would ask them if they can point to one instance where I went back on my word."

The member was not inclined to discuss at any length the Drury-Morrison situation, other than to remark offhand that the premier would more than likely remain with his party, irrespective of the sweeping developments among the rank and file during the past 48 hours.

Dr. Stevenson did not attend the special gathering of the U. F. O. and Labor members held in the capital yesterday, at the instigation of Premier Drury. He had just returned from Toronto the previous evening as it happened.

Redistribute Seats.
He was in a position, however, to

give definite assurance, he said, that the entire question of redistribution of seats for the provincial legislature had already been given earnest consideration and something tangible would be undertaken at the next session.

"It will be first tried out in two or three counties," he explained, "down Ottawa way and another county or two. I am not just sure what constituencies they have decided on."

The local member was not positive as to whether London and Middlesex would be materially affected at first. "I understand, however," that Ealing, Pottersburg and such suburbs will be included with the city."

While he was evidently not sure on this point it was assumed that this would mean that eventually London would be represented with two seats in the House.

Interested in City.
Dr. Stevenson was more inclined to discuss municipal political developments rather than matters of provincial import, commenting at considerable length upon the juvenile court tangle.

It was not his desire, however, that all of this should be given undue publicity at this moment, promising that the time would come when the citizens would be furnished with the "true facts of the case, and all the facts."

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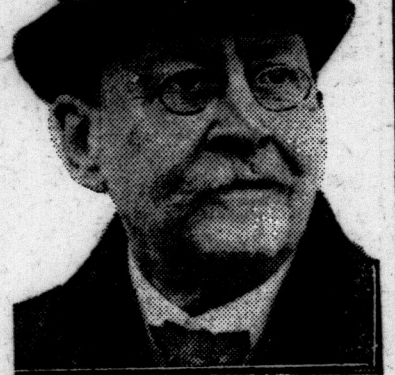
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HENRI GOURDE, who represents France in New York as president of the French Chamber of Commerce. He has recently returned from a mission to France.

U. S. INTERVENTION WILL BE ECONOMIC

Harding Announces That Form of Action Has Not Yet Been Decided.

Special Cable to The Advertiser. Paris, Dec. 15.—The United States government already has informed the Allies it contemplates intervention in European affairs, but from an economic standpoint only, it was stated authoritatively today.

The Allies understand Washington will maintain its previous attitude towards political matters, although President Harding is not yet certain what form the proposed action will take.

Already the move of America towards assisting Europe has changed the Allies' plans of action towards Germany. It may result in a complete about-face on the part of those in France, who have advocated the seizure of the Ruhr. Premier Poincaré's vagueness on this point in the chamber last night, may be accounted for by this. There is noticeable cooling on the part of French extremists, who desire independent action.

The news from Washington resulted in a sudden rise in the franc, which opened fifty centimes higher than yesterday's close.

By LLOYD ALLEN.
Special Cable to The Advertiser. London, Dec. 15.—All Europe today hailed the possibility of American intervention as the only means of solving the tangled reparations situation. The British press was especially enthusiastic over impending action by the United States.

Typical of newspaper criticism of the Manchester Guardian, which says: "It is the biggest and best thing that has happened since the armistice. If it is true, it means that the whole moral weight of the most powerful nation in the world is being thrown into the scales which have been so violently rocked by the fears and animosities and jealousies of Europe."

The paper argues that the United States' previous attitude of aloofness gives it a position of arbiter.

No Neuter Agreement.
Apparently the nations are no nearer agreement on the reparations question than they have been at any time, and they are just as far away from settling the kindred problem of inter-allied debts. England claims compensation for the war, but the States, unless she is paid by Germany, cannot meet her obligations.

Chas. E. Marley, president of the Signory, who left London yesterday, has been asked to pay the Signory's share of the cost of the war. He has agreed to do so, but has asked for a bonus at the end of the year, which would bring his year's earnings up to \$3,000.

Mr. Marley went to court today on receipt of reports that O'Mara, who raised \$2,500,000 by popular subscription in the United States during the war, was in the custody of Free State authorities.

MODIFY POLICY IN FIGHT AGAINST CATTLE DISEASE
By Canadian Press.
Ottawa, Dec. 15.—A modification of policy in the eradication of tuberculosis in pure bred cattle, is announced by the veterinary director general of the department of agriculture.

In the case of the owner of a herd, fully accredited, or in process of accreditation, adding to his stock from the practice has been to test animals on the vendor's premises and to institute officially conducted quarantine for sixty days on the premises of the buyer, pending a retest.

Commencing with January 1, 1923, buyers will be required to assume their own responsibility for the careful isolation and practical quarantine of the animals during the sixty days period. They will then, as before, if they pass the test, be admitted into the herd.

WELLAND SHIP CANAL CLOSES NAVIGATION
Special to The Advertiser.
Welland, Dec. 15.—Navigation on the Welland canal closes tonight. The cold snap affected the plans to hold open the canal longer. It was expected that mudscoops could be allowed through for ten days longer. There is no shipping awaiting passage through the canal.

Starvation Facing Nova Scotians As Fisheries Fail To Bring Returns
Special to The Advertiser.
Halifax, N. S., Dec. 15.—Owing to the failure of fisheries on the eastern coast of the province from Prospect to Dover in Guysboro County, dire privation stares the people of many places in the face. Today there are hundreds of families in need of food, and it is stated that unless something is done from the outside scores of little children will have nothing to eat on Christmas Day.

An effort is being made to get the fisheries department to grant an open season for lobster fishing, as was done last year, and thus prevent the people from starving.

The fisheries officials at Ottawa, it is stated, contend that they cannot again grant winter fisheries, as it tends to deplete the stock of lobsters in the sea, but the fishermen meet this with the fact that the New Brunswick fishermen have an open season and that the Grand Manan fishermen are making fortunes shipping lobsters to the Boston market. Furthermore, the fishermen ask if the life of a fisherman's baby is not worth as much protection as a baby lobster's life.

Meanwhile the people are actually suffering in many places from lack of food.

ROB BURFORD TAX OFFICER OF \$2,000 CASH

Four Armed Bandits Also Got \$1,800 in Checks in Raid On Oatheart Home.

VICTIM BOUND TO CHAIR Gang Gets Hour's Start Before Collector Able to Notify Police.

Brantford, Dec. 15.—C. Kelly, tax collector of Burford, was held up in his home this morning early and robbed of \$1,800 in cash and \$2,400 in checks, when four men armed with revolvers held him up, tied him to a chair, and then, leaving him helpless, made off with the loot. It was an hour before he could get himself free and telephone an alarm in to High County Constable Fred W. Kerr, who immediately went out to the scene. At 11:30 no trace of the bandits, who seemed to be well acquainted with the country and Kelly's habits, had been found.

Descriptions of the bandits have been wired to all Ontario police departments by the Brantford police.

Kelly had just left his bed when the gunmen entered the house. Uttering a few terse commands, they seized the collector and forced him to sit down on a chair, to which they tied him. Then they ransacked the house thoroughly and obtained the cash and checks.

In their haste the bandits failed to cut the telephone wires, and although Kelly did not free himself from his bonds for almost an hour, he was able to get in touch with High Constable Fred Kerr and the chief of police at Brantford as soon as he was free.

Kerr, an assistant, and Inspector Eckert, of the provincial police, are working on the case.

It is the scene of the hold-up, is a village on the London road, in the township of Burford, ten miles west of Brantford.

Police are inclined to believe the bandits are residents of the district.

YOUTHFUL BANDITS ENTER SIMCOE SHOP

Tear Open Register and Make Clean Getaway With \$50 Cash.

Simcoe, Ont., Dec. 15.—Two youthful bandits entered the store of George Simcoe, at 1:30 this morning, and made a clean getaway with \$50 or \$60 in cash. The robbers gained entrance to the building through a cellar window over a bin of potatoes, and into the well-lighted store above, where they tore the cash register apart from its socket, rushed it into their waiting automobile in front of the store, and sped north toward Waterloo.

Clarence Wark, owner of the establishment, with Chief of Police Muir and County Constable Barber, gave chase as far as Waterloo, where the young robbers were stopped by a waiting C. R. freight. They took to their heels, managing to evade the constables.

Mr. Wark secured the number of the car in Simcoe and at once telephoned Hamilton authorities, who reported it a Hamilton number.

TUG BEGINS SEARCH FOR MISSING MAN

Hunt Shores of Owen Sound Bays For Trace of Light-Keeper.

Owen Sound, Dec. 15.—This morning the tug Queen left Wharton to search the shores and islands around Colpoys and Owen Sound Bays in the hope of finding some trace of George Griffiths, the lighthousekeeper of Griffiths Island.

The lighthouse department were responsible for the chartering of the tug.

Bennett left Thornley dock, Griffith Island, Wednesday afternoon in an 18-foot motorboat, equipped with a single cylinder engine and oars, to go around the island, a distance of a little over a mile and a half.

He was last seen about a mile south-east of the lighthouse. It is presumed that the engine stalled, and that Bennett tried to reach shore by rowing, but that the boat swamped during Wednesday night after the man had become exhausted from rowing.

The weather was bitterly cold.

THINK HUGHES WILL LOSE 7 SEATS IN AUSTRALIA

London, Dec. 15.—It is considered probable that the government of Premier Hughes will lose seven seats in the Australian federal elections today, says an Exchange telegraph dispatch from Melbourne, giving the latest of a royal commission to put the balance of power. Premier Hughes himself has been re-elected to parliament.

GETS CALL TO ROCHESTER.
Hamilton, Dec. 15.—Rev. C. R. Carrie, curate at Christ Church Cathedral, a veteran of the great war, has received a call from Zion Church, Avon, a suburb of Rochester, which offers a large stipend.

GARNEAU CASE BE ISSUE OUT OF QUEBEC

Taschereau Says It Will Be Favorable to Party, If Such Happens.

CLAIMS FIVE TO BLAME Premier Charges Opposition With Having No Other Method of Attack.

Special to The Advertiser. Quebec, Que., Dec. 15.—Premier Taschereau believes that the five members of the Opposition are responsible for the Garneau case becoming a political issue, and this he declares, because they have nothing else to hold against the government.

The affair began on July 20, 1920, when Blanche Garneau, a young working girl, was murdered in an investigation instituted under a magistrate, lasted for five months. During two years following, it was rumored that the inquiry had been liberally withdrawn. An article in the Axe, published by John H. Roberts, of Montreal, brought matters to a head by stating that members and the sons of members were implicated in the crime, and that the government had not made a good investigation, because they wanted to protect the incriminated members.

Roberts was charged with seditious libel, and with violating the dignity and honor of the House. He was brought to the bar of the House, but refused to substantiate his very serious charges. Premier Taschereau introduced a bill sending him to jail for a year.

Beyond Every Precedent.
Despite all statements made by the Opposition that this was faulty legislation, Hon. Mr. Taschereau, by a vote of 15 to 5, passed a measure, necessitated to prevent further violation of the dignity and honor of the House. He believes that it is a precedent, and that it is a constitutional precedent, and said so, when interviewed by The Advertiser today.

"When Roberts published his article in the Axe," said the Premier, "I was told that it was one of a series of attempts on the part of a group of Montreal men to ruin the government by preventing honest men from entering public life."

"It was to put an end to such action that we took the stand we did. We acted immediately when we introduced a bill to put Roberts in jail for a year, it was to enact a punishment that would end these attempts to defame members of the House."

In article 136 of the statutes, the act of violating the honor and dignity of the House is accounted for. It provides for imprisonment of not more than six months, or a fine of \$500, or both, during the session of the legislature. Imprisonment defined, means detention in the common jail. But this time the House members and the sons of members had been coupled with a murder.

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The woman above is Blanche Garneau, whose murder two years ago is now being investigated in an inquiry which has stirred all Quebec and may influence federal politics. The man is John H. Roberts, editor of the Axe, whose articles on the Garneau case resulted in his arrest and imprisonment at the instance of the Quebec legislature.

Lloyd George's Second Article Is On Page Four This Afternoon

Lloyd George's second article written for The London Advertiser is on page four of this edition. The Welsh wizard's intention had been to deal with the Irish treaty in this article, but Poincaré's statement last Saturday changed his plans, and during the week Lloyd George wrote a counter-attack to the Frenchman's denials. This was cabled to Canada on Thursday and has reached The Advertiser in time for publication today.

You will find it only in this paper.

LADS RAISE \$925 FOR BOYS' WORK

London Leads List, Knox Wingfoots Winning Shield for Province.

Over one thousand London boys have been interested in the raising of funds to help out the Provincial Boys' Work Board, which is asking for \$240 by the 1st of January, this amount to be raised by the province.

Information was received at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday to say that London had led the list so far, in raising \$94, had won the provincial shield for the most aggressive group, and the best salesmen in the province.

The leader of this group is Mr. Murdo McLean.

Many good friends of the boys' department of encouraging "Better Brood" bought shares, thinking the local Y. M. C. A. was to receive the money. The local Boys' Work Board is financed by the Y. M. C. A. and was simply agent of the provincial board.

Many groups have to make their return, and it is expected that London will raise about \$400.

All funds and share books must be handed into the Y. M. C. A. by December 22, when the boys' work board will be able to announce the best salesmen among the boys.

The Colborne Street Crusaders made a splendid showing of \$175. The Meteor of Askin Street Methodist raised \$35.50. The Beavers of the First Methodist raised \$21.75.

Recognition is being given the group raising the highest amount per capita. Also recognition will be given the boy who was the best salesman.

JAPANESE RELINQUISH AUSTRALIAN PROPERTY

Premier Hughes Brings Suit for Libel Against Newspaper as Result.

Canadian Press Cable. Sydney, Australia, Dec. 15.—It appears that land which certain newspapers recently stated Japanese had purchased along the New South Wales coast, was bought by a Japanese merchant as a speculation. He has since disposed of most of his holdings.

Requital to the announcement is a suit begun by Premier W. M. Hughes against a newspaper for damages for alleged libel. The charge of libel is due to insinuations made by the newspaper in question that the Japanese had subscribed towards Premier Hughes' memorial fund.

REBELS BURN FAMILY AFTER LOCKING HOUSE

Special to The Advertiser. London, Dec. 15.—Emmett McGarry, 7-year-old son of Deputy McGarry, died as a result of burns received when he was locked in a house with his mother and brother and sister by de Valerians, who set fire to the dwelling, according to the Daily Telegraph's Dublin correspondent. The others were burned, but are out of danger, the correspondent said. The outrage is understood to have occurred Dec. 11.

Fair and cold: True Canadian weather conditions prevailed this morning in the district.

During the night the temperature dropped to four degrees above zero, the coldest period of the winter, but the absence of any wind relieved the sharpness of the air.

This morning the snow gave forth to the tread, the sharp crackle which means always a low temperature, and the sky was clearly blue and the sun bright.

MOTHERS GET HELP IN FIGHT FOR FAMILIES

88 Homes in City Receive Aid Under Allowance Act.

LONDON FOURTH ON LIST Report for Year Shows Much Good Accomplished by Board.

There were 88 persons in London, who benefited under the provisions of the mothers' allowance act, during the past fiscal year, according to the official report received by The Advertiser from the provincial authorities at Toronto.

London stands fourth on the list of cities, with an expenditure of \$3,112. As to be expected, Toronto leads with 687 beneficiaries, at a cost of \$804,195. Ottawa is second with an expenditure of \$108,741, and Hamilton third, with \$59,723.

The statement submitted is computed from Nov. 1, 1921, to Oct. 31, 1922, showing that the province spent during this period, \$1,832,138, with a list of beneficiaries totaling 3,559.

In cities, on 1,687 cases were spent \$732,909; in separated towns, on 68 cases, \$23,373; in judicial districts, on 357 cases, \$127,667; in counties, on 1,447 cases, \$497,135, making a total on 3,559 cases of \$1,832,138.

The beneficiaries are classified as follows: 32 families with one child under 18 (unaccompanied husband or child over 16); 32 cases; 1,462 families with two children under 16, 2,924 cases; 1,017 families with three children under 16, 3,051 cases; 606 families with four children under 16, 2,424 cases; 256 families with five children under 16, 1,280 cases; 119 families with six children under 16, 714 cases; 47 families with seven children under 16, 329 cases; 14 families with eight children under 16, 112 cases; 4 families with nine children under 16, 36 cases; 2 families with 10 children under 16, 20 cases, making a total of 3,559 beneficiaries, covering 19,222 cases.

A table showing the work in detail follows:

10.	Number of widows, 3,008; number of	
11.	wives whose husbands are in as-	
12.	lutions, 99; number of wives whose	
13.	husbands are in the military, 21;	
14.	and totally incapacitated, 27;	
15.	number of wives who have been in	
16.	hospitals for years, 10 more, 10;	
17.	number of foster mothers, 66, 10;	
18.	total number of beneficiaries 3,559,	
19.	and the total cost of allowance	
20.	distributed, \$1,932,118.	
21.	A table showing the work in detail	
22.	follows:	
23.	Cities.	Amount.
24.	52 Brantford	\$22,057
25.	19 Belleville	8,655
26.	32 Chatham	4,485
27.	28 Fort William	11,832
28.	35 Guelph	15,423
29.	27 Galt	12,109
30.	12 Hamilton	59,723
31.	32 Kingston	14,060
32.	36 Kitchener	15,238
33.	48 London	37,813
34.	14 Niagara Falls	6,419
35.	23 Ottawa	108,741
36.	36 Owen Sound	12,986
37.	62 Peterboro	10,733
38.	27 Port Arthur	10,733
39.	25 St. Catharines	10,532
40.	19 St. Thomas	7,117
41.	87 Sault Ste. Marie	6,419
42.	30 Stratford	8,158
43.	16 Sarnia	6,528
44.	62 Toronto	304,195
45.	17 Windsor	10,620
46.	12 Woodstock	6,987
47.	Separate Towns.	
48.	17 Brockville	7,183
49.	9 Ingersoll	2,355
50.	4 Prescott	1,260
51.	10 Smith's Falls	1,432
52.	15 Smith's Falls	4,677
53.	6 Trenton	1,933
54.	7 Walkerville	2,710
55.	Districts.	
56.	26 Algoma	12,817
57.	6 Kenora	2,000
58.	21 Manitowish	1,000
59.	31 Muskoka	4,000
60.	43 Parry Sound	18,000
61.	6 Rainy River	2,000
62.	32 Sarnia	12,000
63.	73 Temiskaming	28,000
64.	14 Thunder Bay	12,000