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METHODISTS OF DISTRICT SCORE PUBLIC DANCING

London District Methodists Express Disfavor With School Board's Stand.

RESOLUTION CARRIED TO GO TO CONFERENCE

Various Memorials to Next General Conference Proposed and Debated.

That the controversy over the question of dancing in the college has been by no means ended was evident at the afternoon session of the London District Conference in Dundas Center Methodist Church, Thursday, February 16, when the assembly expressed itself as looking with great disfavor upon the stand taken by the board of education on the matter. A resolution was passed to the effect that the conference go on record as strenuously opposed to public dancing in any form, whether in schools or otherwise.

A memorial was proposed for the general assembly that the official board which regulates the terms of pastoral office be empowered to extend to any congregation so desiring, the privilege of inviting a pastor to a second term of four years, making in total a term of eight years. At present, unless by special request, the limit of the term is four years, and it was felt by several delegates present that this term was not sufficient for the minister to make of himself an outstanding figure in the community. The eight-year term was considered particularly advantageous in rural districts.

Might See Results.
Rev. John Garbutt, of Dundas Center Methodist Church, claimed that if the term were lengthened, the pastor given opportunity of witnessing the results of any work which he commenced, instead of leaving before the work was finished for some one else to share either the better or worse conditions, the incentive toward greater effort would be more manifest.

The question of what would constitute a fair means of electing delegates to the general assembly came in for much discussion. Rev. George W. Dewey, of Empress avenue Methodist Church, claimed that many men who have been actively engaged in the work of the ministry for more than fifty years, have not yet had an opportunity of visiting the assembly in an official capacity. He referred particularly to those ministers who, while city churches are continually building up their congregations, have to deal with the shrinking population of rural districts, and yet are passed over when it comes to selecting delegates for the assembly.

Urges Fair Basis.
"Methodism will be put in the class division, the first thing we know," said Mr. Dewey. "We must be more careful to preserve democratic principles in our selections. At present the general conference is far from being representative. The whole thing must be put on a fair basis."

It was decided that a memorial should be prepared, that in order to promote a more equitable representation one-half the ministerial delegates should be elected by ballot, according to the seniority of their years of service, and the other half elected by open ballot on the floor of the conference.

Fifty per cent of the laymen should be elected, taking the circuits in alphabetical order, and considering first those districts which have not as yet been represented in the general conference.

A resolution was passed to the effect that the annual conference be memorialized to consider that consolidation of all claims for ministerial salaries and the conference apportion to department funds in a complete budget.

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UNUSUAL STORIES

ABOUT UNUSUAL PEOPLE

Special to London Advertiser.

LONDON, England, Feb. 17.—Betty Dittmar, Norwegian girl, owes her life to her belief in dreams. She advertised for a position as traveling companion. A reply instructed her to come to the Bournemouth railway station where she would be met by her prospective employer.

The night before she left she dreamed she was met at a railway station by a man in a motor car who later tried to murder her.

Arriving at Bournemouth, she recognized it as the railway station of her dreams and returned to London.

The next day another girl, Irene Wilkins, went to Bournemouth to answer an advertisement offering employment. Later her dead body was found on a motor road leading from the station.

Handwriting of the letters to Miss Dittmar and Miss Wilkins was the same, police say.

RE-ARREST BULLOCK AT HAMILTON

Fear Beck May Dominate Civic Affairs

CITY COUNCIL MAY HESITATE TO ADOPT PLAN

Objection Already Heard That Utilities Board Will Have Leading Voice.

LABOR MEN DISPLEASED WITH COMMISSION PLAN

Resentment Arises Over Ignoring Ald. Ashton in Arranging Conference.

It was predicted in well informed circles this morning that when the bylaw proposing a limited form of commission comes before the council, serious snags will be encountered.

The objection that is already being voiced is that the control of the commission will be more or less in the hands of the city utilities. The utilities commission and L. and P. S. Railway, with four out of ten votes.

The representation on the commission as the bylaw provides will be as follows: Council, board of health, library, board of education, police commission, hospital, utilities commission, London and P. S. Railway, parks board, playgrounds committee.

The latter four are the utilities and are closely interwoven with Sir Adam Beck's hydro project.

There are those who point to the hand of Sir Adam in the appointment of the London and Port Stanley Railway commission at the end of the year and in the forming of the city commission, indeed there are those who boldly assert that Mayor Cameron Wilson is playing into Sir Adam's hands.

It is said to be displeased with the early dictation of Sir Adam, as it is being openly charged that Sir Adam forced the dropping of John Colbert, who was labor's candidate for the railway commission.

The rumors of resentment first arose over the finance committee was invited to attend the conference, and that Ald. John Ashton, chairman of the council's big spending body, the board of works, was left off.

At the same time the parks board and playgrounds committee of the utilities commission were each given representation, and the bylaw proposed that each shall be represented on the commission.

Two Represent Council.
The bylaw gives the council but one representative, besides the mayor as chairman.

The parks board spends about a half of a mill in taxes and the playgrounds a similar amount. It grounds pointed out that at least three members of the utilities commission will be on the city commission. If the utilities wished to go further, said one official, it could name Commissioner Mitchell as the parks' board representative on the commission. Philip Pocock, could represent the London Railway Commission, of which body he is vice-chairman, and thus the four members of the utilities would be on the commission. Otherwise Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the L. and P. S. commission could represent the railway, leaving Mr. Pocock to represent the parks' board.

The special committee appointed at the first conference to draft a bylaw embodying the scheme of commission government met on Thursday afternoon and went carefully over the draft bylaw which had been prepared for their consideration, and accepted it for the most part, making but few minor changes.

Held Full Meeting.
The bylaw will be brought a full meeting of the representatives of the various bodies next week for approval, and will then have to go back to the various bodies for their individual approval.

The full details of the bylaw have been previously published. They provide for a commission of ten representatives with the mayor as chairman, to handle all legislative matters relating to civic government. The administrative work will be carried out by the different civic departments.

All estimates and expenditures must have the approval of the commission before they can be made. The bylaw also provides for the appointment of a finance commissioner, a few minor changes being made in the proposed duties of this official as they were outlined by the chamber of commerce.

WILL CALL CONFERENCE ABOUT GERMAN CABLES

Washington, Feb. 17.—An international conference to consider the allocation of former German cables in the Atlantic will be called in Washington next week, Acting Secretary of State Fletcher announced today. Representatives of France, England, Italy, Japan and the United States will be asked to meet and determine the disposition of the three cable lines taken under the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles.

Direct Student Activities at City's Collegiate Institute



STUDENTS' UNION EXECUTIVE LONDON COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

TOP Row—Edna Barbour, Mr. Ullin, Mr. Bluet, Miss McPherson, Mr. Calvert, Miss McCann, Mr. Cameron, Cleota Barnett.
Second Row—Ernestine Partridge, Mr. Miller, Dorothy Silverwood, Mr. Mooney, Harold Newell, Miss McCann.
Front Row—Bill Young, Ardell Tennant, Eleanor Grant, Barbara Daly, Jack White.

LADY BECK LEAVES \$60,000 ESTATE

The late Lady Beck, wife of Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, left an estate valued at \$60,713.18, according to her last will and testament, filed for probate at the courthouse here.

Lady Beck died on October 17, 1921, in the Toronto General Hospital.

The entire estate, with the exception of \$9,000 worth of jewelry, plate, clothing, etc., which goes to her daughter Marion, is left to Sir Adam. Bonds were valued at \$1,562.18, while bank and other stocks totalled \$48,350.

London and Western Trust Co. stock was listed at \$6,250, Beck Manufacturing Co. stock at \$32,100, and London Rolling Mill stock at \$10,000.

A life interest in an indenture of settlement drawn up in July, 1899, between Lady Beck, Sir Adam W. V. Patterson, E. H. Fleschfield and J. R. Kilgour, is left to Sir Adam as all the income from a trust fund left by her father, James Cuthbert Otagway.

The will was drawn up in England on February 23, 1920, and is witnessed by Inez Thomson, a nurse, and W. V. Patterson, a retired solicitor. The Royal Trust Co. of Toronto, is executor and trustee.

WATER FRONT IN STOVE EXPLODES

Toronto, Feb. 17.—A water-front in a stove at the home of Mrs. R. Quilley blew out this morning and wrecked the stove. Mrs. Quilley was badly burned about the hands and body. Two children were having breakfast in the kitchen, but escaped injury.

There was a similar explosion at another Toronto residence but no body was hurt. These accidents followed abnormally cold weather here last night.

HIGH SCHOOL PLANNED AT INSTITUTE FOR DEAF

Toronto, Feb. 17.—The provincial government has under consideration the formation of a high school in connection with the school for the deaf at Belleville. There is no school in Canada where students can be qualified as teachers of the deaf. The system which has been in vogue is to take teachers of six or eight years experience in the regular public schools and have them instructed by the principal of the Belleville school until they are able to instruct the boys and girls who are deaf. The system is not sufficient for the needs. It is perhaps little known that nearly all the pupils who attend the school are usually termed deaf mutes, and are only mute because they have never heard anyone speak. They have perfect control of their vocal organs and are taught to speak at the Belleville school. Only six per cent of those who attend this school are unable to learn to talk.

TWO MEN DIE IN NEW JERSEY POWDER BLAST

Lake Hopatcong, N. J., Feb. 17.—Two men were killed today when the dynamite packing house of the Atlas powder works at Landing, N.J., was destroyed by an explosion. The men killed were engaged in packing dynamite by hand for shipment.

SLEMIN CHARGES PERJURY IN CASE

Brantford Chief of Police Makes Sensational Statement.

CLAIMS HE HEARD THREAT

Counsel Declares That Head of Police Department Hopeless as Witness.

Brantford, Feb. 17.—At the resumed police probe this morning, W. A. Hollnake, K.C., was called in connection with a resolution of the Brant Law Library Association, asking the magistrate to set a definite time for holding police court. Magistrate Livingston had objected to it and it was officially decided to expunge it. This was not done, however.

Mr. Hollnake stated that no reflection on the magistrate had been intended. The lawyers wanted a definite time set so they would not lose time.

Chief Slemin recalled, said the man, McArthur, had committed perjury while testifying as to some checks in a liquor case. The chief had been instructed by the crown attorney to take out a warrant. "Wasn't that done by those who were interested in getting Riddolls off?" asked Mr. Jennings, city counsel.

The chief quickly answered that it was not. The chief reiterated that J. H. Spence had threatened to give McArthur five years if McArthur did not tell where his (Spence's) liquor was.

Claims He Heard Threat.
Chief Slemin said he had heard Mr. Spence threatened that he would run his son, Doug Slemin, out of the city. Spence's activities in these matters (the Spence burglary and aftermath) had caused all the trouble.

Mr. Jennings declared the chief to be "hopeless" as a witness. The chief denied that he had tried to influence Vincent Brennan, witness in the Cockshutt road robbery case. He believed that witness had been influenced.

Details of a search for liquor at the home of Fred McArthur in Brantford Township were furnished at Thursday morning's session of the police probe. Evidence was given by John H. Spence, customs collector, who was recalled by Mr. Hughes, counsel for the three suspended officers, and questioned.

W. M. McEwen, counsel for Louis Stander, appeared before the commission, and said that his client would not make any defence before the commission against any of the charges made against him during the inquiry. Mr. McEwen said that both Mr. Stander and Mrs. Stander would cease to act as court interpreters here.

It is believed the inquiry will occupy all next week.

Mr. McEwen also complained that his client, Louis Stander, had not been given official notice of the charges against him until Wednesday.

Denies Charges.
"I cannot understand why notices of these charges should not have been given weeks ago," stated McEwen. "Mr. Stander denies entirely."

PREVENT TRAGEDY AT MONTREAL FIRE

Montreal, Feb. 17.—The coolness of the staff and the excellent discipline of the 37 youngsters prevented what might have been a serious catastrophe when the children's home of the Ladies' Benevolent Society on Ontario street was burned down last night. When the fire broke out, the alarm was rung and the children alone and under the direction of their leaders left the building clad only in night attire and blankets, stepping into the snowy streets where the temperature registered 16 degrees below zero. This morning the youngsters were placed in temporary homes pending reconstruction of a home for them.

THEATRE PARTY ENDS JEWELLERS' CONVENTION

Quebec, Feb. 17.—(Canadian Press)—The third annual convention of the Canadian Jewellers' Association was brought to a close here last night following a theatre party. In the afternoon sports were held on Dufferin Terrace and the prizes for the various contests were distributed at the Chateau Frontenac when the delegates returned from the theatre.

The new officers of the association are as follows: Honorary President, M. C. Ellis, Toronto; president, Thomas Rodden, Toronto; first vice-president, A. C. Skinner, Sherbrooke; second vice-president, Arthur Duquet, Quebec; honorary treasurer, James Ryrie, Toronto.

ONE BIG UNION LOSES DRUMHELLER MINERS

Calgary, Feb. 17.—Monarch Mine, Drumheller, belonging to the North American Collieries, Limited, the last stronghold of the One Big Union, passed under the jurisdiction of the United Mine Workers of America, District No. 18, last night, when officers for the newly-formed local were elected.

This mine operates about 250 men, and until recently they have strongly supported the O. B. U. movement. William Rican, vice-president, and Robert Peacock, secretary of District No. 18, were invited to organize the mine last week, and as a result all the miners have agreed to the check-off and are now members of the international.

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THE Boys' Own Tiser staff, including General Manager, Managing Editor, Editor, News Editor, Sport Editor, Artists, Feature Writers, Reporters, Advertising Manager, Circulation Manager, Accountant, Classified Advertising Manager, Collectors and staffs, has been chosen by the boys from the membership of the following boys' organizations represented in The London Boy Life Council: Boys' Council of the Canadian Standard Efficiency Training, Lone Scouts of America, Roman Catholic Boys' Club, Young Judean Club, Boy Scouts, Navy League, Y. M. C. A.

AHRENS LAWYER CLAIMS CROWN HAS WEAK CASE

R. L. Brackin Tells Jury Charge Against Ahrens Based On Suspicion.

DISPARAGES EVIDENCE SUBMITTED AT TRIAL

Declares Star Witness Played Role of Detective To Be "Big Fellow."

Kitchener, Feb. 17.—Suspicion and nothing but suspicion is the only point which the crown was able to produce in evidence against Carl Ahrens, according to the main contention of Defence Counsel Brackin in summing up on behalf of the prisoner at the resumption of the assizes this morning.

Counsel went carefully over every point of the evidence declaring that every step in the chain of evidence brought forward by the crown was nothing more than suspicion.

Brackin dwelt on Culligan's evidence, declaring it was the main foundation of the crown's case. He argued that Culligan's evidence plainly showed he was trying to play the part of a detective on the night of the tragedy in the hope of making a "big fellow" of himself.

Brackin started at 9 o'clock and continued up to the noon adjournment. Crown Attorney Waldron will sum up the crown's case this afternoon. It is not expected the jury will go out before 4:30.

Thursday's Evidence.
The taking of evidence was concluded Thursday afternoon at exactly 5 o'clock, when Crown Prosecutor Waldron finished the cross-examination of Mrs. H. C. Ahrens, mother of the accused.

The crown offered no rebuttal evidence.

The court resumed its sitting at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, and during the remainder of the hearing of witnesses, the defence scored heavily in favor of the accused.

That the defence was putting forth every effort to clear the name of a son of one of Kitchener's oldest and most highly-respected families was apparent by the fact that after hearing the evidence of several minor witnesses, Dr. Hagmeier of this city was put in the box to give expert evidence.

Contrary to general expectation, the defence did not put the prisoner in the box.

Dr. Hagmeier was the defence's strongest witness, as he testified that a person could fall from a boat into three feet of water and being unable to swim, could struggle underneath the water against the current and later be found upstream quite a distance from the original place of the fall. He stated that at one time in his life when he could not swim he fell into a small depth of water and struggled against the stream. When he was taken out, it was proven that he had not risen above the surface, but had struggled underneath for a number of feet upstream from the place where he fell in.

Would Die Quickly.
He stated that a person falling into water and not coming to the surface would die from within one and a half to two minutes. Asked by Justice Latchford if he would be surprised if his statement was contradicted by medical men, he declared he would be greatly surprised if it were contradicted by authorities on medicine and science. He maintained that a person only has a chance of living four minutes under water if he faints before submerging. He also maintained that after two minutes the chances of resuscitation by means of a lungmotor are practically nil.

Asked by the crown if he did not think the seal coat worn by Mrs. Ahrens when she fell into the river would tend to buoy up her body, he stated that he did not. He maintained that the coat would quickly soak up the water and would tend to hold her down. He declared that there was only one case on record where a person has lived longer than four minutes after falling suddenly into water, and that was a case where the person was revived after being in the water for fifteen minutes.

Maintains Contention.
Dr. Hagmeier was satisfied that Mrs. Ahrens could have fallen out of the boat and gone under the water without rising to the surface again. He was also satisfied that she could have struggled against the stream to the position in which she was found. He stated that scientific investigation and his own experience bore him out in this opinion. All efforts of the crown to bring the well-known physician and surgeon to a modification of his views in the matter were futile.

Dr. J. P. Honsberger, the coroner, who had charge of the inquest, was called by the defence. He stated that after hearing Carl Ahrens' story of the tragedy he declared there would be no necessity of an inquest.

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Weds Second Hero



LADY ISABEL SCOTT.

LONDON, England, Feb. 17.—Lady Isabel Scott, widow of Captain R. F. Scott, who perished on a trip to the South Pole in 1913, it was announced today, will soon marry Lieut. Com. Hilton Young, a hero in the attempt to block the German submarines at Zebruge in 1918. He is now financial secretary of the British treasury. Lady Scott, a sculptor, is shown in the accompanying photograph.

THINK COLLEGIATE AT TOO LOW LEVEL

Critics Blame 1921 Board Members For Alleged Oversight.

Should it be an actual fact that the new collegiate institute is "sunk" at too great a distance in the ground, it is Trustee Bryden Campbell's opinion that the chairman and members of No. 3 committee of the 1921 board of education are equally responsible with the architect or anyone else involved.

"I don't like to censure any person," explained Trustee Campbell, Friday morning, "but it is my belief that when the 'level' was taken for the collegiate, Trustee Smith and his committee should have been on the spot. Some of them should have been present, and not have left the statement that he had been present when the 'levels' were taken. Architect L. A. Carrothers solved the question by pointing out that the contractor and himself only were present."

The claim has been advanced that the new collegiate should have been elevated. At the last meeting of No. 3 committee Trustee Smith, chairman of the present board, challenged the statement that he had been present when the "levels" were taken. Architect L. A. Carrothers solved the question by pointing out that the contractor and himself only were present.

"I am certainly opposed to a move to have another architect," Trustee J. B. Wright declared Friday. "I think that even should we have another, he would not be perfect. In any event it is my firm opinion that there has been too much criticism directed at him."

"I am certainly surprised at these different trustees 'kicking' and 'arguing' now after the schools are built. They had the plans and specifications at their disposal. Now they come around and complain after the buildings are up. I feel positive that the collegiate institute was built according to plan and furthermore every trustee had an equal opportunity to look it over and it would be only their duty to do so."

WILL DEVOTE SESSION TO GENERAL BUSINESS

Toronto, Feb. 17.—This afternoon's session of the provincial legislature is being devoted to general business and any motions previously introduced are being brought up. The debate on the speech from the throne has been adjourned until next Tuesday, when Hon. Howard Ferguson, Conservative leader, will be the first speaker.

DISALLOW APPEAL OF MRS. EMMA BERGDOLL

Philadelphia, Feb. 17.—The appeals of Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll, the mother of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, wealthy draft evader and her co-defendants from their convictions and sentences in federal court were dismissed in the United States court of appeals yesterday. Mrs. Bergdoll and four associates had been found guilty of conspiracy to assist Grover and his brother Erwin to evade military service. By the decision fines amounting to \$23,000 paid by Mrs. Bergdoll and her co-defendants last year that their prison sentences might be remitted, will stand.

POLICE ACT ON WARRANT FROM U.S. OFFICIALS

Carolina Man Charged With Attempting To Kill and Assault.

INFORMATION LAID BY AMERICAN AUTHORITIES

Hamilton Detectives Fully Expected Further Action Would Be Taken.

Hamilton, Feb. 17.—Matthew Bullock, the negro who was held here for weeks at the request of the Norlina, N. C., authorities on a charge of inciting race riots, and who was released on order of the Dominion immigration authorities, was re-arrested this morning.

The order of the Canadian immigration authorities gave him permission to remain in Canada for three months.

When he was released he dropped out of sight, and it is said that he was in hiding for several weeks in Toronto.

Yesterday he apparently thought he was safe and appeared here, resuming work with the firm of contractors for whom he worked before his first arrest.

He apparently figured that the United States authorities had been so slow in demanding his extradition that they had dropped all efforts to secure his return to face trial in North Carolina.

Bullock was arrested on a United States extradition warrant, and charged with attempting to kill and assault at Norlina, N. C., in connection with race riots.

The information was laid by the United States authorities before County Judge Snider, who issued an extradition warrant for Bullock's arrest.

The information furnished to Judge Snider by the United States department of state, charges that Bullock attempted to murder Rabey Taylor of Norlina, N. C., in connection with race riots.

It develops that from the moment Matthew Bullock was released here the Carolina state authorities and the United States federal authorities have been assiduously at work on the case.

The local police were also aware of the fact that further action in the case was being pressed by the American authorities as far back as two weeks ago, but they could do nothing until all the formalities were completed and formal application for extradition had been made.

Absolute secrecy was essential in order that Bullock might not become alarmed and keep in hiding.

How perfectly this secrecy was maintained can be realized by the fact that yesterday Bullock returned to the city and announced that at the expiration of his permission to remain in Canada he was going to apply for an extension.

SECOND READING GIVEN IRRIGATION MEASURE

Edmonton, Feb. 17.—Second reading was given in the legislature yesterday afternoon to the United Irrigation districts bill, which provides a bond guarantee of \$645,000 for the project.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Today—Southeast and south winds; fair; rising temperature.
Saturday—Partly fair and milder, with a few light local snowfalls or flurries.

The depression which was off the United States Atlantic coast yesterday has now reached Newfoundland, and pressure is highest over Ontario and Quebec.

Very cold weather prevails from the Great Lakes to the Maritime Provinces. In the West there have been a few light local snowfalls, and the cold has been less severe.

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

	High.	Low.
Victoria	52	38
Calgary	24	8
Winnipeg	4	0
Pt. Arthur	2	0
St. Paul	6	0
Toronto	8	0
Kingston	4	0
Ottawa	2	0
Montreal	4	0
Quebec	19	0
E. Point	24	0
St. John	24	0
Halifax	24	0

"Below zero."
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 14; lowest, 4 above.

The official temperatures for the 12 light local snowfalls, and the cold has been less severe.

Barometric Readings.
Thursday—8 p.m., 29.62.
Today—8 a.m., 29.62.