

Murdock Probe Chairman Rules Cabinet Minister Not Obligated To Reveal Names

BANK DIRECTORS GIVE TESTIMONY

E. Guss, Porter Is Unable To Force Answers From Cabinet Minister.

PROBE CONTINUES

Associated Press Despatch. Ottawa, June 5.—A ruling by Chairman Joseph E. Archambault that the oath of a minister of the crown will not permit him to divulge the names of those attending a meeting of the cabinet met with strong opposition in the preliminary committee investigating the charges this morning against Hon. James Murdock, minister of labor. E. Guss, Porter, member for West Hastings, who made the charges against Mr. Murdock on the floor of the House of Commons, was questioning Hon. George P. Graham, minister of railways and canals. He had asked Mr. Graham whether a meeting of cabinet was held on the morning of Aug. 15, 1923, following the midnight visit of J. E. M. Stewart, a director of the Home Bank, to the prime minister, and had received an affirmative reply.

Question Is Barred. "I won't allow that question," objected the chairman, who went on to say that Chief Justice McKeown has ruled such evidence out of order during the Home Bank inquiry. "We are not bound by that ruling," Mr. Porter said. "I am not asking what occurred at the meeting." Mr. Archambault would not allow the question. E. B. Ryckman, Conservative member for East Toronto, appealed, saying that matters were being "driven to an absolute absurdity." A vote resulted in the chair being sustained 16 to 5.

A large number of witnesses appeared before the committee this morning. J. E. M. Stewart, a director of the Home Bank, concluded his testimony. Though Testified. R. P. Gough, president of the defunct bank, and S. Jones Jones, another of the directors, were examined and told of their visit to Ottawa and Montreal in a last-minute attempt to save the institution. Mr. Graham and Hon. James A. Robb, acting minister of finance, were also examined. Both of these ministers said that they had no recollection of discussing the condition of the bank with Mr. Murdock outside of cabinet and evidence in regard to what took place in the council chamber was of course barred. Mr. Robb admitted, however, that the representatives of Mr. Stewart, in coming to the condition of the bank were of sufficient importance to bring to the attention of his colleagues.

UNREST IN RUMANIA DENIED BY OFFICIALS

Stock Market Jugglers Blamed For Recent Sensational Rumors.

Associated Press Despatch. Bucharest, June 5.—Formal denial of sensational rumors regarding the internal situation in Rumania is made in a semi-official statement which attributes the dissemination of the stories to persons seeking to affect the stock market. One of the rumors was that General Averesco, former premier, was marching on Bucharest at the head of 50,000 peasants. It is explained that General Averesco merely presided at the annual congress of his party outside Bucharest and that the meeting was peacefully organized. The semi-official statement also declares "exaggerated reports" concerning the loss of life in the recent arsenal explosion near the city. Regarding the general situation it says: "The most perfect order prevailed throughout Rumania."

HIGH CONSTABLE WHARTON IN SEARCH OF IMPOSTOR

High Constable Wharton is on the trail of an alleged Westminster township resident and police officer whom the constable believes has been impersonating a provincial officer. The man has had the idea for some time that he is an employee of the government and has frequently asked for the mail at Lambeth. Lately he has been bothering people round the district and asking the teacher for permission to address the children. He has been posing as an officer on the law. The high constable expects to round up the man in the near future and will have him examined as to his sanity.

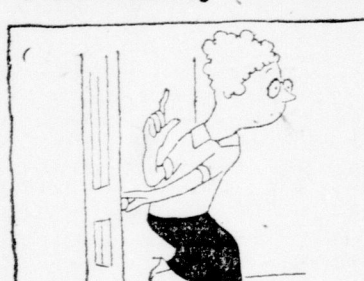
"Back was Very Painful I am now Well Again"

Mrs. Wm. Walker, Webbwood, Ont., writes:

"I was sick for several months with my stomach. I had pains in the back, and how I used to dread wash day, for my back would pain so that I couldn't lie down when night came. I also had gas on my stomach, and my appetite was so poor that sometimes I did not care whether I ate or not. The doctor gave me medicine, of which I took a number of bottles without benefit. At last I started to use Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, and although I have only used three boxes, I am quite well again."

Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills
35 cts. a box of 35 pills, Edman, Bates & Co., Ltd., Toronto

Hello! Hello! Too Many Cooks



MOTHER EMERGES FROM BEDROOM WANTING TO KNOW DIDN'T SHE HEAR THE PHONE RINGING—WHERE IS EVERYBODY—OH DEAR SHE'LL HAVE TO ANSWER IT HERSELF



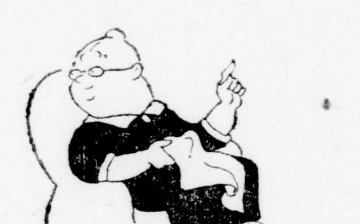
MYRTLE EMERGES FROM KITCHEN REPORTING SHE'VE COME SOONER ONLY SHE THOUGHT SHE HEARD MA SAY SHE WAS GOING



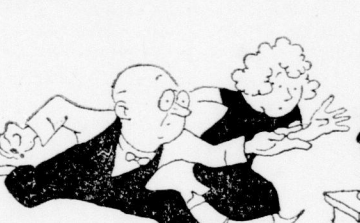
MOTHER RE-EMERGES, BULLETINS THE NEWS THAT THE PHONE'S STILL RINGING AND FOR GOODNESS SAKE HASN'T ANYBODY ANSWERED IT YET



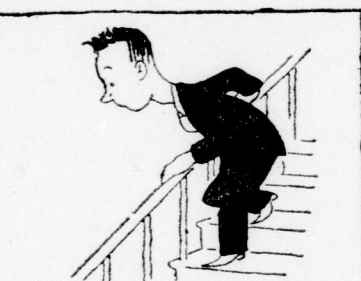
ALBERT EMERGES FROM HIS ROOM CALLING THAT THE PHONE'S RINGING AND NEVER MIND, MA, HE'LL GO



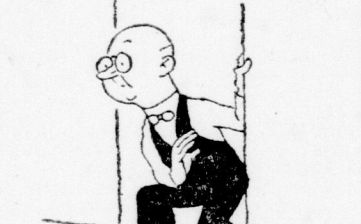
GRANDMA SAYS IT'S ALL RIGHT TO GO BACK NOW—SHE JUST HEARD ALBERT COMING DOWN TO ANSWER IT



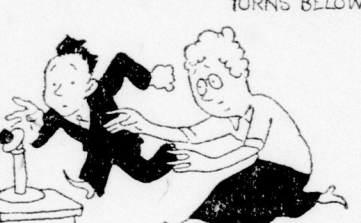
FAMILY ARRIVES IN A BODY JUST TOO LATE TO GET THE CALL AND SPENDS THE REST OF THE EVENING EXPLAINING TO EACH OTHER HOW IT WAS ONE OF THE OTHERS' FAULT



STOPS HALFWAY DOWN ON HEARING GRANDMA CALL TO MYRTLE SHE'D BETTER COME QUICK TO ANSWER THE TELEPHONE



MEANWHILE DAD HURRIES FROM CELLAR, MUTTERING WHY DOESN'T SOMEBODY ANSWER THE PHONE. HEARS GRANDMA'S REPORT AND RETURNS BELOW



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LODGE RECEIVES OFFICIAL VISIT

Rt. Ex-Comp. H. C. Ives Visits St. Paul's Chapter, Lambeth.

WORK COMMENDED

Last night the Rt. Ex. Comp. H. C. Ives of London made his official visit to St. Paul's chapter, No. 242, Lambeth, accompanied by the Rt. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith and about forty London companions.

Degree work was exemplified in the chapter room under the direction of Ex. Comp. Major H. P. Snelgrove, the principal of the chapter. The work of the officers of the chapter was highly commended upon by the district superintendent especially the work and records of the Scribe E. C. At the close of the convocation, the companions adjourned to the "cheerful" hall where the chapter had arranged a sumptuous banquet. The dining hall was very tastefully decorated with tulips and the red, purple and white colors of the order.

Ex. Comp. Major H. P. Snelgrove acted as toastmaster during which program the following toasts were proposed: "The Royal Craft" by Ex. Comp. I. A. Buchner. "The Ladies" by Ex. Comp. Giddison Hardy. "Visiting Companions" by Ex. Comp. Col. A. E. Somerville, and St. Paul's Chapter" by Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith. Among those responding to the various toasts were: Rt. Ex. Comp. H. C. Ives, Mrs. A. E. Somerville, Mrs. H. P. Snelgrove, Mrs. A. Broom, Mrs. U. A. Buchner, Mrs. H. W. Wickerson, W. C. Harris, Very Ex. Comp. T. P. Elliott, Ex. Comp. J. C. Crinklaw, first principal of St. Paul's chapter, and Ex. Comps. Samson, Elgie, Gould, Odell McNeill, (Strathroy) Cousins, and Webb.

Between toasts music was supplied by the band of the 1st West Week's Shrine orchestra, Miss Mack, Mrs. Pack and Leonard Bar.

Condition of Men Reported Worse. Ernest Brown and Charles Lane Injured in Motorcycle Crash.

The condition of Ernest Brown, 432, Ottawa, avenue, and Charles Lane who were visiting Mr. Brown, and who were both injured last night when the motorcycle in which they were riding crashed, was reported by Victoria Hospital authorities this morning to be worse. Both men received fractures of the left leg and other minor injuries. Both were greatly shocked. Mrs. H. Monk, who was riding in the side car of the motorcycle when the crash occurred, was not injured, but was severely shaken up. The accident occurred on Grey street, when the motorcycle, which was going to leave struck by a car coming along the wrong side of the road. The car struck the motorcycle on the side and the riders were hurled into the air. The car did not stop after the accident, and efforts of the police to locate the driver so far have been unsuccessful.

Board Is Expected To Fill Vacancies. Meeting Being Held This Afternoon To Consider Applications.

Appointment of several specialists for London schools is expected at this afternoon's session of the board of education. A manual training supervisor and a manual training instructor, to fill vacancies caused by resignations, are to be appointed. Many applications having been received since the positions were advertised. For the position of supervisor of the left leg and other minor injuries. Both were greatly shocked. Mrs. H. Monk, who was riding in the side car of the motorcycle when the crash occurred, was not injured, but was severely shaken up. The accident occurred on Grey street, when the motorcycle, which was going to leave struck by a car coming along the wrong side of the road. The car struck the motorcycle on the side and the riders were hurled into the air. The car did not stop after the accident, and efforts of the police to locate the driver so far have been unsuccessful.

Prominent Resident Of St. Thomas Dies. W. H. Murch Was President Of Ontario Library Association.

St. Thomas, June 4.—W. H. Murch, one of St. Thomas' leading citizens, passed away at his home, 34 Elgin street, Tuesday evening, after a lengthy illness. Mr. Murch was considered one of the best versed men in the city and an authority on books. His literary and unrivalled knowledge of literature has always been at the service of the citizens.

Church News. ST. MARK'S A. Y. P. A. The closing meeting of St. Mark's A. Y. P. A. took the form of a social last evening. Games and contests were played, and prizes were won by Miss Marian Morrison, Miss Elsie Wright, Miss Maude Pearson and Miss Lillian Moss. A happy feature of the meeting was the presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pearson of silver tea spoons. Mrs. Sydney Hetherington also received silver spoons. The presentation was made by Rev. A. L. Beverly. The program was arranged by John Mirehouse, and Miss Louise Guewan was refreshment convener. During the summer the members will play tennis and softball and will also hold a garden party and picnic, but there will be no regular meetings until the fall.

Ridout Street Ladies' Aid. Plans for the bazaar, to be held in the fall, were made yesterday at the regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid of Ridout Street Methodist Church, which was held at the church. The Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. W. Bendie, and Mrs. E. M. Russell presided over the meeting. The committees in charge of the various booths are as follows: Aprons, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Makoney, Mrs. Neil, Mrs. Lowe; tea room, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Deacon, Mrs. Blackmore, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Proctor, Mrs. Fleck, Mrs. Bright, Mrs. Lorking and Mrs. Austin; children's ware, Mrs. Dutton, Mrs. Teale and Mrs. Wilson; towels, Mrs. Bickle, Mrs. Perrin and Mrs. Hurst; pillow slips, Mrs. Agnes, Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Mann; dolls and fancy work, Mrs. Monahan, Mrs. Floyd and Mrs. Erskine; candy, Mrs. Bendie and Mrs. Coates; handkerchiefs, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Nichol and Mrs. Summerhayes; orange tree, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Burridge; cards, Mrs. W. Coates and Mrs. Johnston; and home cooking, Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Brown.

Railway Nines Win. Games in the Hardware and Railway league yesterday resulted in victories for the Huron and Erie and London and Port Stanley nines. The Huron nine won 4 to 1, and the London nine won 4 to 1. Not so the second game, however, which went an extra inning to break a 1-0 tie before the railroad team carried off the honors against the Howdens, 21 to 20. Batteries in the second game were Rossiter and Smith for the winners and Donaldson and Plewes for the losers.

BARBER SHOPS HOMELIKE NOW THAT "BOBS" ARE HERE

Mayor Remarks On Improved Tone in City "Chin-Scrapping Dens."

SAME OLD STORIES

Feminine Magazine Even Discovered Among Pile in the Corner.

Another blessing that has come with bobbed hair, in the opinion of the mayor, is the greatly improved tone of the barber shops in the city. A few days ago, while sitting in one of those silver-tipped thrones in a local chin-scrapping den, he felt that there was something unnatural about the comparatively aesthetic atmosphere that was far removed from the usual repertoire of stories and anecdotes commonly featured as the day's latest.

When he escaped from the steam cloths he discovered two fair things having been tressed trimmed by a most obsequious knight of the shears and came to the conclusion that the bobbing of female hair had done more to rehabilitate the barbering industry in the minds of customers than any other innovation since beards and long hair for men ceased to be fashionable.

Nice and Homelike. "It was wonderful," he said, "how homelike that barber shop seemed. The barbers talked just as much as all barbers do, of course, but they talked of other things, of ships and shoes and sealing wax and cabbage and kings' like 'Jo Walrus in Alice in Wonderland,' and the wild stories of 'Impossible fish caught with imaginary rods and lines of super-strength with the skill of old Isak Walton himself were all quietly dumped into the discard, which was a benefit to all of us."

Most Refreshing. "In one way and another it was the first time I have seen a barber willing to shut up and listen to what his client was saying. I happened to go by the door of the shop, and I found the windows bright and clean, the mirrors polished up, the floors brushed, and the magazines piled neatly in a corner, and generally a kind of spring cleaning air about the place."

What is more, a feminine publication was featured in the magazine rack. I tell you, whether the bob is the ideal top knot for girls or not, it has done quite a lot in one barber's place and what's more, that's the point I am making. The barber now on, I can get quicker service, a cleaner place to sit in, and I don't have to listen to the same old set of stories every day. What more can a man ask for in the tonorial way?"

Obituary. MRS. JAMES GALBRAITH. Hannah E. Galbraith, of 2 River-view avenue, died this morning after a prolonged illness. She was formerly a resident of the City of London, and had only lived in London for five years.

She is survived by her husband James, two sisters and three brothers. Her sisters are Mrs. Egan Hunt of Scottsville, and Mrs. S. F. Hughes of Dresden. Her brother, Charles, is also a resident of the City of London, and has only lived in London for five years.

The funeral will be held from her residence on Friday afternoon at 2:30 to Scottsville Cemetery. Rev. John Garbutt, of Askin Street Methodist Church, will conduct the services.

JOHN ROY DENGATE. The funeral of John Roy Dengate, who died in Victoria Hospital on Monday, was held from the Harrison Funeral Home, 101 Pleasant College street, yesterday afternoon at 2:30. Mr. Dengate was resident of East London for a number of years, but recently moved to Lambeth.

He is survived by his widow Blanche, one daughter, Myrtle Edna, and his mother, Mrs. Charles Dengate.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. Burgess of Egerton Street Baptist Church. The pallbearers were H. Martin, J. A. Arnold, R. J. Carswell, Thomas Beattie, K. Whitlow and R. R. Lee.

JOSEPH GERRARD. The funeral of Joseph Gerrard, who died on Monday, was held from the Funeral Home of E. C. Killingsworth this morning at 8:30. Requiem high mass was sung at St. Peter's Cathedral at 9 o'clock; tea room, McKewen.

Burial was in St. Peter's Cemetery. The pallbearers were W. W. Thompson, P. Gray and W. Orourke.

C. N. MAINTENANCE MEN PLAN ANNUAL PICNIC. The maintenance-of-way employees of the C. N. R. will hold their annual picnic for the entire London division at Port Stanley on Saturday, July 26.

R. Hessel, chairman of the picnic committee, reports the progress with the arrangements for a full program. The London division extends east to Paris Junction, west to Glencoe and north on the Huron and Bruce to Clinton.

DANCE IS POSTPONED. The dance to be held at Springbank Pavilion last night under the auspices of the London Life Insurance Company, was postponed to Saturday night on account of the bereavement suffered by the general manager of the company, E. E. Reid, in the death of his brother, George M. Reid.

The dance will be held at the pavilion on Wednesday night of next week instead.

MRS. W. B. SCANDRETT. Mrs. W. B. Scandrett of this city died yesterday afternoon. She is survived by her husband, William, her mother, Mrs. Sarah Drew, three brothers and two sisters—James Drew of Winnipeg, Milton of Windsor, Lovell of Montreal, Mrs. E. A. Thompson, also of Montreal, and Mrs. Fred Walter of St. Catharines.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

BUYERS COMPLAIN BIRDS INFECTED

Health Inspector Points Out Little Danger of Catching Disease.

BUY FROM ONE

City Health Inspector Sanders has been worried more or less lately by innocent but irate citizens, who having purchased chickens on the market square, find on getting home that the birds have tuberculosis. Then they either ring up the inspector or go down to his office and demand that he shall come back to the market, help them find the culprit who sold them the fowl and take the necessary action.

"All of which," as the inspector says, "shows that they appreciate the work of this department, but it is entirely impossible for them to fasten the guilt of supplying a diseased chicken on to any particular person on the market, and it is just a waste of time for me to go back with them to the square."

On several occasions when I have done this, the buyer has been apparently quite sure that he bought the bird from a certain man or woman, only to have the fact strenuously denied by the person approached. I would imagine that the best way would be for people to buy as much as possible from someone they know, and then they have some redress. Of course, this is not always possible, and also it is now always possible for the average woman to know a diseased chicken when she is buying it."

The inspector, however, says that science has never known of avian tuberculosis being transmitted to a human, and that the danger from this cause is not as great as might be supposed.

MARKET CONDITIONS WILL BE INSPECTED

Proposed Improvements Cause of Tour by City Officials.

Members of the finance committee, the city engineer, building inspector, and the mayor will pay a visit to the market square this afternoon to investigate conditions under which the local improvements, which consist of new sheds and new cement floors are being undertaken.

The city engineer yesterday estimated the cost of doing the cement work at \$14,800, and it was pointed out that the erection of the steel roofs by the building inspector, which is nearly completed.

Aid Smith has been urging the immediate conclusion of this work for some time past, and the delay was due to the fact that the engineer's department was not notified in the spring of the work to be done.

An improvement suggested by Aid Anderson is that the sidewalk on the west side of the "butchers' pavilion" should be reduced in width by three feet, so that cars might have room to park here back to back. At present there is not room for this.

CHIEF MAY PROVIDE WATCHES FOR OFFICERS

Will Put Stop to Any Speeding On the Paved Streets.

"The stop watch will set you, if you don't watch out!" Although speeding was not particularly on the increase, Chief Birrell is thinking of equipping his men with stop watches to further curb motor-traffic on the speeding of paved streets. The chief has been thinking of this since the morning that accidents in which people were hurt were on the increase, and something would have to be done about it.

Seventy-five per cent of the most careful drivers exceeded the speed limit on occasions, the chief declared. "He would not say how frequently he 'stepped on the gas' himself, and certainly wasn't talking on the matter for publication."

Mentioning speeding in Toronto, the head of the department stated he received summonses for London motorists at least once a day. American cars had to be summoned on the spot, otherwise they frequently managed to safely cross the border, where nothing could be done.

Referring to the defence of a young man in court, that he didn't have a copy of the highway act and wasn't conversant with the speed laws, Chief Birrell pointed out that his officers were covered with motor league signs notifying motorists of the proper speeds, and that at the entrance to all villages speed signs were posted.

COUNTY CONDITIONS GOOD, HUMANE INSPECTOR SAYS. Inspector George Furtin of the Humane Society made an inspection in certain sections of the county this morning and reported that everything was in the best of shape.

The bylaw passed by the council several weeks ago prohibiting dogs that are not on the leash to run about the streets will be enforced strating tomorrow. The inspector says that he has answered several emergency cases in the last few days where dogs have been injured because they have been allowed to run loose.

He said that people who owned well-bred dogs kept them shut up and away from the streets and that it is usually the mongrels that cause all the trouble.



R. A. PARRISH.

Grand secretary of the Grand Council of the United Commercial Travelers of Ontario and Quebec, which holds its first annual meeting in this city on Friday and Saturday.

OPERALAND TRIP UNIQUE OFFERING

Presentation of Madame Butterfly Given With Aid of Piano.

A trip into operaland—not the conventional visit to a theatre to see an opera presented as the stage conceives it. That was what Hayrah Hubbard, operalogist, provided his audience last night in the Masonic Temple. Mr. Hubbard and his music interpreter, Homer Simmons, have been brought to the city by the Lord Kitchener Nursing Division No. 28, presenting Madame Butterfly, Puccini's great opera, last night, and "The Secrets of Suzanne," by Wolf Ferrari, tonight.

Opera is not just music and costume as the stage presents it, says this student of the great musical drama. It is something more than that. And he proceeds to give his audience what he considers to be a true interpretation of the opera. Scenery and costumes are never just right on the stage, is his contention. And by his play upon the imagination he visualizes the true scenes of the opera he is presenting. He clothes his characters not in the costumes of the stage, but in the correct garments in which the creator of the opera saw them.

Last night the opera was Madame Butterfly. Mr. Hubbard explained that setting, the typical Japanese home into which Lieut. Pinkerton of the American navy was to dwell with his pretty frail Japanese child wife, "Butterfly." Now and then he spoke the words of "Butterfly," or of Pinkerton, or of the other characters of the opera. Now and then the pianist came into the presentation, interpreting through music some mood of the opera.

Mr. Hubbard's beautiful singing passed was reached, Mr. Hubbard sang the words in a rich baritone voice. And so he presented the whole of the opera, not as a musical play, but as a drama, speaking or letting the piano play, just as the whim seemed to take him. And the result was effective.

GOOD RECORD BROKEN BY DRIVE ON SUNDAY. Alex. Beemer Convicted of Speeding On Richmond Street Hill.

Alex. Beemer used to have a reputation among the police as a speeder, and Sergeant Tomblin caught him speeding down the Richmond street hill, between St. James and Oxford streets, Sunday afternoon at a fairly snappy rate.

Mr. Beemer appealed to the sergeant for a "character" for the last eighteen months, and Sergeant Tomblin did not fail him. The officer declared Mr. Beemer had been driving very carefully during that time.

Giving evidence, Sergeant Tomblin declared he was standing at Oxford and Richmond streets Sunday afternoon when he saw two cars coming down the street apparently racing. Mr. Beemer was in front and was travelling fully 20 miles an hour. When he saw the sergeant and Constable Loader he slowed up and the other car passed him at Piccadilly street.

The other man had paid his fine. "If I wanted to race I would go out in the country," declared Beemer. "It is just as illegal there as in the city," pointed out the court.

"I've given up speeding, the officers will tell you that," stated the young man.

"I'm afraid you were on this occasion. Ten dollars and costs," replied Mr. Graydon.

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