

DESKAHEH RENEWS FIGHT FOR INDIAN INDEPENDENCE

CHIEF OF THE SIX NATIONS PRESENTS CLAIMS OF TRIBE

Tells League Council Members He Will Never Abandon Battle for Rights.

HAS NEW PETITION

Paris, Dec. 10.—Des Kaheh, chief of the Six Nations, who dwell in Brant County, Ont., gave a touch of the picturesque at today's inaugural meeting of the council of the League of Nations here. While the council was discussing the agenda it private session, the Iroquois chieftain was pacing the corridors outside giving voice to the grievances of the Indians against Great Britain and Canada. Supported by his lawyer, H. T. Scott Huntington, of Seattle, he complained that the council at its September session in Geneva failed to grant due consideration to his petition that the Six Nations confederacy be recognized as a sovereign people by virtue of a treaty with King George III.

Deskaheh declared he would never abandon the battle for recognition of his people's independence and would come daily to the council sessions until the complaint of the Indians had been taken up officially. He has a new petition asking that the council appoint a commission to investigate the evidence with the object of ascertaining whether it justifies the assembly of the league recognizing the applicant as a sovereign state. The Indian chief and his attorney talked to members of the council as they were entering and leaving the meeting, seeking support for the Indians' cause.

The financial reconstruction of Hungary under the auspices of the league was advanced up today when the council voted to appoint a sub-committee to study and report on the question.

PLEADED GUILTY TO SETTING FIRE

Meaford Man Is Sentenced To Reformatory—Associate in the Pen.

COURT IS LENIENT

Special to The Advertiser.
Owen Sound, Dec. 9.—William Fox of Meaford, who was associated with Walter J. Moore in setting fire to the mill of the Euphrasia Lumber Company in August, 1922, was sentenced to not less than six months or not more than two years less one day in the reformatory at Guelph by Judge Sutherland on Saturday. Moore is now serving a term of four years in Kingston penitentiary.

Fox pleaded guilty to the charge, and then his counsel, O. E. Klein of Walkerton, made an eloquent plea for leniency. Letters from over a score of Meaford residents were read testifying to previous excellent character of Fox. Provincial Fire Marshal Burnell, who conducted the investigation, was in favor of leniency, saying that Fox might be of assistance in a further probe. Postmaster Halliday and Chief of Police Clark of Meaford also addressed the court, testifying to the character of the accused.

Crown Attorney Dyer prosecuted.

Form Association

East Shore Camerons' Association has been organized so that summer residents on the east shore of Owen Sound Bay may be represented as a body in any matter which affects them.

One Candidate.

Ald. W. J. Christie, chairman of finance committee, stated Saturday his intention to be in the running for the mayorality this year. Mayor Harris and ex-Ald. Bonnell are also mentioned.

Industrial Bylaws.

Elected on January 1 vote on three industrial bylaws to grant fixed assessment to N. A. B. C. Company; exemptions to Canadian Malting Iron Company and loan to Owen Sound Cereal Mills.

Hotelman Dies.

Very widely known to the traveling public and to the citizens generally was William Gardhouse proprietor of Comely House, who passed away Saturday morning after a serious illness of two weeks from inflammatory rheumatism. He was in his 58th year.

Previous to taking over the Comely House he was connected with the Paterson House. In his early days he was a well-known traveler for Old Eaton.

Besides his sorrowing widow, Mr. Gardhouse is survived by three sons and one daughter: Arthur, Rochester, N.Y.; W. O. Jun, and Stanley H. Owen Sound; Mrs. W. R. Carnahan, Ridgeway, Ont. Three brothers and one sister also survive: John, Thomas and George Gardhouse, Owen Sound; Mrs. William Coulter, Derby Township.

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RENEWS HIS FIGHT.

Chief Deskaheh, of the Six Nations tribe, who is again presenting the claims of his people to the League of Nations council. He asks independence for the Indians, his arguments being based on a treaty made between the Indians and George III.

PORT RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS LIKE BROTHERS

Today's Meeting of L. & P. S. Commission a Study in Close Harmony.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Members of the London and Port Stanley Railway Commission assembled this morning and harmoniously transacted such business as offered. Sir Adam Beck and Mayor Wenige shook hands outside the door, exchanged appropriate greetings, and everything proceeded like the well-known well-oiled machine.

Little excitement was noted. Mayor Wenige did complain that he had been seeking certain information for two weeks without much success, but Sir Adam assured him that all data would be available when he called.

A detailed statement of 1923 operating expenses with estimates for 1924 will be submitted at the next session. The mayor and Commissioner Harley want to know what money was expended last year for advertising coal, food for the cafeteria, and other purposes.

Sir Adam referred the mayor to the annual report or to the city auditor's statement, but his worship explained that these would not suffice for his purpose. He stated that money was spent in certain ways, and that the provision is made on detailed information at their command. This will be provided, it was promised.

Two important questions were referred to City Solicitor Meredith for a report. The C. N. R. claims exemption from the payment of the usual tax for the use of the right-of-way at Colborne street. The city claims, however, that the C. N. R. had no right to have its track on the street. This track was subsequently removed.

A new agreement between the L. & P. S. and the C. N. R. Telegraph Company's line of the right-of-way, information owing to the fact that a bylaw passed by the city council 30 or 40 years ago supposed to give the right of way to the right-of-way, and Sir Adam questions why the latter is evidently so willing to agree. He questions the power of the old bylaw and whether the C. N. R. has any rights whatever.

General Manager Richard's monthly report for October shows more than a 100 per cent increase in freight tonnage over 1922, as follows: 1922, 19,144 tons; 1923, 47,668 tons; increase tonnage, 28,524.

TAKES OWN LIFE AFTER BIDDING GOOD-NIGHT

Peter Wood, Prominent Guelph Citizen, Drinks Prussic Acid in Room.

Guelph, Dec. 8.—After bidding the members of his family "good night" and wishing them a merry Christmas, Peter Wood, a well known Guelph citizen residing at 47 Stuart street went to his bedroom at a late hour last night and drank a quantity of prussic acid. He was found lying on the floor of his room shortly after taking the poison and although a doctor was summoned he could do little for the unfortunate man who died in a short time. Coroner Dr. Thornton, who made a careful investigation into the affair came to the conclusion that it was a case of suicide and decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

ADVISES ITALIAN KING TO PROROGUE HOUSE

Rome, Dec. 10.—The Italian cabinet decided today to advise King Victor Emmanuel to prorogue the parliament.

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ANTI-UNIONISTS' SIDE TO BE TOLD AT MASS MEETING

Vote From Congregations Plan Expected To Be Featured at Session.

PRESBYTERIAN AUSPICES

Church union from an anti-unionist standpoint will be fully discussed at the mass meeting in the Masonic Temple this evening, held under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church Association. One point which is expected to be brought out particularly is that, contrary to statements which they claim recently to have been made by leading unionists, that element of the Presbyterian Church in Canada which is opposed to organic union with Methodists and Congregationalists, is decidedly eager to see the entire question, on the basis of the present bill, once more placed before all congregations for a vote. The mass meeting tonight is announced as a rally of Presbyterians, and its object is to hear the other side of church union from the viewpoint of those opposed.

Dr. R. Dickie, D.D., of Knox Church, Crescent street, Montreal, who will be one of the three speakers of the evening, occupies a unique place among the unionists. Until a year ago, as one of the leading men of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, he was a staunch supporter of organic union. He acted largely as peacemaker between the unionists, and those opposed to it. It was only after the last general assembly that he came over definitely to the side of the anti-unionists, as the Presbyterian Church Association members are commonly known, and since then has become one of their leading speakers.

Rev. J. A. Wilson, of the Dovercourt Road Presbyterian Church, Toronto, the choir of the New St. James' Church will attend in a body to render the special musical service, directed by their leader and choirmaster, Mr. P. G. King.

The chairman will be Andrew Robson, chairman of the board of managers of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

The meeting commences at 8 p.m.

WILL GRAVEL DETOUR ON PETERSBURG ROAD

Preston Road To Be Complete in Two Weeks, Says Department.

Special to The Advertiser.

Kitchener, Dec. 9.—The short detour, which is necessary on the Petersburg road as a result of the department deciding to discontinue work for the winter season, will be completed in two weeks and thrown open to traffic.

Given a Cane. Reeve S. Kenzie of the township of Waterloo will retire from public life at the end of the year, according to a statement made on Saturday. He has been reeve of the township for three years and has served his municipality for more than six years in the council. He has been presented with a gold-headed cane by his fellow members of the township, in recognition of his long service.

Given Medal.

North Kennedy and Martha Brand of Central School, Waterloo, were yesterday presented with gold and silver medals in recognition of having made, respectively, first and second highest marks in the entrance examinations last June. The presentation was made by Chairman John Bruggman, of the public school board in the presence of 75 of the entrance class.

A Business Course.

A general comprehensive course in the fundamentals of successful business will be planned in detail, before the new advisory vocational committee of the collegiate board. This course will deal with banking, insurance, credits, commercial law, and calculation of costs.

HEREFORD BREEDERS' SALE ATTRACTED MANY BUYERS

Special to The Advertiser.
Guelph, Dec. 9.—The annual Ontario Hereford breeders' sale which always follows the Ontario provincial fair, was held this afternoon and was attended by stock buyers from all over the surrounding district. Fifty-five animals were disposed of, and prices were very fair considering the condition of the livestock industry at the present time. Mr. Brown of Toronto, paid the top price of the sale, \$600 for Della Fifth, grand champion cow of Toronto and Ottawa shows in 1923, bred by Lee O. Clifford of Oshawa. The stock as a whole was very good quality and there was considerable lively bidding.

BANDIT ROBS GARAGE.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 9.—A bandit garbed in the uniform of a taxi-cab chauffeur entered a Harlem garage early today, locked four workmen in the tool room, forced the manager to open the safe and escaped with \$2,500.

DIBS AND DABS

—BY HARRY MOYER



Old-Time Dollies Resent Coming of Modern Dolls But Admit Their Charms

Miss China and Mlle. Bisque Start the Anvil Chorus Working Overtime.

SCORE MODERN DRESS

But Their Scolding Does Not Stem Tide of Popular Demand for Newest Dolls.

The old fashioned China doll with the painted black hair and the crimson cheeks turned to the neat, though pretty bisque doll which stood beside her in the front of a big Christmas doll display at the home of The Advertiser Doll Lady.

Their painted smiles remained untouched, but the stare of the bisque doll's eyes grew blonder and the set of the china doll's head stiffer as their conversation went on.

"It's disgraceful!" exclaimed the china doll. "I never saw anything like it in my own days!"

"I can't imagine what the world's coming to," added the bisque doll. "And they've got them all in the center of the window right in front of us!"

"Why, my family is the oldest in Canada," the children of Alexander McKenzie played with their perfect faces and their jazzy ways!

"And my dear," continued the china doll, "look at that awful creature with the bobbed hair and smiling mouth. What are we coming to?"

"And she's wearing colored shoes just like the modern flapper. Besides, she's made up to beat the band. And her hair, my dear, is real human hair. Not even imitation!"

"And have you noticed," interrupted the bisque doll, "how they all first constantly look at a respectable doll among them. Every one has her eyes turned sideways, looking out of the corner of them in the most ordinary manner possible."

"The bisque doll turned and saw a little boy doll in the same wide-eyed glancing sheepishly across the road at The Advertiser dollies. The morals of the case worried her.

"Pierrot always stood by Pierrette," she said. "Now look at him! Now he's flirting with that French doll in those awful gaudy clothes with the straight lines. She doesn't look like a doll at all, my dear. She looks like a person."

"What can you expect," said the china doll, "the china doll is going to the dogs. These silly nursemaid dolls, holding baby dolls and talking to the doll lady. Isn't that absurd?"

"My grandmothers," began the china doll, "but was interrupted by the sight of a little girl pointing at her through the plate glass window."

"Mama, mama," said the little girl, "there's Sarah Jane. I want her as a baby for my big Advertiser doll!"

As the hand of the salesman reached into the window for the china doll a few minutes later, the bobbed haired doll merely laughed at the china doll's triumphant hauteur.

"Thank heaven, old goggle eyes won't be here to killjoy us any more," she said.

And the bisque doll permitted herself to smile the least little bit at the lovely Advertiser doll pouting across the street.

WENIGE WILL ACT IN DROWNING CASE

Predicts Police Will in Future Answer Calls—Advised by Dr. H. Brittain.

The death by drowning yesterday of little John McCarthy will probably mean the removal from the central fire department to the police department of all life-saving apparatus, according to Mayor Wenige today.

His worship is conducting further inquiries into this affair, he stated. He maintains that every member of the fire department should be sufficiently trained to use the pulmotor, or if this equipment is transferred to the police department, every member of that force should be instructed as to its use.

It has been reported to the mayor that but one member of the fire department was in the hall when the call for assistance was sent in yesterday. All others having responded to a Dundas street fire. It is felt that if the pulmotor was kept at the police station there would be more likelihood of its being used in a case of drowning.

In his report to the city council in October, following his survey of several city departments, Dr. Brittain strongly recommended that the pulmotor be transferred to the police department, and that drowning accidents come under the duties of the men of that department.

It is now considered probable, in view of yesterday's fatality and all the building work being done, that the building will be reconstructed immediately.

The mayor states that he is considering certain other phases of the situation arising from the Sunday occurrence.

LOCKWOOD CAUGHT AT PICKFORD, MICH.

Former Toronto Policeman Tells of His Escape From Huronic.

SWAM TO ISLAND

Canadian Press Despatch.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Dec. 9.—J. D. Lockwood, the Toronto ex-policeman who escaped from the Port Arthur and other jails, and some weeks ago started the country by mysteriously disappearing from the steamer Huronic while the vessel was on its way from Duluth to Port William, was arrested this morning at Pickford, Mich., and is now in the jail on this side of the river, having been brought over today by the Canadian Soo police.

Lockwood says that after leaving Duluth he crawled through the stateroom window, went to the forward part of the boat and down some narrow stairs where he jumped over some banisters where a man was engaged in cooking and hid in a locker. From there he later got into the coal chute and finally into the coal bunkers, where he hid. He said he could have touched the chief of police at Port Arthur while the latter was searching for him.

He remained until the vessel was just about to reach the Soo when he climbed through a porthole, jumped into the water and swam to an island and subsequently swam again to the mainland.

FRESIDE MEETING.

The weekly fireside meeting of the Y. M. C. A. was held yesterday afternoon in the "Y" building. About 25 men were present. J. W. Jenkins, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., conducted the meeting.

HEAVY FIRE LOSS BY SUNDAY BLAZE ON DUNDAS ST.

Royal Millinery and Fur Company Stock Completely Destroyed.

LOSS WILL BE HEAVY

Fire which broke out shortly after noon on Sunday at 246 Dundas street caused damage estimated at \$30,000, when the building occupied by the Royal Millinery and Fur Company was gutted and neighboring buildings damaged by smoke and water.

Only the absence of a strong wind and the prompt arrival of the fire department under Captain Jack Mitchell saved the blaze from spreading east and west along Dundas street and causing a loss that might have run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The fire, which, according to Captain Mitchell, broke out in a pile of clothes underneath the stairs, gained headway rapidly, and by the time the department arrived the building was in flames. The contents, all of an inflammable nature, clothing and furs, fed the flames and the firemen labored under the greatest difficulty in directing their lines of water.

The building, a two-story and basement brick structure, was occupied by Louis Griesman, who carried on a millinery and fur business. These were occupied as a residence by Mr. Griesman, who with his family was absent when the fire broke out.

Phoned in Alarm.

According to Guy Rowat, who phoned in the alarm at 12:34 p.m., he and Harold Fingel were driving to the store of T. A. Rowat when a youngster ran up to them and told them that the building at 246 was on fire. They immediately left the motor and ran to the plate glass windows and looked in, seeing a mass of flames eating its way along the ceiling and walls.

At that time they were standing there the plate glass window fell in, weakened by the heat, and a mass of smoke burst out. Mr. Rowat immediately entered his own store and called the department, which arrived in record time.

Mr. Griesman, who with his family was dining at Wong's Cafe, was told that his store was on fire by Mr. Greene of Greene & Swift, and he immediately ran to the building.

He told The Advertiser that he had been in the store about 20 minutes before and that when he had left everything was in order.

He could not understand how the fire had started, but there was nothing of an explosive nature in the store. When he arrived at the fire the building was past saving, and all he could do was to watch while his home and business were destroyed.

Mr. Griesman, who places his loss at between \$18,000 and \$20,000, with \$15,000 insurance, said that it was only an act of Providence that his children had not been in the building, as it is customary for his wife to take them to have their lunch at a restaurant, leaving the children at home. Yesterday, however, he had decided to give them a treat and taken them to the store.

Trapped By Smoke.

John Cambridge, barber, who occupies 244 Dundas street, stated that he and his wife were at dinner when they noticed smoke coming up through the floor. He investigated and noticed clouds downstairs, where he maintains his shop. Running back to the dining-room he told his wife to make for outside. On the way they found it necessary to cover their faces with their handkerchiefs in order to breathe, and when they finally reached the street they were nearly overcome.

Water damage to Mr. Cambridge's shop is placed at \$500, caused by a line whose pipe was run through the ceiling, and when they finally reached the street they were nearly overcome.

The building is owned by F. J. Murphy, Adams Apartments, who stated that the loss, amounting to in the neighborhood of \$10,000, was fully covered by insurance, and that the building will be reconstructed immediately.

Among the reasons given for the fire are spontaneous combustion and an overheated furnace pipe, but nothing has yet been decided. It is also thought that a short circuit in an electric sewing-machine beneath the stairs may have been responsible.

The department left the scene about 1:30 p.m., after having prevented the fire from spreading. The building was destroyed in less than an hour, and nothing could be seen except the smouldering ruins of the interior.

MINISTER'S FALL FROM BOAT FATAL

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PROBE IS OPENED INTO COLLISION OF N. Y. C. FLYERS

Engineer Fails to Notice Danger Signals in Time to Stop.

NINE LIVES WERE LOST

Associated Press Despatch.
Forsyth, N. Y., Dec. 10.—An investigation was in progress here today of the disaster of Sunday morning in which nine lives were snuffed out and a score of people were injured when the last section of the New York Central's crack "Twentieth Century Limited" crashed through a wooden sleeping car at the end of a preceding section. It is declared that the last section was speeding to make up fifteen minutes' lost time, and passed a caution signal.

Among the dead was William E. (Wild Bill) Donovan, veteran baseball player, manager of the New Haven Baseball Club, who with a number of other baseball notables, including President John A. Heydler of the National League, were en route to Chicago to attend the baseball conferences opening there today.

At Albany the first of the three sections of the train experienced engine trouble, and the second section was ordered to go on. The first and the third pulled out fifteen minutes late, but the train was on time.

Near Forsyth the second section, now leading, plowed through an automobile which had stalled on the grade crossing, whose occupants, three Pittsford men, W. S. Stratford, C. H. Harney and B. Maier, had jumped to safety. As the next section pulled past the scene of the smash-up its crew noticed the flaming automobile and brought the train to a stop to see if help could be rendered to any of the occupants of the automobile.

While the train was stopped the third section came thundering on through the blinding rain and heavy fog. The red warning flares and a brakeman frantically waving his lantern a train length away were noticed too late by the engine driver, Patterson of Cleveland, who was piloting the onrushing engine.

The brakes were applied, and the track sandbed, but the terrific momentum carried the Limited on through the rear car of the standing train with such force that it overturned two other Pullman sleepers. Their steel construction alone saved the lives of their occupants, railroad officials said.

TO TAKE STRIKE VOTE ON CANADIAN ROADS

Railway's Refusal Causes Heads of Maintenance of Way Brotherhood To Act.

30,000 ARE CANADIANS

Associated Press Despatch.
Detroit, Dec. 9.—Refusal of Canadian railroads to accept a conciliation board award granting certain classes of maintenance of way men a wage increase of 2 cents an hour led yesterday to the mailing of strike ballots to approximately 30,000 Canadian railroad men.

The Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railway Shop Laborers announced the strike vote was made at headquarters of the brotherhood here by Grand President F. H. Fjosedal. The ballots are returned by mail, Jan. 15, 1924. They are for an expression of the views of the men on "withdrawal from the service" if their original demand of a wage increase of five cents an hour is not granted.

President Fjosedal's announcement cited the details leading to the present situation. It cited the efforts for an amicable settlement from April last, when the demand for a five cents an hour increase was made, to refusal by the men of the conciliation board award by which all maintenance of way men receiving less than 40 cents an hour were to be given an increase of two cents an hour.

GEESSE AND OATS STOLEN FROM FARM NEAR EXETER

Special to The Advertiser.

Exeter, Dec. 8.—John Luker, one mile south of Exeter on the London road, suffered considerably by theft a few nights ago, when a number of geese and a quantity of oats were taken.

Late Mrs. Monteith.

Mrs. Monteith, who lived with her daughter, Mrs. P. Gardiner of Andrew street, passed away on Wednesday after a lingering illness. The remains will be interred in Exeter Cemetery on Friday afternoon.

Two Lectures.

Dr. Phair, medical health inspector and supervisor of the school nurses of Ontario, gave a lecture in the town hall on Thursday evening, but the attendance was small. The same evening Mr. Davidson spoke in the same building on forming an egg circle.

THE COMFORT ROUTE FOR HOLIDAY TRAVEL.

During the Christmas and New Year holidays, the Canadian Pacific will provide the most comfortable and enjoyable Christmas and New Year travel for its patrons the same service and comfort as it furnishes to them all the year around.

To insure an enjoyable Christmas and New Year travel, the Canadian Pacific will send the folks a Canadian Pacific telegram that you are coming—send those presents by Dominion Express—and then