

## NO CHANCE OF AMERICA RECOGNIZING SOVIET IF OBLIGATIONS ARE NOT MET

Ident of Rotary Inter-Says Russian Govern-ment Shown Itself With-ist—Warns Against niciples, Which He Blames a Trouble.

Other nations may do in way of recognizing the Russian Soviet Government, there is no immediate prospect of the United States doing so. This is the opinion of Archibald Clump, of Cleveland, a prominent business man in that city and past president of Rotary International, who spoke last night to the London Rotarians.

In an interview with The Free Press to-day, Mr. Clump, who is not only one of America's lumber kings, but also a great traveler who knows his Europe as well as his America, made it plain that until such time as the Soviet Government agreed to recognize the debts incurred by the former Czarist Government to other countries, no rapprochement could be considered.

"As a business man I am opposed absolutely to any approach to Russia until she accepts the principle of payment of the debts incurred under the former Government. The present Soviet Government has shown itself to be without principle and in every way unreliable. You could not do business with a man who has taken the same attitude as the Soviet Government. Neither can you do business with a Government. I am sure that such able business men as Mellon and Hughes would be the first to open negotiations with Russia if they were satisfied it could be done."

**NO CHANCE**  
Mr. Clump does not think that instituting business relations with Russia would effect any change in the attitude of the Soviet Government or that it would tend to produce a more businesslike view toward the administration of Russia.

"The ideas of Communism are too deeply implanted in the Soviet Government to allow even business and profits to make any change in their relations with the outside world," he said. "But one thing is certain, they are busy all over the world, and their activities are dangerous. I am glad to see that in Great Britain the Government has acted with promptness and sentenced the Communists over there to terms of imprisonment. I think Great Britain has made a mistake in allowing all and sundry to express their view in Hyde Park for so long. The result now is that the Communists are busy all over preaching their doctrine and working for the overthrow of established government. The only chance that I see of a new order in Russia is a counter revolution, but that seems very improbable now."

### BLAMES RUSS.

Mr. Clump believes that the rise of the Russian Revolution and the activity of the Russian Revolution against the French in the first outcome of Soviet activity, and warns the western world against the spread of Communism in the next few years.

"The danger is much greater than many people realize," he says. "Russia is working hard and losing no opportunity. She has opportunity space in China, Mongolia, India, and down in Persia and Mesopotamia. Even Canada and the United States. Communism is finding its way into our schools and even into the homes. But the difficulties in which the Western European nations find themselves, here would have been a counter revolution long ago that would have been successful." Mr. Clump admitted that the only country which could supply the money and credits for such a counter revolution was America, but he was not committal as to whether her present statesmen would consent to such a proposal. The Cleveland left this morning on the C. N. R. for Detroit on his way home.

### GENUINE DIAMONDS SOLD FOR FIVE DOLLARS

Selling perfect blue white diamonds for \$5. That is what is being done every day. The balance is quite easily arranged. Fifteen weeks to pay. Use the dignified credit plan this Christmas and buy the things she has always wished. Join our Christmas club now and meet Johnson Bros. and wear diamonds at 214 Dundas street. Open every night until Christmas—Advt.

### LOOKING FOR CLUBROOMS.

St. George's Society and the Sons of England are looking for quarters in the city. They want a clubroom and lodge-rooms fairly central, with sufficient grounds for the maintenance of a cricket field and bowling green. A committee has been formed in St. George's Society to look at possible residences. There are one or two well located on which the societies have an eye at the present time. It is the hope of the executive committee of St. George's Society that Englishmen in the city will have a clubroom in the city some time in 1926 where they can meet for fraternal and social gatherings.

### GENUINE ASPIRIN PROVED SAFE

Take without Fear as Told in "Bayer" Package

Does not affect the Heart

Use you see on the "Bayer Cross" on the wrapper or on tablets, you are not getting the genuine Bayer Tablets of Aspirin. They are proven safe by millions and approved by physicians over twenty-five years.

Headache, Neuritis, Rheumatism, Toothache, Neuralgia, Pain, Pain

Unbroken "Bayer" package contains proven directions. Half boxes contain tablets cost few cents. Drugs also sell bottles of 24 and 100.

ETHER WAVES FROM A RARE ATMOSPHERE

You can keep the telephone from disturbing you by falling to pay your bill for a couple of months.

We knew a man once who got so mad at his neighbors he gave their little boy a drum for Christmas.

A debate was held by radio recently—a fine way to argue with a man you can't lick.

Geologists say the world is only a million years old—flatterers.

In Paris, a man and a woman were married twice in the same day—the strange part of it is that they married each other both times.

Six tons of cranberries were burned in a New York fire. It is estimated that it would take a bride three weeks to burn this many cranberries.

**OUR ED'S POETRY.**

There was a doctor by the name of Peck,

Who fell in a well and broke his neck,

Serves him right, as we've been told,

Should 'tend to the sick and leave the well alone.

**AIN'T IT THE TRUTH?**

That putting on heavy and taking them off again is ticklish business.

We'd be afraid to wear these balloon trousers—might get them on upside down some morning.

Some people have so much confidence in themselves that they would call a dictionary a liar.

Quebec shoe workers' strike is settled. We knew they would be true to the last.

Women bank robbers were arrested in South Dakota. It sure makes it tough for men to think of something elusive.

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS.**

From the missionary society to the Eskimo—A nice electric fan.

Just look at the money that is being saved because watermelons are out of season.

Dresses are so short nowadays you almost have to go to a show to see a woman wearing clothes.

**777 AND ANSWERS.**

Dear Ed—"What is the most incongruous thing in the world?"—Yours, Handsome.

Dear Handsome—"A married man deliberately looking for an argument."—Yours, Ether Waves.

Yes, Oswald, even a bootlegger is liable to be arrested some time.

To-day's fact—Science has never yet seen a fish burst into tears.

**L. O. B. A. LODGE HAS FINE YEAR**

Optimistic Reports Tendered At Annual Meeting of Chapter.

**HOLD JOINT INSTALLATION**

Mrs. William McCracken Is Elected Worthy Mistress.

The members of Edith Cavell Lodge, L.O.B.A., held their annual meeting last night and from the reports presented it was shown that the past year was one of the most successful in their history.

The executive elected for the ensuing year follows: Immediate past mistress, Mrs. E. Crowder; worthy mistress, Mrs. Wm. McCracken; deputy mistress, Mrs. F. Stanton; chaplain, Mrs. J. Fletcher; director of ceremonies, Mrs. S. Wilkes; first lecturer, Mrs. J. J. Cation; recording secretary, Miss M. Tedball (re-elected); financial secretary, Mrs. L. McRoberts (re-elected); treasurer, Miss May Cornelius (re-elected); first committee, Mrs. A. Cushman; second committee, Miss Watson; third committee, Mrs. Harold Wilson; fourth committee, Mrs. F. Wells; fifth committee, Mrs. Stinson; second lecturer, Mrs. A. Holloway; outside guard, Mrs. J. Barbour; inside guard, Mrs. J. Thompson; guardian, Past Mistress Miss Janet Crowl; planist, Mrs. Moore; auditors, J. Carson and Mrs. D. Alkin, and trustees, Mrs. Percy Allan, Mrs. J. Cornelius and Mrs. G. Burridge.

Plans were made to hold a joint installation on December 23, when Lange-mark, Harmony and Ruth L.O.B.A., Komoka, will be the lodge participating. Mrs. K. Vining, provincial grand secretary, has been invited to be the installing officer.

**FUN FOR ALL.**

Attend The Free Press Santa Claus Fund dance at the Ritz Pleasure Gardens to-night. Admission 35 cents, dancing free.

**SUCCESSFUL SHOW.**

W. D. Jackson, secretary of the Western Fair, arrived back in London this morning from Ottawa, where he was in charge of the Ottawa Winter Fair. He leaves to-night for Chicago, where he will attend the Live Stock Show. He will be back in the city by Friday night or Saturday. He says the Ottawa Winter Fair was the most successful that city has had and that all the classes were well filled. He was especially well pleased with the classes for hunters and light horses, which were larger than in many years.

**DEATH OF MRS. SEMPLE.**

Mrs. David Semple, a resident of Stratford, died in Victoria Hospital here yesterday morning after an illness of several weeks. The deceased, who was in her 28th year, was born in Cambuslang, Lanarkshire, Scotland, and came to this country some 12 years ago. She is survived by her husband, C. N. R. engineer, who is the only immediate relative in Canada. The remains were forwarded to Stratford yesterday by the A. L. Outman funeral directors. Interment will be made to-morrow at Avondale Cemetery.

## MYSTERY FORD AMAZES MANY

Talks, Sings Laughs and Answers Questions.

UNCANNY CAR ON EXHIBITION

Visitors Want To Tear the Car Apart.

It's here! What?

The Mystery Ford.

Limited, showrooms at the corner of Talbot street and Queen's avenue.

"What's mysterious about it?" you ask. The answer is "everything."

The writer saw it this morning. He tried to find out what it was all about. He searched and looked and listened and was amazed. There was not a strange thing to be seen. He almost started to do what a visitor did last night—tear the top off the Tudor to see if there was anything in the lining of upholstery.

The Mystery Ford talks, laughs, sings, answers questions. In fact it entertains in a most versatile manner. Just say, "Hello, Henry," and then ask it any question you like.

"Give the gentleman a shock," the Tudor's attendant said.

"Tell him to put his hand on the windshield," said Henry. The gentleman did, after questioning: "Well, will it hurt much?"

"Don't just touch the glass. Put your hand right on it," Henry said when the gentleman flipped his fingers on the glass.

"Now that's the way. Do you feel the pane?" The mystified audience roared with laughter.

"Turn on the lights, Henry. Now hold the horn!" Henry did as he was told.

"Start the engine," asked the spectator. "No," said Henry. "We are not permitted to run motors in the show-room." Clever, isn't it?

Every afternoon and evening the Mystery Ford will be ready to entertain you. It'll tell you the color of your hat, your hair, your shoes and (perhaps) how many buttons on your overcoat.

How does it work? Well, to tell you the truth, the writer doesn't know. He asked Joe Isaacs, president of Middlesex Motors, Limited, and Joe, quite truthfully, said he didn't know. See if you can find out.

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**HIGHLAND UNITS ARE AFFILIATED**

Canadian H. L. I. Links Force With Old Country Unit.

OUTSTANDING TRADITION

The fourth union between military units of Division No. 1, with similar regiments in the old country, was cemented last night at Galt, Belleville, where were brought by Major C. J. Wallace, D. S. O., O. B. E., M. C., of the historic Highland Infantry, to the corresponding Canadian unit, the Highland Light Infantry of Canada. An old rare print of a piper of the 71st Foot, one of the two H. L. I. regular battalions presented as a gift from the old to the young regiment, and an illustration of the traditions of the past.

The Highland Light Infantry in the British Isles had first taken shape in the 18th century, said Major Wallace. It was now called the City of Glasgow Regiment. It has served with distinction in as many as 50 historic battles. Among these could be recognized some of the more familiar names, such as "Culloden," "Badrado," "Salamanka," "Peninsula," "Waterloo," "South Africa," "Sclatopol," "Tel-el-Kiber," and the "Great War."

**STRONG CONNECTION.**

It was not without rather a striking connection with Canada, he said. The H. L. I. served at Richelieu in the 1820's. Since the war, buttons of the regiment have been found in the ground at the barracks at St. John, Quebec.

He attached great importance to the affiliation of the Canadian with the old country unit, and such affiliations generally.

While the Highland Light Infantry in the British regular force had two battalions, the 71st and the 74th Foot, these seldom saw each other. One was always at home, the other always on foreign service. A curious incident happened at Ypres during the great war, when both battalions met unexpectedly for the first time in 40 years.

At present the 71st Foot was stationed at Holywood, Dumfries, Scotland, and the 74th Foot at Bangor, India.

Representing headquarters of Military Division No. 1, Lieut.-Col. P. Gilman, D. S. O., and Lieut.-Col. E. C. Dean, were present at the meeting.

Other units of this division whose affiliation with regular units in the old country has recently been completed, included the Royal Canadian Regiment with the Gloucestershire Regiment, The Canadian Fusiliers, City of London Regiment, with the City of London Regiment in England, and the Kent Regiment, which has its headquarters at Chatham, with the Kent Regiment in England.

**TO-NIGHT Tomorrow**

NR a mild, vegetable laxative to relieve Constipation and Biliousness. Used for over 30 years.

Chips off the Old Block

NR JUNIORS—Linn MRS. One-third the regular size. Made of same ingredients. Sold by your druggist.

Mark Opening of Remodeled Wootley Road Church.

All the members of Baptist Young People's Unions in the city were entertained by the Wootley Road young people at the first of the week services marking the opening of their remodeled church last night.

The president of the Wootley Road society, Mr. Monk, presided, and the event opened with a hearty song service, led by Rev. Mr. Smith, of the Kensington Park Church. The Scripture reading was taken by Rev. Mr. Bingham, of the Hope Church, after which congratulatory remarks were made by the young people were brought from the city union by the president, James Giblin.

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Musical numbers were given during the evening by a quartet, including the Misses Gray and Langan, and Mr. Chalcraft and Mr. McFadden. Pleading vocal numbers were also contributed by Miss Eliza Rapson, Rev. W. M. McDonald, pastor of Maitland Street Baptist Church, led the devotional period.

**OFFICERS PROMOTED**

Results of instructional courses and examinations recently conducted by the Royal School of Infantry in Wolsey Barracks elevate Capt. J. I. Dugan, D. C. M., to the rank of major. Major Dugan is an officer in the North Waterloo Regiment, stationed at Kitchener.

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## High Prices Brought In Fourteen Hours Bidding At Priddis Estate Sale

Valuable Walnut Furniture, Paintings and Antiques Subject of Keen Bidding—Highest Price Paid For Elaborate Fireplace Fender.

Winner At Chicago

Marking one of the most successful sales held in the County of Middlesex for many years, the household effects of the late George Priddis were sold by auction yesterday under the direction of the Canada Trust. The sale brought buyers from the entire county and many from various distant points in Western Ontario.

These purchasers were present at the opening of the sale at 10 o'clock in the morning and were still present when the last article was sold, at about 1.30 o'clock this morning. Bidding was conducted for approximately 14 hours and this bidding was exceptionally keen in the greater part of the sale, when valuable walnut furniture and antiques fell before the hammer of H. A. Stanley, of Lucan, who was the auctioneer.

The total receipts amounted to over \$2,500, according to the check made by the Canada Trust to-day. The sale brought many surprises to those who were in attendance. Articles which were considered of small value in comparison with other pieces in the house brought exceptionally high prices, while those which, it was believed, were of great value, sold at comparatively low prices. Special bidding was evidenced in connection with some of the old walnut pieces which were brought to Canada from the old country.

Many of these, highly valued as antiques, were in perfect condition. The highest price for an individual piece was paid for an elaborate fireplace fender, which sold for \$150. The household effects included many chests of drawers in walnut and among these was one chest of English mahogany that went to the purchaser for \$7. An antique dealer from out of the city paid \$58 for a small walnut three-legged table. Another high price was paid for four oil paintings on the English Derby. These brought the price of \$42.

The Canada Trust terms the sale as one of the most successful in its experience.

**MIZPAH CLUB HOLDS SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR**

"Comfort" Group Meets Success in Function at Viceroy Hotel.

A most successful bazaar was held yesterday afternoon and evening, under the auspices of the Mizpah Comfort Club in Ulster Hall, under the convenership of Mrs. J. H. Brown, erected by Mr. Horner were prettily arranged with Christmas colors.

The homecoming, presided over by Mrs. M. Horner, assisted by Mrs. Brown and Miss Betty Saunders, contained a tempting array of cakes, pies and candies. Chances were sold on the delicious Scotch whisky and Mrs. Elizabeth Bowma was the winner.

The country store was in charge of Mrs. Louis Patterson, assisted by Mrs. P. Blackwell. All kinds of preserves, fruits and vegetables were displayed there. There one got the chance to guess the number of beans in a bottle and a lovely table of refreshments was served by Mrs. P. Blackwell. The fish pond, with Mrs. Margaret Tucker in charge, was decorated to represent a menagerie and received a great deal of patronage. There fortunes were told by a mystery doll. The tea room, decorated with red roses and red candles in silver holders, was presided over by Mrs. James Weir, assisted by Mrs. Wilkes, Mrs. Mercer, Mrs. Cochran and Mrs. Linday. Served afternoon tea and from 6 to 7.30 o'clock a hot dinner was served. The fancywork booth proved to be very popular, under the convenership of Mrs. J. T. May, assisted by Mrs. J. T. Redman and Mrs. J. Dolide. Every imaginable kind of needlework was to be found within its boundaries and there was a ready sale for all the wares. The lucky ticket holder for the pillowcases was Mrs. Carrie Ross, Maitland street.

At the men's booth, chicken and ham was to be had as well as many other interesting things. Mr. Wm. James Weir and A. Wilkes were the conveners. The proceeds from the sale amounted to a substantial sum, which will be used for club work during the winter.

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## CHURCH SUCCEEDS IN FUND DRIVE

Fine Results In United Church Extension Fund Campaign.

MANY EXCEED OBJECTIVE

Some Churches Now Holding Canvass, But Most Completed.

Success has greeted the efforts of the local United churches in their campaign to raise a total of \$65,961 for the maintenance and extension fund of the United Church of Canada. In a great many of the cases the objective has been reached and a considerable sum over the fixed figures set for the campaign. In a number of the churches the final returns have not yet been made and in many of these the objective has already been exceeded. While, for the most part, the campaign was conducted during the past week, there are some of the churches where the drive is at present being held, while others will take this step in the immediate future. In every church, however, there is confidence that the allocations will be raised.

Metropolitan Church, with Rev. Major J. Bruce Hunter, B.D., M.C., as pastor, has oversubscribed its allocation of \$14,000, as has St. Andrew's Church, with Rev. D. C. Macgregor, D.D., as pastor, a similar amount.

Wesley Church, with Rev. J. B. J. Millard as pastor, has raised more than its objective by \$6,174, and likewise raised more than \$5,000 for purely congregational funds.

**DUNDAS CENTER**

Dundas Center Church, with Rev. E. A. Pearson, B.A., as pastor, has raised \$6,300 of its allocation of \$7,741, and the campaign is not completed, besides raising \$2,500 for purely congregational purposes.

First Church, under Rev. C. W. M. Beattie, D.D., C.M.G., pastor, has gone over its allocation of \$5,115, and the campaign is not yet completed, besides raising \$2,500 for purely congregational purposes.

Colborne Street Church, under Rev. H. J. Uren, pastor, had an allocation of \$2,800, which they have oversubscribed to the extent of \$5,800.

Calvary Church, under Rev. A. E. M. Thomson, M.A., B.D., pastor, president of the London Conference, has raised \$2,000 and starts its regular canvass to-day for the balance of the allocation of \$1,700.

Kings Street Church, under Rev. W. R. McIntosh, D.D., pastor, chairman of Middlesex Presbytery, with an allocation of \$2,000, reports the campaign going well, but not yet completed, and more than the objective in sight.

Hyatt Avenue Church, with Rev. G. K. Bradshaw, pastor, reports that the campaign is well advanced, and likewise with Empress Avenue Church, under Rev. J. F. Chapman, pastor, with its allocation of \$1,500.

Other city allocations, in connection with which the campaign is either just beginning or set for some date in the near future, are as follows: Beecher Church, \$500; Centennial Church, \$2,180; Chelsea Green and Grace churches, \$130; Robinson Church, \$1,731; Knox Church, \$2,000; Pilgrim Church, \$500; Trinity Church, \$444.

The action arises out of an auto accident on the Governor's road on November 10, 1924. Elwood, who is a farmer living in North Dorchester, was driving a team of horses when struck by a car driven by the defendant, who is a baker at Toronto. Elwood charges Lawrence was driving in a negligent manner and at a reckless rate, which is attributed to the accident.

According to the statement of claim the plaintiff was thrown from his wagon to the cement pavement, suffering serious injury. He claims he is now permanently disabled and is unable to do any farm work. He was confined to bed for five months.

In defense Lawrence claims the accident would have been avoided had the plaintiff's wagon carried a light and in the dark he was unable to see it. He also claims the glare of strong headlights from another car completely blinded him. He submits the action should be dismissed.

Buchner & Ramsay are acting for the plaintiff and Norman Somerville, of Toronto, for the defendant.

**ACCLAMATION IN TOWNSHIP SEEN**

Final Meeting of Westminster Township Council.

With an acclamation for the personnel of Westminster Township Council in sight, members of this body are today holding their final session for 1925 at the county building. Though considerable business remains to be finished this year, the Council hopes to have everything in good shape for the new year.

Reeve J. S. Cousins called the Council together at 10 o'clock and immediately members of this body are today holding their final session for 1925 at the county building. Though considerable business remains to be finished this year, the Council hopes to have everything in good shape for the new year.

Several deputations were heard. Counsellors present at the meeting are: William Boler, deputy reeve; Harvey Johnston, John McMillan, William J. Grieve and Reeve Cousins.

Included in the business transacted at the morning session was the passing of the road account for James Johnston, township superintendent, for the month of November. It amounted to \$177.65.

**SPECIALS FOR WEDNESDAY**

Choice Sirloin Steak, 39c

2 lbs. for ... 39c

Pork Chops, 2 lbs. for ... 48c

Pork Sausages, 2 lbs. for ... 38c

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**WEDNESDAY SPECIALS AT Cliff Robinson's**