



NEWS FROM THE CITY HALL

CITY HALL NOTES

Fire Chief Smith reports that Massey Hall can be cleared out in seven minutes, and that the exits and fire escapes are in splendid condition.

As a cure for the retardation of pupils in the public schools, Chairman William Houston would reduce the number of pupils in the classes.

Mayor Church yesterday welcomed to the city hall the grand lodge council of the International Association of Marine Engineers, who have been holding their biennial convention in the city for some days past.

The department of health reports a decline in the number of measles cases. Only 145 cases have been reported so far this week, as against 235 last week, and 289 the week previous.

Attendance at the Technical School is now given as 5035, considerably less than it was two months ago.

High school attendance for the month of January is given as follows: Harbord, 631; Oakwood, 578; Riverdale, 518; Parkdale, 484; Humboldt, 478; Malvern, 193; North Toronto, 193. The total attendance for the month was 2494.

The bylaw, which does not include the right of reduction in rank.

Beyond Powers.
"I am therefore of the opinion that the action of the chief was beyond his powers and is of no effect. If the proposed action of the chief be taken as a dismissal of Mr. Gunn from his position of district chief and the appointment of him as captain, then section five of the salary grading bylaw required that his appointment to the new office has to be made by the board of control, upon the recommendation of the head of the department, and has to be reported to and approved by council."
Chief Smith is rather perplexed over the opinion given and says there will be trouble, as he has been reducing men all along the line.

In handing the solicitor's letter to the press, Mayor Church declared that the opinion given put the whole onus on the chief, unless the action was taken as a dismissal and reappointment when the board of control would have to consider it.

WILL GUARD CITY HALL WITH REAL POLICE

Addition Will Be Made to Present Civilian Guard.

At a conference between Mayor Church, the chief of police, and Property Commissioner Chisholm it was decided to provide more adequate police protection for the city hall, the same to take the place of the civil guard which has been performing the duty. The mayor announces that a report will be prepared as to the additional precautions necessary to safeguard the public on all public buildings and places where the public resort. A mounted guard is still maintained at the waterworks.

GERMAN THREATENS CITY IN LETTER

Missive Addressed to Mayor Says "Watch Your Buildings Go."

Protection of civil property was the subject of two notes received by Mayor Church yesterday afternoon. One, signed "A German," says: "Now watch your Toronto buildings go" and terms some of the military men as "candy officers." The second urges the putting on of a military guard at the city hall, and declares that "The soldiers would be better occupied at duty of this kind than walking around the streets with girls."

WANT WEST TORONTO FRANCHISE CANCELED

Mayor and City Solicitor See Attorney-General Lucas.

With a view to having the franchise of the Toronto-Suburban Railway in West Toronto canceled Mayor Church and City Solicitor Johnston waited on the attorney-general, Hon. I. B. Lucas yesterday. An outline of what the company has done under its power was presented, and a request was made that the city be allowed to give West Toronto a service.

METROPOLITAN LIFE PAYS SOLDIERS' CLAIMS

Payments Made to Relatives of Ptes. Bissett and Gillespie.

Two more cheques for \$1000 each have been received by the city from the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, being the insurance on the lives of Ptes. Thomas Bissett and Norman Alex Gillespie. The former was killed in action while the latter died a prisoner of war in Germany. The city has now paid insurance on the lives of 278 Toronto soldiers killed in action.

THIRTY-SECOND WITNESS IN M'UTCHEON TRIAL

Failed to Get Agreement Price for Land and Foreclosed Against Accused.

WAS AFTER BIG PROFITS

R. W. Swinnerton's Hopes of Becoming Immensely Rich Received Rude Shock.

Owing to the absence of two crown witnesses in the trial of the McCutcheons yesterday, an adjournment was made earlier than usual, and for fifteen minutes following the lawyers were engaged in a discussion regarding the number of witnesses still to be called. N. F. Davidson stated he had about twenty more witnesses to examine, and that all appearances the trial will not be concluded for two weeks. The greater part of the proceedings yesterday was taken up with the examination of R. W. Swinnerton, the Anglo-Indian, who had been overcome by the plausibility of the McCutcheons and who invested \$2000 with them in the hope of realizing enormous profits. He, however, lost \$2250 on his investments.

Continuing yesterday morning he said that the fifth syndicate in which he was interested was the Council Crest at Moose Jaw. He invested \$500 in this, although he was by no means keen, owing to previous experiences.

In the cross-examination by I. F. Hellmuth, K.C., the witness maintained that he had been overcome by the plausibility of the accused. "For 24 years I have only had to deal with black faces. When I deal with white skins I am accustomed to believe their word is as good as their bond." This was said by the witness to Mr. Hellmuth in the examination for discovery, and when questioned Mr. Swinnerton pointed out that he meant to infer that he absolutely believed in what Gordon McCutcheon told him.

Charged Misrepresentation. The witness had started a civil action against the McCutcheons in August, 1914, regarding the Boniville investment, and he stated to Mr. Hellmuth that his charges of misrepresentation were based on the statement that he was to make 167 per cent profit in six months. He declared that he had nothing to do with initiating the criminal action.

John McDougall of Ormeau, Que., was the thirty-second witness, and he stated that a property of 160 acres near Regina owned by him was sold to the accused. The firm paid \$2000 on April 22, 1911, for an option on the land. The option was duly taken up, the purchase price being \$128,000, \$20,000 to be paid in May, 1912, and \$10,000 more a month later. The balance was to be paid in three equal annual instalments with interest at six per cent. He said he received \$28,000 and finally instituted foreclosure proceedings, eventually getting back his property.

In the cross-examination he stated that he had bought the land for \$24,000.

Henry McFarlane of Cayuga acted as an agent for the McCutcheons, and declared that he had received \$500 in stocks and \$200 in cash for driving G. D. McCutcheon and a Mr. Mitchell to prospective Council Crest Syndicate subscribers.

WAS GIVEN JUDGMENT AGAINST S. GODDARD

Mrs. Helen Brandon Recovered Full Claim From Executors of Estate.

Before Chief Justice Falconbridge in the non-jury sittings yesterday Mrs. Helen Brandon, guardian of the seven children of the late Mrs. L. Goddard, was given judgment for \$1000, which was the full amount of her claim against Stewart Goddard and John Hart, executors of John A. Goddard's estate. The plaintiff claimed that the late Mr. Goddard took \$1000 of his wife's money after acting as administrator of her will, and that he invested this money in a business, whereby he gave judgment for the full amount of the plaintiff's claim, advised that an arrangement should be arrived at so that the children would not suffer in consequence.

PLEADS THAT DELAY NULLIFIES AGREEMENT

F. Orford and F. W. Hill Defendants in the County Court.

F. G. Phippen's suit against F. Orford and F. W. Hill, which is being heard before Judge Costworth in the county court, was adjourned until Monday at the close of yesterday's session. Phippen claims that he was entitled to cancel the agreement drawn up between himself and the defendants involving the sale of a piece of land in the Danforth Park Estate. Delay was necessitated following the registration which the plaintiff claims invalidates the agreement. The agreement was not sealed when it was drawn up, the plaintiff declared. The sum of \$1500 is involved in the suit.

ISSUE OF IRON CURRENCY DECIDED BY AUSTRIA

Precedent of Germany Will Be Followed by Treasury Office at Vienna.

LONDON, Feb. 4, 4:15 p.m.—According to a wireless message from Vienna received here the treasury office at Vienna has decided to follow the precedent set by Germany and emit iron currency for circulation.

FIRE AT NEW LISKEARD.

NEW LISKEARD, Ont., Feb. 4.—F. H. Eastman's grocery, G. S. Tatham's drug and stationery place, W. Pringle's photograph gallery, Beckett's jewelry, the J. Frankish general dry goods, and the Dominion Express office were wiped out by fire at noon today, when an entire block was destroyed. The loss will be about \$20,000.



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SUNDAY RECRUITING MEETINGS

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LOEW'S THEATRE, afternoon and evening, at 2 and 7 o'clock. Eighty soldiers will take part in these meetings, including the physical drill squad of the 95th Battalion, by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Barker. The fife and drum band of the regiment also will be present to play. Moving pictures will be shown. An excellent musical program has been arranged, and speeches will be made by Captain Bennett of the 85th Battalion, who was wounded in France; Mr. Frank Lascelles, the famous pageant producer; ex-Governor Brown of Saskatchewan, Col. Barker, Lieut. Worthington, Lieut. Batton, Chief Justice Sir Glenholme Falconbridge, Mr. Justice Riddell and others. Music will be provided by the 92nd Battalion Band. Mayor Church will preside in the afternoon, and Dr. Norman Allen in the evening.

STAR THEATRE, evening only. An exceptionally good program has been arranged for this meeting. Speakers will be the same as at Loew's, with other returned soldiers and prominent Toronto speakers. D'Arcy Hinds will be chairman.

PARK THEATRE, commencing at 7 o'clock. This theatre holds the record for number of recruits obtained. A. E. Donovan, M.P.P., will be chairman, and a big military concert will be provided. Doors open at 6.30, and moving pictures will be shown from 7 to 8 o'clock. Thos. Hook, M.L.A., and Judge Cohen will speak.

BEAVER THEATRE, commencing at 7 o'clock. Captain Price, Lieut.-Col. Wright and others will speak. In addition to excellent moving pictures, 150 stereopticon slides of Canadian officers and men will be shown on the screen. Ald. Sam Ryding will be chairman, and Capt. Cameron and Pte. Coburn will speak.

LA PLAZA THEATRE, afternoon at 2 and evening at 7. The afternoon meeting, from 2 to 6 o'clock, will be for men only. Ladies are invited to attend after 6 o'clock. The moving pictures will be shown continuously from 2 o'clock till 11. Music will be provided by the 169th Battalion Brass Band and the 109th Regiment Bugle Band. George H. Allen will be chairman.

TEMPLARS' KHAKI CLUB, evening only. A good musical program and special moving pictures will be shown.

SILVER COLLECTION AT EVERY MEETING

CITIZENS' RECRUITING LEAGUE

TWENTY-ONE ZEPPELINS DESTROYED OR MISSING

Eight Other German Dirigibles Also Lost, is British Estimate.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—Twenty-one Zeppelins and eight other German dirigibles have been destroyed or lost since the beginning of the war, according to British estimates today in commenting on the reported disaster to one of the German airships in the North Sea after the Monday night raid on England. The London newspapers accepted the report as true, the official statement from Berlin reports that all the Zeppelins returned safely. They estimate that 124 members of Zeppelin crews have been killed, 150 made prisoners and 27 interned in neutral countries. The Daily Chronicle added that Count Zeppelin last March admitted in an interview that eight Zeppelins had been lost.

QUEBEC GARRISON CLUB HAS EXCLUDED LAVERGNE

QUEBEC, Feb. 4.—Col. Armand Lavergne, M.L.A., will be excluded from the Garrison Club here. This decision has been arrived at by the

How to Shed a Rough, Chapped or Blotchy Skin

This is what you should do to shed a bad complexion: Spread evenly over the face, covering every inch of skin, a thin layer of ordinary mercurized wax. Let this stay on over night, washing it off next morning. Repeat daily until your complexion is as clear, soft and beautiful as a young girl's. This result is inevitable, no matter how soiled or withered the complexion. The wax literally absorbs the filthy surface skin, exposing the lovely young skin beneath. The process is entirely harmless, so little of the old skin coming off at a time. Mercurized wax is obtainable at any drug store; once used usually suffices. It's a veritable wonder, blotchy, pimply, freckled or sallow skin. Pure powdered axolite is excellent for a wrinkled skin. An ounce of it dissolved in a half-pint which hazel makes a refreshing wash-lotion. This renders the skin quite firm and smooth; indeed, the very first application raises the finer lines; the deeper ones soon follow.

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board of directors on account of Col. Lavergne's recent speech in the legislature against Canada's participation in the war.

REMANDED FOR WEEK.

Robert A. Reid, barrister, came up before Colonel Denison in the police court yesterday, charged with stealing \$1800 from Mercilla Kingmill. Reid reserved plea and election until the 12th.

Ball in one surety of \$2000 was renewed.

REMANDED FOR SENTENCE.

Pte. Nelson Hawley pleaded guilty to obtaining \$5 by fraud from Rice Lewis & Sons, and not guilty to having obtained \$120 from Edward Clegg by means of a worthless cheque. When he appeared before Colonel Denison in

WINTER HARD ON BABY

The winter season is a hard one on the baby. He is more or less confined to stuffy, badly ventilated rooms. It is so often stormy that the mother does not get him out in the fresh air as often as she should. He catches cold, which racks his little system; his stomach and bowels get out of order and he becomes peevish and cross. To guard against this the mother should keep a box of Baby's Own Tablets in the house. They regulate the stomach and bowels and break up colds. They are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.