

MAYOR SEIZES WATER DEPARTMENT PAY LISTS

Boys Make Big Gain In Advertiser's City Spelling Match

INVADES WATER OFFICE TO GET LISTS HE WANTS FOR CITY'S YEAR BOOK

"This is 1923," Says Mayor Wenige, as He Sweeps Aside Convention and Commandeers Armful of Documents to Which He Claims He Is Entitled, But Could Not Get in the Regular Way.

NOW FOR THE L. AND P. S. LIST NEXT

"This is 1923," declared Mayor Wenige at 11:45 a.m. today, as he swooped down on the waterworks department, seized the pay list—an armful of documents—and departed for the city clerk's office. He is going back this afternoon for the list of the employees of the electrical department and no opposition is anticipated.

The vouchers have yet to be tabulated and printed in the municipal year book, in accordance with the resolution passed by the city council several weeks ago when the mayor was instructed to get it.

The fight for the L. and P. S. railway pay lists continues. After several attempts this morning to secure this document from Manager Richards of that department, Mayor Wenige conferred with Commissioner Harley, seeking his approval of a special session to reconsider the entire proposition.

His worship explains that the manager has declined within the past few hours to furnish him with the list unless he guarantees that he will not use it for publication. The manager takes this stand upon the ground that the commissioners at their last memorable session—featuring the Beck-Wenige battle—placed themselves on record as opposed to such a move.

Mayor Wenige contends that as a member of the commission and the mayor of the city of London he is not bound to tender any written assurance to the manager of the railway as to what he proposes to do with any information that may be at his disposal. "I will be entirely responsible for it," he asserted vigorously. "That will be up to me, and all the manager has to do is to give it to me."

After a brief, but snappy conference with Commissioner Harley, the mayor voiced the suggestion that it may yet become necessary to call a special session of the council to rescind the municipal bylaw, whereby the present members of the commission are appointed.

Commissioner Harley reported to the mayor that he had conversed with the manager last night, and had received the same reply—that the commissioners had placed themselves on



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record as opposed to the publication. Mayor Wenige contended that the entire proceedings in this connection at the last session were totally irregular. The commissioner did not appear to view the situation in the same light, and advised his worship to leave the affair over until the next regular session. The mayor desired, however, that he have the list without further parley or with another session if imperative. "I have fooled long enough with this," he declared.

Commissioner Donald Wright, although willing that a meeting should be held, is inclined to think that they should wait the return of Sir Adam Beck, chairman, who is expected back in the city before the end of the week.

In the meanwhile the mayor pursues his endeavors to get the list. He called up the L. and P. S. office several times this morning, but the manager was out on duty. The mayor continues this afternoon.

JURY FINDS NO CHARGE AGAINST "DRY" LEADER

William H. Anderson, Anti-Saloon League Superintendent, Is Cleared.

Associated Press Despatch. New York, April 24.—Members of the grand jury which since last January has been investigating charges of grand larceny against William H. Anderson, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, yesterday failed to find an indictment and was discharged by Judge McIntyre in general sessions.

Assistant District Attorney Pecora, who appeared before the January grand jury, after O. Berstall Phillips, a former collector for the league had charged that Anderson had accepted a bribe of \$10,000, announced yesterday, however, that within a few days he would begin presenting additional evidence to a new grand jury.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.
Moderate north and northeast winds; fair today and on Wednesday; not much change in temperature.

The depression which was south of Nova Scotia yesterday morning has remained almost stationary, with increasing energy, and a shallow depression has developed over Manitoba.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	58	50	Fair
Calgary	58	50	Fair
Winnipeg	42	38	Rain
Port Arthur	46	32	Clear
Sault Ste. Marie	52	39	Clear
Toronto	54	38	Clear
Kingston	54	36	Clear
Ottawa	52	36	Clear
Montreal	59	38	Clear
Quebec	42	34	Cloudy
Father Point	42	32	Cloudy
St. John	42	32	Rain
Halifax	42	34	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 59; lowest, 39.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 63; lowest, 39.

Barometric Readings.
Monday—8 a.m., 29.26.
Today—8 a.m., 29.39.

PLACE 2 WINDOWS OF GREAT BEAUTY IN THE CATHEDRAL

Honor Memory of Late Anne Cook and John Stanley Meredith.

ARE WORKS OF ART

Greatly Add to Beauty—Placed on Either Side of the Church.

Two exquisite plate glass stained windows, purchased from Tiffany, New York City, have just been put in the north and south sides of St. Paul's Cathedral.

They were endowed by members of the Meredith family, this city, and are in memory of the late Anne Cook Meredith and John Stanley Meredith, who died within recent years.

The windows are beautiful works of art in glass. Large and delicately finished, they throw lustrous beams through the spacious cathedral whenever the sun sparkles over their multi-colored surfaces.

The one on the north side is next to another equally beautiful window placed there some years ago in memory of John Ingram Cooke Meredith, age 24, who died in May, 1881, and his wife Sarah, who passed away in September, 1900.

North Side Glass.

The north side glass just put in beside the above is in memory of Anne Cooke Meredith. It depicts a young woman in snow-white garb of the Biblical period looking toward the sun, which now pours out luminous rays upon her uplifted head. Underneath is the name of the departed in large script letters, and beneath the inscription "Blessed be the pure of heart, for they shall see God."

In the lower centre is the Latin phrase, "Sub Spe Virtutis Praemium." The south window is a really magnificent piece of glass-work. It faces side by side with another window erected in memory of Walsingham Meredith, who died in December, 1916. The latter shows the white figure of Christ blessing a young woman. It sheds gleams of variegated color whenever beams from the sun gush through the south side.

Erected This Week.

The other window recently purchased and erected this week is in commemoration of John Stanley Meredith, who died on the 25th of May, 1923, three years ago this Wednesday. Below is engraved the words "I stand at the door and knock," and in the centre is the Meredith family monogram.

This is perhaps the most beautiful of all. It portrays Christ, shepherd of the flock in hand, knocking at a rustic door, while streams of heavenly light play down on the divine features.

The two windows were made and placed by Tiffany, New York. They were endowed by members of the Meredith family, and chosen by Chief Justice Sir William Meredith of Toronto, who visited London last week to see the windows.

AUSTRALIANS EXPECT TO REALIZE SURPLUS

Associated Press Despatch. Melbourne, Australia, April 24.—The Melbourne Argus, analyzing the commonwealth's finances, shows that the accumulated surplus is likely to reach \$2,000,000 by June 30. This is mainly owing to the remarkably heavy customs receipts, which during the past nine months have exceeded the estimate by nearly \$5,000,000 and represent \$6 per capita, compared with \$3 per capita in 1913-14. It is considered probable that the termination of the present financial year will reveal a revenue surplus of \$2,500,000.

THE FREE PRESS WRONG AGAIN

Once again the Free Press has its wires crossed. Both Mayor Wenige and City Clerk Sam Baker announced to The Advertiser today that the date for the Ward Four by-election had been set for May 12, and not May 5, as recorded in last night's edition of the Free Press. Nominations will be held May 4, and not April 27, as also recorded in last night's Free Press.

London Dancers May Stage Marathon Dance, Says Mayor

The local long-distance two-steppers and fox-trotters can leap into the ring any time now, and keep going as long as they can. Mayor Wenige gives his permission, but makes it quite clear that while he is not opposed to marathon dancing or dancing in any form, he will not be numbered among the participants.

"Let them hop to it," his worship declared today. "They have their permission. Let them dance their heads off. Let them dance until they are blue in the face if they are fools enough for that. I won't say anything. I guess there is nothing can stop them. I won't worry about it. Let them have pulled nearly all the crazy endurance stunts by now, haven't they?" continued the mayor. "They tried to see how long they could go without sleeping and without eating, and one went tried to walk without stopping for several days."

The mayor thought that the six-day bicycle races were not so dusty, but in a reminiscent mood related contests he had witnessed.

"They had a great pumpkin pie eating contest one time," he recalled. "They all sat in the window and tried to see who could get away with the most. They were a rum-looking lot. The few who won got the doughnuts. He ate quite a number. I can't recollect just how many."



SOME VERY HUMAN PICTURES OF CANADA'S GREATEST SINGER. Edward Johnston, Canada's greatest singer, and the acknowledged successor to Caruso, is not alone a velvet-voiced song bird, but a very human Canadian citizen, as the advertiser's photographer caught Mr. Johnston with Dr. W. Sherwood Fox as the pair were going over the airporting pictures show. The new Western University building. Advertiser photographer caught Mr. Johnston yesterday.

WOODSMAN GETS NOTE WRITTEN BY DEAD TRAPPERS

George Burns of Port Arthur Knew Two Old French-Canadians.

HAS BEEN IN WOODS

Finds Letter From "Joe" and "Dave" on His Return Home Yesterday.

Special to The Advertiser.

Fort William, April 24.—That the mystery of the death of the two French-Canadian trappers, near Valora, on the G. T. P., will not be unravelled until the completion of the investigation by Provincial Constable Jingo and Assistant Coroner Vaughan, and perhaps not even then, seems to be a likely conclusion.

George Burns of Port Arthur, a well-known trapper and woodsman, stated this morning that he knew the two old men. "I notice," he said, "that their names are given as Frank Dulpisto and Orellia Morsette, but I do not think that is correct. At least I always knew them as Joe and Dave. I would judge that the older man would be about 77, and the younger man 55. I have been out in the woods for some time, and on return to Port Arthur yesterday found a letter at my house from these two old fellows."

The letter is as follows: "Port William, March 2.—I am writing a few lines to inquire if you could locate a trapping ground on the Arrow River. You knew old Joe and Dave, the two French trappers from the Arrow. That's us. Our trapping grounds are pretty well spent, so if you could locate a good place for us, and let us know, I would be very glad to go. We are tired of the old place, and we think we can get out there for the fall. I heard you were out trapping last fall, so that maybe you would know the ground pretty well, and might put us in line. My address is Joe J. Tannin, via Fort William, C. N. R., Ontario. I would be very much obliged if you would write this for us. But please answer this letter any way."

"JOE, JONCAS."

As neither could write, the letter had been dictated to a learned woodsman. Asked if he knew the two men personally, Burns said:

"Yes, I have known them for many years. They were born in Quebec province, and piled their traps of trappers throughout the States, finally coming to Arrow River, where they trapped for a long time at the international boundary. For the last three years they have been trapping in the Tannin district. They figured on coming down to Port William or Port Arthur while the trappers were not here then. I was to go up to see them. But I was out in the woods, and did not get to their camp."

CITIES TO PROTEST TAX FOR HIGHWAY WORK

Guelph City Clerk Receives Many Letters Promising Co-operation.

Canadian Press Despatch. Guelph, April 24.—A number of replies had been received at the city clerk's office up to noon today to the telegrams sent out to various Ontario municipalities on Saturday asking that they join with Guelph in sending representatives on a deputation to protest to the Ontario government against taxing the municipalities such a high figure for suburban highway construction work.

Toronto, Galt, St. Thomas, Owen Sound, Welland, Niagara Falls, Sarnia, Peterboro, Belleville, Kingston and Windsor, all replied expressing willingness to send a delegate in deputation, while a reply was received from Ottawa stating that the matter would be brought to the attention of the board of control. The other answers were from Port Arthur and Fort William, but as these two places are not affected by the highway costs, they stated that it would be useless for them to be represented on the deputation.

PARLEY WILL LAY ASIDE CHESTER CONCESSIONS

Turkey's Bid for American Support in Near East Is Temporarily Shelved.

Special Cable to The Advertiser. Lausanne, April 24.—The Chester concession, Turkey's bid for American support in the Near East, is to be temporarily laid on the table at Lausanne while the conference discusses the efforts toward completing a peace treaty.

The first commission of the party went into session this morning with Sir Horace Rumbold, leader of the British delegation, presiding. The second commission meets this afternoon. Neither will discuss the Chester scheme, it was announced.

CLOSE YORK "CITY BANK," FIND \$800,000 SHORTAGE

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Pa., April 24.—The state banking commissioner today took over and closed the City Bank, one of York's largest financial institutions. Examiners reported to the banking commissioner at Harrisburg today that they had found indications of a shortage of \$800,000.

Boys, 21; Girls, 19; Is Spelling Score

South-East Group, Aberdeen, Chesley and Ealing, Pick Forty Best Spellers and Boys Gain—Names on Page 4

If you're a man—hurrah!

The boys are coming back strong.

Today's results in The Advertiser's big spelling match give a score of 21 to 19 in favor of the boys.

All last week, in the preliminary round, the girls were far ahead of the boys, some classes reporting lists of best spellers in which the boys were outnumbered by two to one.

It looked as though the city's champion speller would be a girl.

It may turn out that way yet, of course, but the boys have at least an even chance now if today's results are an average. The Southeast Group, comprising Aberdeen, Chesley and Ealing schools, has completed the second round of The Advertiser's match. The best spellers picked by the three schools last week all tried the same test to choose from the whole group the ten best spellers in Grade 5, Grade 6, Grade 7 and Grade 8. And this is the way the forty winners are divided:

- Grade V.—Girls, 5; boys, 5.
- Grade VI.—Girls, 5; boys, 5.
- Grade VII.—Girls, 4; boys, 6.
- Grade VIII.—Girls, 5; boys, 5.
- Total—Girls, 19; boys, 21.

The names of the forty best spellers from the Southeast Group are listed on page four, with pictures of other winners.

The forty best spellers from the Southeast Group are ready now to meet the forty best spellers from the other four groups. From this meeting of all the city's twenty-five schools will be picked the ten best spellers in each grade, and after that the single champions of the whole city.

The best spellers of the Southeast Group are divided among Aberdeen, Chesley and Ealing as follows: Aberdeen 17, Chesley 9, Ealing 14.

SEE THE NAMES OF THE CHAMPIONS ON PAGE 4, AND WATCH FOR RESULTS FROM THE OTHER GROUPS DURING THE WEEK.

A. T. WALKER MAY SEEK RE-ELECTION IN OXFORD

Expect Name Will Go Before U. F. O. Convention Despite Announcement.

Special to The Advertiser. Ingersoll, April 24.—Notwithstanding published announcements to the contrary, A. T. Walker, M. P. P. for South Oxford, is willing to allow his name to go before the U. F. O. convention to be held at Mount Elgin on April 26.

This is according to an expression from Mr. Walker made to political friends in the district, and is generally taken as a surprise here. The name of James Innes, reeve of West Oxford, is also being freely mentioned; as is that of Byron G. Jenvey, now a resident of West Oxford, but who recently resigned his position as assistant to Prof. Leach, of the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph.

DECLARES "CRIME TRUST" FORMED IN PHILADELPHIA

Associated Press Despatch. Philadelphia, April 24.—Banditry as becoming as lucrative in Philadelphia that a crime trust for the protection of criminals has been organized. Superintendent of Police Wm. B. Mills said today.

"By banding together," said Mills, "and aiding each other in case of trouble by obtaining lawyers, and advancing funds, the criminal element has strengthened its position. The ringleaders in the movement are old offenders, and from their former experiences have a wider knowledge of the law than many policemen."

SLOWLY IMPROVING.

Charles T. Clements, east end bicycle dealer, of Queen's avenue, who has been lying unconscious in Victoria Hospital since Friday night, when a motorcycle sidecar in which he was riding collided with a horse and buggy on the Lambeth highway, is slowly regaining consciousness today, Victoria Hospital authorities report.

EXTINGUISH GRASS FIRE.

Firemen extinguished a grass fire on Gerrard street at 10:35 o'clock this morning.

HARDING BATTLES FOR ENTRY OF U.S. TO WORLD'S COURT

Launches Campaign Today by Announcing He Is Committed to the Proposal.

WILL EXPLAIN PLAN

President Means To Enlist the Whole of American People Behind Him.

Special to The Advertiser.

New York, April 24.—President Harding opens his campaign for American adhesion to the world court of the League of Nations here today by serving notice on members of his own party, who have lined in opposition to the proposal, that he is irrevocably committed to it.

In the first speech he has made on the court plan, since he submitted it to congress early this year, Mr. Harding intended to carry out a three-fold purpose.

1. To explain the plan to the country; clear away the fog of suspicion and doubt from the public mind, and enlist the whole people behind him and his plan, which he believes is a step towards war prevention.

2. To answer and silence the man, high in the Republican party who, either because of hostility to Secretary of State Hughes—whom they suspect of wanting to get the United States into the League of Nations—or for any other reason are opposing the court plan themselves and stirring up popular distrust regarding it.

3. To enlist the great agencies of publicity in the country as today-day advocates of the court plan.

Mr. Harding came, both as president and as newspaper editor, to the country and his hostile Republican colleagues. He spoke as president and head of the Republican party, to the assemblage of American newspaper editors, whom he addressed at a luncheon meeting. He spoke as a newspaper editor, who adequately appraises and values the tremendous power and influence of publicity, on great public questions.

Mr. Harding had it in mind when he left Washington last night to deliver an A. B. C. explanation to the country and the Republican "Doubt-Thumper" editor, who adequately appraises and values the tremendous power and influence of publicity, on great public questions.

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"SPORTING GREEN"

The "Sporting Green" is The Advertiser's latest extra. It is on the street in green paper every night at six o'clock, with the most complete baseball scores, the latest race reports and the last-minute news of the day.

Last night the "Sporting Green" had the complete scores of both American and National Leagues with the single exception of the St. Louis game, and six complete races from both Huntington and Havre de Grace. It is the most complete sporting paper on sale in London and comes to you with news hot off the wire.

The "Night Final"

—also on green paper, is "Sporting Green's" twin brother. It is on the street at five o'clock every night with a full front page of late news, closing markets complete on the financial page, and all the baseball scores and race reports which have reached The Advertiser's leased telegraph wires at that time.

"Sporting Green" and "Night Final" Give You Last Minute News.

MANY LIVES LOST IN ARCTIC DURING BIG EARTHQUAKE

Several Buildings Carried Into the Sea at Petropavlovsk.

RADIO DESTROYED

Earth Tremblings Occur Every Six Minutes, According to Reports.

Associated Press Despatch.

Moscow, April 24.—Tremendous earth and sea disturbances have taken place recently in the Arctic, and may still be continuing, according to Chita despatches today, giving details of the earthquake recently reported at Petropavlovsk. Kamchatka, which carried several buildings into the sea. The total casualties are not known, but the loss of twenty-one lives is already definitely established.

When the last word was received, Petropavlovsk, on April 14, the earthquake was continuing every six minutes on the average in that region, the advices stated. The radio station was destroyed and news of the occurrences is trickling in slowly. The sparse population is homeless and famine-stricken, all the warehouses, with their provisions, having been swept into the ocean.

STATES MINISTER SAID COAL WOULD COST \$10

Dr. Hugh Stevenson Believed London Bill Will Be Passed Friday.

"The last time I was in Toronto the minister of mines, the Hon. H. Mills, told me that this Alberta coal could quite well be delivered and sold in Ontario at \$10 a ton," said Dr. Hugh Stevenson to The Advertiser last night.

"When is the city of London bill going to pass its third reading?" he was asked.

"Well," he replied, "there is a great deal of obstruction down there just at present, too many fellows just getting up and talking for the sake of talking, you know, but we hope to have the bill up for the third reading by Friday, and that will allow the Western Fair board to go ahead with their new building and have it ready for the fair this year."

HUNGARIANS EXPELLED FROM CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

Associated Press Despatch. Prague, April 24.—The Czecho-Slovakian border has been closed tightly against Hungarians and a number of prominent Hungarians have been expelled as a reply to repeated attacks which the government says have been made on Czecho-Slovak frontier guards by Magyar soldiers.

The government also has recalled its members on the frontier delin-